



PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday 7th September 2026
Robertsbridge Youth Centre 7.30pm

3/9/26

TO: Members of the Planning Committee of Salehurst & Robertsbridge Parish Council
The Planning Committee will meet on **Monday 7th September at 7.30pm**
(up to 15 minutes will be allowed at the start for public questions and comments).

Venue: Robertsbridge Youth Centre.

You are summoned to attend (Local Government Act 1972, Sch 12, para.10(2)(b)).

All applications can be viewed on the [Rother District Council website](#)

AGENDA

- 1. To Receive and Accept Apologies and Reasons for absence**
- 2. Declaration of interests** – to receive Members' declarations of interests in accordance with the 2012 Code of Conduct.
- 3. Applications for Dispensation** – to consider **written** requests from Members for dispensation and to consider the length of time the dispensation should be granted for i.e. as a one-off relating to a matter on this agenda, or ongoing for a set period and relating to any agenda within that period.
- 4. Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on Monday 3rd August 2026** – to be approved.
- 5. Matters Arising from previous Minutes** (*for information only*)

6. Planning Applications

Reference	Description	Parish Council Comment
TO BE CONSIDERED AT PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING 7th September 2026		
RR/2025/1874/FULL	Trough Wood, Hurst Green, TN19 7PX The erection of a workshop and agricultural store with ancillary office space to support land management and research activities across the wider landholding, together with associated works for a temporary period of 10 years. (This application is on the edge of the Parish, close to the boundary with Hurst Green Parish). <i>This application is being reconsidered September 2026 under same application number with the following description: The erection of a workshop and agricultural store with ancillary office space to support land management of the wider site as a BNG landbank site, together with associated works for a minimum period of 30 years. There is a change in the application description to better clarify what is proposed and an extension to 30 years, and an amendment to the location of the proposed building.</i> Comments to RDC by 1/9/26 (date now extended to after 17/9/26) Previous General Comment of 5/1/26: The PC has no objection to the application as it stands on the grounds that it appears to be a worthwhile application for the land at the rural boundary of our Parish. Although the application is to construct buildings on open land we can see that the applicant proposes to include new planting which will reduce the visual impact of the buildings. It is very important that RDC satisfy itself that the building itself is constructed to be as sympathetic to the surroundings as possible (Salehurst & Robertsbridge Neighbourhood Development Plan Policy EN3 Countryside Protection and the Parish's place within the High Weald Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty 'Development will only be permitted where it conserves or enhances the natural beauty of the Parish and has regard to the High Weald AONB Management Plan.') and that conditions are imposed to ensure it is only used for the purposes described in the application. Any extension to the 10 year duration must be subject to a new planning application.	

7. Decision Notices Received

NOTIFICATIONS OF DECISIONS BY ROTHER DISTRICT COUNCIL	
RR/2026/0857/TCA	30 Fair Lane, Robertsbridge, East Sussex, TN32 5AS Fell 1 Mountain Ash Trees in a conservation area application – For information only, no PC comment Approved (No objection) Decision Notice 12/8/26
RR/2026/0480/HOU	Mallard, Bishops Lane, Robertsbridge, East Sussex, TN32 5ED Proposed single-storey rear extension with part first-floor addition. General Comment We note the objections made by the neighbour and ask that Rother looks very carefully at these, particularly potential impact on their property. 1/6/26 Approved (Conditional) Decision Notice 12/8/26
RR/2026/0873/HOU	Hackwoods Bungalow, Willards Hill, Robertsbridge, East Sussex, TN32 5ET Accessible Entrance Ramp and Steps with Porch to Provide Protection from Weather Support Approval by RDC The Parish Council has no objections to the application. 3/8/26 Approved (Conditional) Decision Notice 20/8/26

8. **Salehurst & Robertsbridge Neighbourhood Plan Review** – discussion led by Cllr Sean O’Hara
9. **Rother Briefing on new National Scheme of Delegation of Planning Functions – Friday 25th September 2026 Teams 1100 – 1200** [all Councillors invited to a short presentation by Head of Rother Planning, followed by questions]
10. **Tunbridge Wells Local Plan Review 2029** – Notice of publication of the Local Plan Timetable and Notice of Intention to Commence Local Plan Preparation received, together with a call for sites.
11. **Any other business (for Information only)**
 - Enforcement issues
 - Conservation matters



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