



# Laxfield Parish Council Planning Committee Meeting



1 April 2026 at 6:00 pm in the Guildhall Parish Room

## MINUTES

**Attendees:** R. Sutton (Chair), D Martindale, S Ellis, C. Baldry, D, Alchin, P Lowe (clerk)

### 1. Open forum

Two members of the public attended the meeting.

### 2. Apologies and approval of absences

None.

### 3. Declarations of interest

None.

### 4. Planning - the following applications were discussed, as requested by MSDC:

#### **APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION - DC/26/00905**

**Proposal:** Householder Application for the erection of a garage and shed.

**Location:** Birdcage, Pump Lane, Laxfield, Woodbridge Suffolk IP13 8FA.

**Application received:** 10 March 2026, Laxfield PC deadline: 3 April 2026

**Parish Council comments:** No objections

#### **APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION - DC/26/01200**

**Proposal:** Householder Planning Application - Erection of rear extension; Demolition of existing rear conservatory and part of the existing garden wall.

**Location:** 20 Noyes Avenue, Laxfield, Woodbridge, Suffolk IP13 8EB.

**Application received:** 27 March 2026, Laxfield PC deadline: 17 April 2026

**Parish Council comments:** No objections

### 5. The following points were discussed without any need for approval:

- **Footpath link between Billingford Grove and Mill Close:** The MSDC Tenancy Team and Planning department are now meeting to discuss this issue and potential project. The Parish Council will be notified on the outcome before the end April.
- **Pig Farm Development off Badingham Road (DC/25/03287):** The committee examined the permitted development in detail, in particular:
  - The slurry lagoon and whether a clay cover will be in place by 2027, as per government regulations.

- Where lorries will be extracting the waste from, how many times per year, and what route this might take to the Anaerobic Digestion in Stradbroke. Will also need to check whether this complies with a Section 184 Agreement from SCC Highways.
- Whether the proposed hardcore resurfacing of the track that leads from Badingham Road to the junction of the road down to the pig farm is permitted, or requires planning permission, given that this is a Public Right of Way.
- Understanding the ecological impact on the nearby watercourses and examine monitoring results, as part of the ongoing River Alde pollution testing.
- Addressing potential visual and light pollution issues with the development, as well as other environmental matters that could occur on site, or across the parish.
- Whether the development is in line with MSDC's LP14 policy, as part of the Local Plan, which requires assurance that sustainable development, environmental protection, and community well-being are considered in relation to the cumulative impact of agricultural, livestock, and poultry applications.

It was agreed that a formal response from Laxfield Parish Council should be developed and sent to MSDC Planning and the Environment Agency, to formally put on record concerns about this development. This will include the wider impact on local residents and business, air quality and watercourse pollution. It will ask for assurance that when the farm starts operating, it doesn't cause wider transport and ecological issues for the Parish.

Meeting closed at 7:25 pm.

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