

PLANNING COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 21 APRIL 2026

Present:

Councillor Lee Hartshorne (Chair) (in the Chair)
Councillor Tony Lacey (Vice-Chair)

Councillor Neil Baker
Councillor Peter Elliott
Councillor William Jones
Councillor Fran Petersen

Councillor Andrew Cooper
Councillor Christine Gare
Councillor Heather Liggett
Councillor Kathy Rouse

Also Present:

A Kirkham	Planning Manager - Development Management
A Smith	Legal Services Manager and Deputy Monitoring Officer
S Wigglesworth	Senior Planning Officer
T Fuller	Senior Governance Officer
M E Derbyshire	Members ICT & Training Officer

PLA/ Apologies for Absence and Substitutions

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5-26 Apologies for absence were received from Councillor D Cheetham.

PLA/ Declarations of Interest

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5-26 Regarding item NED/25/00885/FL - SHIRLAND, as the application was within Shirland Ward, which Councillor H Liggett represented, Councillor Liggett would speak as Ward Councillor then leave the room and would not participate in the Committee's consideration or determination of the application.

PLA/ Declaration of Predetermination

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5-26 There were no declarations of predetermination.

PLA/ Minutes of Last Meeting

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5-26 RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the meeting held on 17 March 2026 were approved as a true record.

Having declared an interest in the next item Councillor H Liggett stated that she would speak during the public participation section and would then leave the meeting and would not participate in the consideration or determination of the application.

PLA/ NED/25/00885/FL - SHIRLAND

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5-26 The Committee considered an application that had been submitted for the demolition of existing stable block and construction of agricultural building and external hardstanding to the rear (Amended Plans) (Amended Description) at 9

Birkinstyle Lane, Shirland, Alfreton, DE55 6BS. The application had been referred to Committee by Local Ward Member, Councillor H Liggett, who had raised some concerns. An update report had been circulated which set out late representations regarding the application.

The recommendation by officers was to approve the application. The report to Committee explained the reasons for this.

The report highlighted that the amended plans provided a single storey building of an acceptable height supported by an acceptable agricultural justification. It was also noted that the application addressed concerns raised by neighbours, including details of how the reduced building will be made good and details of site drainage. The report contended that, subject to conditions, the development would not have an adverse impact on the amenity of neighbouring properties or the character and appearance of the area.

Officers concluded that the development was in accordance with the policies of the development plan. They recommended, therefore, that the application be approved subject to conditions.

Before the Committee considered the application it heard from local Ward Member, Councillor Heather Liggett.

Committee considered the application. It took into account the relevant Local and National Planning Policies.

Committee discussed the application. Some Members expressed concern around the relationship between the existing structure and proposed new building. Some Members suggested that the development was in keeping with policy but felt that an additional condition around working hours during the construction phase would be sensible. It was also suggested that the wording of existing conditions 4 & 5 be amended to stress that the building could only be used for agricultural purposes and to provide a clear timeframe for the restoration of the site to its original condition following the cessation of agricultural use, respectively. Committee agreed that the proposed additional condition and amended conditions were sensible.

At the conclusion of the discussion, Councillor N Baker and Councillor P Elliott moved and seconded a Motion to approve the application, in line with officer recommendation, subject to conditions, along with the additional conditions and amended conditions proposed by the Committee.

The Motion was put to a vote and approved.

RESOLVED – That planning permission be **conditionally approved** subject to the conditions and informatives set out in the report, along with additional & amended conditions agreed by the Committee, with the final wording of the conditions delegated to the Planning Manager (Development Manager).

PLA/ Planning Appeals - Lodged and Determined

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The Committee considered a report which set out planning appeals that had been

lodged and determined. The report set out that three appeals had been lodged, no appeals had been allowed, no appeals had been dismissed, and no appeals had been withdrawn. The relevant applications the appeals were in respect of was set out in the report.

PLA/ Matters of Urgency

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5-26 None.

PLA/ Exclusion of Public

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5-26 RESOLVED – that the public be excluded from the meeting during the discussion of the following items of business to avoid the disclosure to them of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 3 and 5, Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2008).

PLA/ Section 106 (Legal) Agreements Update

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5-26 The Committee considered a report which provided a detailed breakdown of all live section 106 (legal) agreements. The report outlined the current position in respect of all live section 106 (legal) agreements following a grant of planning permission, the receipt of any money further to that and the spend (as appropriate) against the agreed outcomes.

RESOLVED –

1. That the information contained within Appendices A, B and C be noted.
2. That the contents of the report be noted.
3. That this matter continued to be reported to Planning Committee on a regular basis.

PLA/ Matters of Urgency

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5-26 None.