

Findon Parish Council

Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held
29 May 2025 at 7.30 pm at Nepcote Hall

Present: Cllrs Smith (Chairman), Hellett, Wilson, Gilbert, Dean, Whitby, and Kenna.

In Attendance: Clerk Fiona MacLeod, Louise Halpern.

Item No		<u>Action By</u>
P 25.43	To receive and note apologies for absence	
	Apologies were received and noted from Cllr Peskett.	
P 25.44	Chairman's announcements	
	None.	
P 25.45	To sign as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting 24/4/2025	
	It was proposed and seconded that the minutes of the meeting held on 24 April 2025 be signed as a correct record.	
P 25.46	Declarations of Interest	
	None.	
P 25.47	Update on implementation of actions	
	The report was reviewed and noted.	
P 25.48	Public Question Time (PQT)	
	None.	
P25.49	Action in Rural Sussex (AiRS) enabling services	
	<p>The Chairman welcomed Louise Halpern, AiRS Housing Team, to the meeting. Following a presentation, the following Q&A session took place:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• AiRS is funded by DEFRA and local councils• Rural Exception Sites (RES) could be gifted or sold at a discount by a landowner (typically £10k per plot) and can be restricted to local people;• Landowners could also identify a suitable small parcel of land e.g. land at an edge of a field;• RES have to be well connected to a settlement (roads, footpaths, services;• Housing Associations (HA) could get funding from government subject to a viability study;• AiRS has a list of additional funding streams and templates on its website www.ruralsussex.org.uk ;• Parishes could consider clustering for areas of interest;• Should a parish be interested, AiRS would undertake a Housing Needs Survey (HNS) for approx £3-4k to include RES policy and legal requirements regarding local affordable housing;• Louise was not aware of projects specifically related to sheltered housing;• Further information on RES could be found on the AiRS website.	
P 25.50	To consider the following application (responses to applications considered by the Planning Committee will be available to view on the South Downs National Park Authority (SDNPA) Public Access System. https://planningpublicaccess.southdowns.gov.uk/online-applications/)	
	a) SDNP/25/00294/FUL – Steepdown Cottage, Stable Lane, Findon, BN14 0RR.	

Signed:

Datep

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	<p>Erection of 2 dwellings (self build) following demolition of garage and associated works (Amended Plans)</p> <p>Councillors had reviewed the amended planning documents and were aware of the planning history at the location.</p> <p>Resolved: Resolved: that the Clerk informs the SDNPA that Findon Parish Council objects to the application.</p>	FM
P 25.51	Review of the SDNPA Planning Applications List	
	The List (as previously circulated) was reviewed and decisions noted.	
P 25.52	<p>Items for discussion (and future ratification if appropriate) at a future meeting</p> <p>None.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 8.0pm. Date of next meeting – 26 June 2025.</p>	