



PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting on Monday 1st June 2026
Held at Robertsbridge Youth Centre, 7.30pm

Present: Cllr Natalie Bishop; Cllr Gaynor Leeves; Cllr Sean O'Hara; Cllr David Todd

Also in Attendance: Gill Colquhoun (Assistant Clerk); Cllr Sue Prochak (RDC)

General Public Press: Cllr Sue Prochak (RDC) **Presiding:** Cllr Sean O'Hara

Public Questions and Comments – Sue Prochak had watched a CPRE Dark skies presentation by a Ticehurst resident and suggested the Parish Council invite him to a future Council meeting. Councillors discussed the issue of lighting at Robertsbridge railway level crossing. Cllr Prochak also mentioned that Robertsbridge Community College want to raise money for astro turf pitch with associated lighting.

- 1. Apologies and Reasons for absence** - Councillors Fran Dulley and Mark Hamilton had sent their apologies.
- 2. Declaration of interests** – none.
- 3. Applications for Dispensation** – none.
- 4. Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 6th May 2026** –the Chairman was authorised to sign the Minutes as a correct record of the meeting.
- 5. Matters Arising from previous Minutes** (*for information only*) - none
- 6. Planning Applications**

Reference	Description	Parish Council Comment
CONSIDERED AT PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING 1st June 2026		
RR/2026/0588/HOU	6 High Street, Robertsbridge, TN32 5AA Replacement of the existing conservatory with a single storey extension to the Kitchen to create a garden room, removal of the window and door frames between the kitchen and garden room lowering of the window cill by 1 brick and replacing the kitchen units [<i>Planning application</i>]	Support Approval by RDC In the absence of objections from neighbours the Parish Council supports this application.

RR/2026/0589/LBC	6 High Street, Robertsbridge, TN32 5AA Replacement of the existing conservatory with a single storey extension to the Kitchen to create a garden room, removal of the window and door frames between the kitchen and garden room lowering of the window cill by 1 brick and replacing the kitchen units <i>[Listed building consent]</i>	Support Approval by RDC In the absence of objections from neighbours the Parish Council supports this application.
RR/2026/0529/FULL	Honey Plum Farm, Beech House Lane, Salehurst TN32 5PN Retrospective application for erection of deer fencing and gates. Support REFUSAL by RDC The Parish Council is extremely disappointed that this planning application proposes development on this contentious rural site protected by Article 4 Direction within the High Weald Landscape. For over twenty years we have repeatedly expressed our concerns about development on this land. If Rother is minded to approve this application we ask that measures are put in place to ensure close monitoring of activity on the land. If it is found that activity on the land is not appropriate we would expect enforcement action to be taken. Furthermore we object in principle to retrospective applications.	
RR/2026/0541/FN	Bourne Farmhouse, Bourne Lane, Salehurst, TN32 5PT Proposed new Steel Framed Building For Use As Manure Store <i>[Prior Notification Part 6/7]</i>	Farm application - Notification only Decision made – see below
RR/2026/0480/HOU	Mallard, Bishops Lane. Robertsbridge, TN32 5ED Proposed single-storey rear extension with part first-floor addition.	Support REFUSAL by RDC We note the objections made by the neighbour and ask that Rother looks very carefully at these, particularly potential for adverse impact on their property, as well as possible issues with access to building works.
RR/2026/0580/TN	Freeman Forman, 55 High Street, Robertsbridge, TN32 5AN Installation of 120m external and internal cabling <i>[Telecommunications notice]</i>	Decision made. Comment not required.

7. Decision Notices Received

NOTIFICATIONS OF DECISIONS BY ROTHER DISTRICT COUNCIL	
RR/2026/0541/FN	Bourne Farmhouse, Bourne Lane, Salehurst, TN32 5PT Proposed new Steel Framed Building For Use As Manure Store <i>[Prior Notification Part 6/7]</i> For information only (no Parish Council comment sought) No Prior Decision Required Decision Notice 21/5/26
RR/2026/0484/TCA	The Grove, Robertsbridge Youth Club, 58 High Street, Robertsbridge, East Sussex, TN32 5AP Proposed Works to Trees in Conservation Area Proposal: T1 - Sycamore -- fell to ground level, T2 - Sycamore - fell to ground level For information only (no Parish Council comment sought) Permission Given for Works Decision Notice 26/5/26 Karen

8. Any other business (for Information only)

- **Enforcement issues** – *Plots on Beech House Lane* – Rother enforcement is proceeding on this Article 4 land as high priority, and a separate retrospective planning application received for installation of gates also on this land
- **Conservation matters** – High Street pavers – Cllr Todd reported that he and Karen Ripley had met with a surveyor and agreed to try to source some sample pavers. Cllr Prochak noted that ESCC have confirmed they have a policy to only replace like for like.

The meeting finished at 8.14 pm.