



Buriton Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting of Buriton Parish Council Planning Committee held in Buriton Village Hall at 6pm on Thursday 18th June 2026.

Present: Tom Wheeler, Helen Hill, Hilary Myers, Doug Jones; Apologies: Maggie Johnston
There were two members of the public in attendance at the meeting.

1. Updates on current planning matters:

It was noted that planning permission for the A3 ReCharge One development had been granted on Appeal on 29 March 2023 and that the three-year commencement period had therefore expired on 29 March 2026 unless the permission had been lawfully implemented before then. It was felt that a letter should be sent to SDNPA to request information about whether the Authority considers the permission to be extant and, if so, to identify their reasoning and evidence relied upon. The letter should also ask for information and evidence about the discharge of conditions (particularly those relevant to commencement) and any other relevant documents.

Correspondence had been received in relation to a proposed amendment to the route of the public right of way / bridleway at Deans Farm, Weston. It was understood that there were likely to be objections from local residents. At this stage the Parish Council's stance was neutral. If an application was forthcoming the Council would comment at that stage.

2. Proposed Submission version of the South Downs Local Plan

There was concern that Policy SDA9 of the Regulation 19 version of the Local Plan was allocating an area of land "South of The Causeway, Petersfield", part of which is in the parish of Buriton, for housing without ever notifying or consulting the Parish Council and without giving any other relevant organisations or individuals any opportunity to comment.

It was felt that had SDNPA provided an opportunity for consultation, it would have been possible for people to identify some of the issues and evidence about the site and suggest more suitable alternative ones.

It was noted that the SDNPA's Land Availability Assessment (LAA) concluded that the site should be rejected for a number of reasons, but the reasons for now adding it into the Local Plan at this very late stage were unclear and unjustified. There does not appear to be any clear explanation of any new evidence that has recently emerged to overturn all the previous conclusions, nor why the identified harms are now considered acceptable in a National Park.

A series of other points and concerns were raised, including previous planning decisions which had always deliberately retained the rural nature of this site and the gap between Buriton and Petersfield. Other potential sites would have been less harmful, including some better suited to Petersfield's nucleated settlement pattern which would cause less environmental harm by not using prominent green fields beyond the settlement boundary which also threatens a popular Right of Way. There did not seem to be any comparative assessment of alternative sites.

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It was felt that the Parish Council should submit a response to the current Regulation 19 consultation stating that it believes that the Local Plan is not sound because it is not justified, nor consistent with national policy relating to National Parks, nor legally compliant.

The Council would ask the SDNPA to reconsider the allocation of SDA9 prior to submission and to remove the allocation from the Plan. If the allocation were to remain in the submitted Plan, then the Inspector would be requested to find that the allocation is not justified and that the Plan is unsound unless SDA9 is omitted.

3. Applications for consideration at this meeting:

SDNP/26/01896/FUL: Proposed rear extension at 5 Wylds Lane, Weston, GU32 3NW

There were no objections to this application but it was felt that the Planning Authority should consider the Parish Council's standard comments on Dark Night Skies, the Village Design Statement and Biodiversity Gain as well as any comments or concerns raised by neighbours.

4. **Comments on the above application:** there were none.
5. **The Committee's decisions on the above matters:** as above.
6. **Date of next meeting:** as / when required (no other current applications)

Meeting finished at 7.20pm

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