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Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting of Nuthurst Parish Council Held at Copsale Village Hall on Wednesday 2nd July 2025 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr C Kenny (Chairman), Cllr V Court, Cllr D Cotton, Cllr W Bayley, Cllr S Catterall, Cllr S Newell,

County Councillor Nigel Jupp, District Councillor Dennis Livingstone

Apologies: None Clerk: Lisa Wilcock

Members of the Public: 8

Meeting commenced at 1930hrs

PC0022-25/26 - ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies were received.

PC0023-25/26 - DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr W Bayley declared a pecuniary interest in item 6(a) as a landowner of part of the land subject to the bridleway application. Cllr S Newell also declared a pecuniary interest in item 6(a) as a landowner of part of the application site.

PC0024-25/26 - CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

No announcements were made.

PC0025-25/26 - PUBLIC SESSION

- A member of the public addressed the committee. They noted that three rights of way were applied for, but only one was granted. WSCC recognised that all three routes should be bridleways. The Planning Inspector questioned the public use of the driveways due to uncertainty over whether users were workers or the public. However, historical evidence such as maps and a kissing gate at the lodge supports the route. The applicant stated that a PROW (Public Right of Way) cannot emerge onto a private drive but believes this new evidence (accepted as bona fide) justifies support.
- District Cllr Dennis Livingstone noted that he has submitted a request for a feasibility study for a shared pathway to address the lack of connectivity between the north and south of the parish. He has also reviewed the historical evidence, including the kissing gate, and expressed full support for the application.
- A councillor asked whether the application was for a footpath or a bridleway. The applicant confirmed it is for a spur providing access to bridleway 1713.
- County Cllr Nigel Jupp, who sits on the Planning and PROW Committee, advised that the application
 will be considered on 22nd July 2025. He recommended that the Parish Council attend the meeting if
 they wish to make a statement.

PC0026-25/26 – MINUTES

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 6th June 2025. The Chair signed the minutes.

PC0027-25/26 - PLANNING MATTERS

a) Application NC/25/0019 - Bridleway BW1713 (CC803.15848), Sedgwick Lane

The committee considered the application for the addition of a bridleway under WSCC DMMO 8.19. After reviewing the documentation, members agreed that the proposed route connects to an existing bridleway and should be reinstated.

It was **RESOLVED** to support the application. The committee also noted that it had supported a similar previous application.

b) Application CA/25/0060 - Old Post Office, Nuthurst Street, Nuthurst

The application sought permission to fell two Eucalyptus trees within the conservation area. It was **RESOLVED** that the committee had no objection.

c) Application DC/25/0929 - Grouselands, Gaggle Wood, Mannings Heath, RH13 6JR

This proposal involved a loft conversion with a raised ridge, three pitched roof dormers at the front, and a flat roof dormer at the rear.

It was **RESOLVED** to make no comment on the application, but to request that the planning officer ensure the works will not result in overlooking of neighbouring properties.

PC0028-25/26 – Applications Received Since Publication of the Agenda DC/25/1056 – 10 Woodlands Walk, Mannings Heath, RH13 6JG

Application for surgery to one Oak tree.

It was **RESOLVED** to support the recommendations of the Tree Warden.

PC0029-25/26 – HDC Planning Decisions Noted

DC/25/0726 and DC/25/0727 – Brook House, Nuthurst Road, Maplehurst, RH13 6RB

Applications approved for general repair works including external and internal alterations, paint removal, window replacements, and removal/replacement of modern internal doors.

PC0030-25/26 - NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Following the workshop at HDC in June, Council will continue to monitor the need to update the neighbourhood plan.

PC0031-25/26 - HDC ENFORCEMENT CASES

No new enforcement cases were reported.

PC0032-25/26 - DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Meeting closed at 2009hrs

The next Planning Committee Meeting will be held on Wednesday 6th August 2025.

Signed: Dated: