



## Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting

Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held Online via Zoom on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2022.  
Commencing at 7:30pm.

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**Members Present:** Councillor Dave Aldis, Chairman  
Councillor Rebecca Pinfold, Vice-Chairman  
Councillor Jude Cunningham  
Councillor Linda Moss  
Councillor Alison Strong

**Members Absent:** None

**Officers Present:** Sarah Marshman, Clerk/RFO

**In Attendance:** Councillor Ian Tong

### Minutes

On 26<sup>th</sup> April 2021, the Council resolved that instead of returning to face-to-face meetings, a Temporary Scheme of Delegation would be put in place in order to allow the Clerk to enable decisions to be taken under the direction of Councillors until face-to-face meetings recommence. This meeting is therefore not a formal meeting, but an advisory Planning Committee Meeting. All recommendations made at this meeting will be enacted by the Clerk where appropriate and ratified at the next face-to-face Full Council Meeting.

**PLN21/22-019 To receive, and consider for acceptance, apologies for absence from Members of the Committee**  
All committee members were present so there were no apologies.

**PLN21/22-020 To receive any declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests, Other Registerable Interests or Non-Registerable Interests by members or the Clerk and to consider any requests for dispensation**  
Councillor Linda Moss declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in item PLN21/22-024 planning application 21/02865/REG3 The Downs School.

**PLN21/22-021**      **To receive:**  
**Questions or comments from members of the public regarding items on the agenda**  
**Representations from any member who has declared a personal interest**  
No questions, comments or representations were received.

**PLN21/22-022**      **To approve the Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2021**  
Resolved: Members agreed the minutes of the last meeting be accepted as a true record. The Chairman will sign these minutes once the decision has been ratified by Full Council.

**PLN21/22-023**      **To discuss any matters arising from the previous meeting**  
There were no matters arising.

**PLN21/22-024**      **Planning Applications**

**PLN21/22-024.1**   **To consider the following new planning applications:**

Councillor Linda Moss left the meeting.

**[21/02865/REG3 The Downs School, Compton, RG20 6AD](#) - Extension and refurbishment of existing school sports hall.**

Resolved: To object to the application and to submit the following response:

1. The council raised concerns regarding privacy and child protection issues created by the large windows, particularly on the first floor. It should be noted that a public footpath runs around the boundary of the school grounds, allowing views into the facility. In the provided plans, windows are shown as transparent rather than obscured.
2. The amount of glass is considered excessive given the facility sits within an area of outstanding natural beauty (AONB).
3. No information is given regarding the potential noise generated by the plant area.
4. The temporary car park proposed for use during the build is currently in use by sixth form students throughout the day.
5. Concerns were raised regarding the size of The Downs School logo on the front of the building. This facility has always been a community facility that is used by the school, whilst this logo suggests the building purely belongs to the school.
6. A construction method statement has not been supplied.
7. The council supports Highways' disappointment that no electric vehicle charging points have been included in the development.
8. The council regrets that no information has been forthcoming regarding access for members of the community and highlights concerns that this has not been supplied. The council wishes to emphasise the message that this is a building funded by Council Tax Payers and NOT the School or the LEA.

Councillor Linda Moss re-joined the meeting.

**21/03248/HOUSE Meadow Farm, Wallingford Road, Compton, RG20 6PU - Partial removal of existing dwelling and erection of single storey rear extension. Replacement porch.**

Resolved: To submit a response of 'no objections' and to include the following comments:

The council requests the Archaeological Officer is consulted on this application as anecdotal evidence and some finds in the area give the impression that a battlefield is sited behind this property.

The council requests conditions be attached regarding access to this area as it is through the smallest historic streets of Compton.

**PLN21/22-024.2 To consider whether to request the District Councillor calls in any planning applications to the Western Area Planning Committee**

It was noted that the council has already requested the District Councillor calls in planning application 21/02865/REG3 The Downs School, Compton, RG20 6AD.

**PLN21/22-024.3 To consider whether to refer any planning applications for further response from the Council's planning consultants**

No applications were requested to be referred to the Council's planning consultants.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 8:12pm.

Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

