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The minutes of the **PLANNING, HIGHWAYS AND LICENSING COMMITTEE**

Held on **Monday 2nd June 2025 at 7.00 pm**

At Willingdon Community Hub Library, Coppice Avenue, Willingdon.

Present: Cllrs Fran Pritchett (Chair), Ben Clennell (BC), Ian Nisbet (IN), Christine Payne (CP), John Pritchett BEM (JP), Andy Watkins (AW).

In Attendance: Nicola Williamson (NW) – Parish Clerk. 1 x Member of Public.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Action</u> <u>By</u>																
<u>P25/59</u>	<u>Apologies, Councillors not present and notifications of substitutes</u> There were apologies from Cllr Howard Coote who was unwell. There were apologies from Cllr Sally Morris who was away. These were NOTED and ACCEPTED .																	
<u>P25/60</u>	<u>The minutes from the meeting held on Monday 12th May 2025</u> RESOLVED: To accept the minutes of Monday 12 th May 2025 as a true and accurate record, and these were signed by Cllr Fran Pritchett (Chair). Cllr Andy Watkins requested an amendment to P25/57 5 Winchester Way to ensure that the paragraph corresponded with a letter that had previously been sent to WDC from the PC. The members agreed to the amendment being made, and for the Chair to then to sign the minutes.	NW																
<u>P25/61</u>	<u>Declaration of interest</u> There were no declarations of interest.																	
<u>P25/62</u>	<u>Public Question Time</u> There was one member of public present, who did not want to ask any questions.																	
<u>P25/63</u>	<u>Planning applications.</u> There were NONE.																	
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<u>P25/65</u>	Planning Enforcements There were NONE.	
<u>P25/66</u>	To agree the Chair and Members for the Large Development Sub-Committee. Members AGREED for the Chair to be John Pritchett and Members to be Cllrs Ian Nisbet, Christine Payne, Fran Pritchett and Andy Watkins.	
<u>P25/67</u>	To agree the Members for the SLR meetings. It was NOTED that it had previously been agreed for this to be a SLR Sub-Committee. Members AGREED for the Chair to be Cllr Christine Payne and all the planning committee to be Members, with three members attending each meeting. Cllr Watkins reported that a meeting of the SLR is set for next month. NW will confirm the meeting details with ESCC and gather agenda items for discussion. Cllr Watkins requested that the first agenda item be the HPEMAC, noting the lack of recent updates or information on this matter. Cllr Clennell reported that the barriers installed on the C40 near the Jevington Village Hall by East Sussex County Council following a car accident remain in place, and no repair work has been conducted. NW will follow up with ESCC urgently regarding this matter. Cllr Clennell reported that the work carried was of a poor standard and could have been carried out better.	<u>NW</u> <u>NW</u>
<u>P25/68</u>	Neighbourhood Plan During a recent planning meeting, it was noted that the business plan still included a reference to the Parish Council pursuing a neighbourhood plan. This matter had previously been addressed, with a consensus reached to abandon the neighbourhood plan due to its estimated cost of around £60,000 and the fact that all planning permissions for available land in Willingdon had already been granted. Members discussed the possibility of removing the neighbourhood plan from the business plan. Cllr Watkins shared that Hellingly Parish Council had recently completed a neighbourhood plan at a significantly lower cost of approximately £46,000, which included £11,000 in grants. He also pointed out that having a neighbourhood plan could potentially increase the amount of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funds available to the Parish Council. NW was tasked with exploring the advantages and disadvantages of implementing a neighbourhood plan for discussion at the next meeting.	<u>NW</u>
<u>P25/69</u>	WDC Planning Changes NW reported that WDC had recently had a meeting and made changes to the planning committees. Instead of having Planning South and North, it is now referred to as Planning Minors and Majors.	
<u>P25/70</u>	Medical Centre Update NW reported that a meeting had been held with Harry Chatfield (HC) WDC Project Manager for the proposed Medical Centre and the Polegate Clerk. These will be held three monthly to keep both Councils up to date with any news. HC reported that all updates for the Medical Centre	

	will be posted regularly on Let's talk Wealden with a question and answers page. HC noted that the medical centre kept being referred to as Polegate but was aware the site is in Willingdon. There are ongoing discussions of what to name the Medical Centre and it will be a neutral one. Timeline – This will depend on the chosen procurement route, but they are anticipating around a 12-month design period leading to a planning application. They will have more clarity on this once they have a planning pre-application meeting later this month. Budget approval will be late summer 2025.	
<u>P25/71</u>	Urgent Items – for noting or referral to next agenda for Full Council or appropriate committee/sub-committee. Parish Cluster meetings – Members agreed for Cllr Watkins to stay as the Parish Councils representative. Cllr Watkins commented that there has been reports of speeding traffic on the Meadowburne estate. Could this be raised at the next SLR meeting with some slow down signage placed.	
<u>P25/72</u>	Date of Next Meeting Monday 14th July 2025 at 7.00 pm	

Meeting closed at 7.41 pm.

Signed.....Chair

Date.....