

DRAFT Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Monday 29th September 2025 at 7.30pm in the Meeting Room of Idmiston Parish Memorial Hall

Present: Cllr Kirst Exton, Cllr Mark Bunce, Cllr Steve Cocking, Cllr Adam Grundy, Cllr Wayne Maher

In attendance: Catherine Purves, Parish Council Clerk

Also present: No members of the public were present

Public Session: No issues raised

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

27.25 To receive apologies.

Resolved: to note apologies from Cllr Rob Miles who was detained by work commitments, and Cllr David Sangster who had a previous engagement

28.25 To receive any Declarations of Interest, and to decide upon any requests for Dispensations.

Resolved: to note there were no Declarations of Interest and no requests for dispensation.

29.25 Minutes of the previous meeting

Resolved: To approve as a correct record the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 8th August 2025.

30.25 Planning

a. To consider a response to the following applications notified by Wiltshire Council:

PL/2025/02811 – amended/additional plans for the construction of 3 dwellings on land adjoining Cuckoo Pen, Winterslow Road, Porton.

Resolved: that Idmiston Parish council strongly objects to this application.

Highways issues - there are concerns regarding the proposed highways access, which is to be located directly opposite the entrance to the Chalk House estate, which is already a difficult site.

Winterslow Road is very busy, particularly during the morning and evening rush hours with some 4000 traffic movements to and from the Porton Down Science Park, in addition to the school traffic for the two primary schools in the parish.

Housing need - although the parish is on the list for an up to date rural housing needs survey to be conducted, councillors are very aware that the provision of three new family homes does not address a need in the parish, which is for smaller homes not only for younger people but for older residents wishing to downsize and remain in the parish. Family homes are languishing on the market.

Biodiversity - The extensive biodiversity of the site has been destroyed by the pre-work undertaken, and the removal of the hedgerows and trees. The trees planted along the Winterslow Road boundary as a condition of clearing the site of trees are dead, and the proposed junction site line will remove some of them anyway.

b. To note decisions made and advised by Wiltshire Council since the last meeting:

- i. PL/2025/03225 – proposed 3 bed family dwelling and associated parking and landscaping on land at Styles Close, Porton
Approved 20th August 2025*
- ii. PL/2025/05781 - Trees in Conservation Area – reduce 1 x apple and 1 x cherry by 30% each at Wisteria House, High St, Porton
Approved 18th August 2025*

31.25 Next scheduled meeting – Monday, October 27th 2025 at 7.30pm in the Meeting Room of Idmiston Parish Memorial Hall.

32.25 To close the meeting – the meeting closed at 7.52pm

Councillors considered the following when discharging their duties:

Equal Opportunities (Race, Gender, Sexual Orientation, Marital Status, and any Disability); Crime & Disorder; Health & Safety; Human Rights, Biodiversity.