



Parish Council Rushmere St Andrew

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Minutes of the Planning & Transportation Committee meeting held on Tuesday, 2nd June 2026 at St Andrew's Church Hall at 7.30pm

CHAIRMAN: Cllr R Whiting

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Cllr R Whiting, Cllr M Odam, Cllr Wright, Cllr R Nunn, Cllr M Newton, Cllr A Jeffreys

APOLOGIES: Cllr P Phillpot; Cllr D Francis

OTHER ATTENDEES: Members of the public: 13; Cllr P Blundell; Cllr R Silburn

CLERK: Mrs S Stannard (Clerk)
Minutes taken by Mrs Stannard

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Cllr Wright nominated Cllr Whiting as the Chairman. Seconded by Cllr Nunn. All in favour. There were no other nominations. RESOLVED: To elect Cllr Whiting as Chairman of the Committee.

2. APOLOGIES, APPROVAL OF ABSENCE, PROTOCOL & CONDUCT REMINDERS

RESOLVED: To approve apologies as above.

3. DECLARATIONS OF COUNCILLOR INTEREST

None.

4. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 23rd APRIL 2026

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the meeting and the minutes were signed by the Chairman as a true record and accurate record.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

a. Public Forum – Members of the Public/ Parish Councillors may raise items relating to this agenda or any matter concerning the parish

A number of members of the public indicated that they wanted to speak about Item 6.

6. TO CONSIDER AND AGREE RESPONSE TO THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS

DC/25/3179/ARM	Land at 155 The Street, Rushmere St Andrew		Development Comprising of 14 No. dwellings, 25 No. retirement apartments & a 75 bed care home - Relating to matters of appearance, layout, landscaping and scale or the erection of a 75-bed care home. Outline application not subject to an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA).
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Cllr Whiting provided a situation report following the examination of the proposal and documentation. Members of the public and councillors spoke against the application for the following reasons: poor design and layout; overbearing scale, mass and height of building; impact on neighbours; overdevelopment; traffic impact and insufficient parking proposed; no need for carehome; NHS objection to application; impact on ecology and reinstatement of hedgerow fronting on to The Street, impact on St Andrews Church and views of church; detrimental impact on character of village; discrepancies of red line of outline application and current application. The application was considered by councillors.

RESOLVED: OBJECT to the application for the following reasons:

1. Discrepancies of red line on outline application approved and current application;
2. Poor appearance
3. Overdevelopment and scale of development
4. Impact on Landscape, removal of hedgerow to then reinstate;
5. Impact on character of village and on St Andrew's Church
6. Highway concerns and insufficient parking proposed. Flaws of travel plan and transport note.
7. Overbearing development and layout; impact on neighbouring properties
8. Healthcare infrastructure and insufficient capacity of these services

7. ANY OTHER PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED SINCE PUBLICATION OF AGENDA

None

8. DETERMINATION OF ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

None

9. CLOSE OF MEETING

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.10pm.