

**FOUR MARKS PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee**  
**Held on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2025, scheduled for 5.00pm and commencing at 5.20**  
**pm at Benians Pavilion.**

<b>MEMBERS PRESENT:</b>	<b>Cllrs McAllister, Medhurst, Pullen (M), Pullen (R), and Smith</b>
<b>IN ATTENDANCE:</b>	<b>Louise Steele (Locum Clerk)</b>
<b>APOLOGIES:</b>	<b>None</b>

**25.30 PC ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

Upon the proposal of Cllr R Pullen, seconded by Cllr Medhurst and with all committee members in agreement Cllr McAllister was elected as Chair of the Committee.

**25.31 PC ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN**

Upon the proposal of Cllr Medhurst, seconded by Cllr Smith and with all committee members in agreement Cllr McAllister was elected as Chair of the Committee.

**25.32 PC APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies for absence all members of the Committee being present

**25.33 PC OPEN SESSION, PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were no members of the public present and no open session was held.

**25.34 PC DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUEST FOR DISPENSATIONS**

Councillors made no declarations of interest.

**25. 35 PC PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES**

On the proposal of Cllr McAllister which was seconded by Cllr Medhurst and with all Councillors in agreement it was **RESOLVED** to approve the Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2025. The Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2025 were deferred to the next meeting of the committee.

**25.36 PC FOR DISCUSSION****25.36.01**

05/04/2025	<b>EHDC-25-0458-TPO</b>	<b>22 Kingswood Rise, Four Marks, Alton, Hampshire, GU34 5BD</b>	T1 -oak-crown lift to 6mts reduce crown spread N by 1.5 m leaving a crown spread N of 4.5 m Reduce the crown spread E by 2 m leaving a crown spread E of 3mts Reduce the crown spread S by 3 m leaving a crown spread S of 3 m Reduce crown height by 2m leaving a crown height of 15m.	Exp 02/06/2025
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In line with the Parish Council's Tree Management Policy, recognising the importance and amenity value of trees (and hedgerows) within the environment, would only support work to, and removal of, trees (or hedgerows) that would not be detrimental to the health and stability of any remaining trees, and necessary for reasons of essential maintenance, or health and safety of persons and property. The Council refers to the Arboricultural Officer's decision in this regard.

**25.36.02**

14/02/2025	<b>EHDC-25-0188-HSE</b>	<b>Magnum Alton Lane, Four Marks, Alton, Hampshire, GU34 5AL</b>	Raising ridge height of existing bungalow to provide first floor accommodation forming a hip to gable roof. Single storey side extension with internal reconfigurations, porch to front and detached garage to front with studio above	Exp 01/07/2025
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The Parish Council was unable to comment on this application because it could not find a plan or elevations for the detached garage.

25/03/2025	<b>EHDC-25-0406-HSE</b>	<b>Lingmala, 105 Lymington Bottom, Four Marks, Alton, Hampshire, GU34 5AH</b>	Single storey side extension; attached car port; porch extension; new windows; conversion of existing garage	Exp 10/06/2025
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The Council defers to the expertise of the Planning Officer with regard to this application.

**25.36.03**

	<b>SDNP/25/01729/FUL</b>	<b>Newtonwood Barns</b>	The change of use of the existing buildings from a veterinary training centre to provide Alternative Provision (AP) for up to 14 children day aged between 6 and 19 years.	
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**25.36.04**

	<b>EHDC-25-0410-FUL</b>	<b>Fir Trees Farm Alton Lane, Four Marks, Alton, Hampshire</b>	Detached dwelling with associated parking, cycle shed and landscaping following demolition of existing temporary dwelling..	
<p>Four Marks Parish Council would like to lodge a strong objection to this application and refers the case officer to the Medstead and Four Marks Neighbourhood Plan which is valid until 2028 where there is a defined Settlement Policy Boundary. The application is outside of the SPB and therefore contravenes policy one in the above plan. Land outside of the settlement policy boundary is considered to be countryside and CP19 of the JCS applies in that the countryside should be protected for its own sake. This application is not necessary for farming, forestry or any rural enterprise. The large house on the application would be replacing a temporary building with an agricultural tie and so the Council considers that any development on this site should have an agricultural link.</p>				

**25.37 PC TO NOTE DECISIONS NOTIFIED AND PENDING**

The council received and noted a summary of notified decisions, appeals and updates on pending decisions (circulated in advance). There was some discussion of the format of the document after the Locum Clerk pointed out that the document had been transferred to a spreadsheet. It was agreed that the parish council's comments should be added to the document and it was suggested that planning application numbers should be split by parts so that the spreadsheet may be filtered.

**25.38 PC ADDITIONAL PLANNING MATTERS****25.38.01 To receive update on Neighbourhood Plan and drop-in sessions.**

The meeting heard that the Call for Sites was underway

**25.38.02 To receive any correspondence**

The meeting noted that EHDC had emailed to say that the draft Local Nature Recovery Strategy for Hampshire has now been prepared and is out for public consultation until 23 June.

**25.39 PC Next scheduled meeting: Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2025**