

Findon Parish Council

Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held
8 January 2026 at 7.30 pm at Nepcote Hall

Present: Cllrs Hellett (Chairman), Gilbert, Whitby, Wilson, Smith and Peskett

In Attendance: Clerk Fiona MacLeod

Item No		<u>Action By</u>
P 26.01	To receive and note apologies for absence	
	Apologies were received and noted from Cllrs Kenna and Dean.	
P 26.02	Chairman's announcements	
	FPC had been advised that a Forestry Licence had been obtained to tackle Ash Dieback at the Cissbury Estate. The work was scheduled to start w/c 12 January 2026 and involved heavy machinery and noise.	
P 26.03	To sign as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting 4/12/2025	
	It was proposed and seconded that the minutes of the meeting held on 4 December 2025 be signed as a correct record.	
P 26.04	Declarations of Interest	
	Cllr Smith declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Agenda item P 26.07 b) SDNP/25/05036/TPO as his wife was a member of the Convent Gardens Management Committee and would take no part in discussion on this item.	
P 26.05	Update on implementation of actions	
	The report was reviewed and noted.	
P 26.06	Public Question Time (PQT)	
	None.	
P 26.07	To consider the following applications (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/) Councillors had reviewed the planning documents and site locations prior to the meeting.	
	a) SDNP/25/05034/HOUS – Steepdown Cottage, Stable Lane, Findon, BN14 0RZ Demolition of utility room, two storey and single storey extensions, alterations to roof and associated works. Councillors raised no objections. Resolved: that the Clerk informs the SDNPA that Findon Parish Council raises no objection to the application. Cllr Smith left the meeting at 7.40pm and took no part in the discussion. b) SDNP/25/05036/TPO – 3 Convent Gardens ,Findon, BN14 0RZ. 5 x Sycamore 1 x Hazel 1 x Blackthorn – remove branches and possible reduction on Sycamore. Councillors and the Findon Tree Warden raised no objections.	FM

Signed:

Dated:

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	<p>Resolved: that the Clerk informs the SDNPA that Findon Parish Council raises no objection to the application.</p> <p>Cllr Smith returned to the meeting at 7.43pm.</p>	FM
P 26.08	Strategy and Policy	
	<p>a) Reforms to the statutory consultee process for planning in England – it was considered problematic to give a Council view, however councillors could provide individual personal responses.</p>	
P 26.09	Review of the SDNPA Planning Applications List	
	The List (as previously circulated) was reviewed and decisions noted.	
P 26.10	<p>Items for discussion (and future ratification if appropriate) at a future meeting.</p> <p>None.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 7.45pm. Date of next meeting – 5 February 2026.</p>	