SLAUGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

PLANNING MINUTES

The Committee Members held a Meeting on Tuesday 3rd March 2026 At 6.00pm in The Sports Pavilion, Handcross



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The Public and Press are welcome to attend –

The Parish Council is an open and transparent local authority and encourages public attendance at meetings. However, the Council is maintaining COVID precautions. You should not attend ameeting in person if: -

- *you have coronavirus symptoms: a high temperature, loss or change to sense of smell or taste, a new continuous cough.*
- *if you have tested positive for COVID-19 or are waiting for a test result.*
- *if you have been instructed by the NHS to self-isolate.*
- *you have recently returned from travel abroad and should be either self-isolating or quarantining.*

***Keeping us all safe**: When you attend the meeting, keep yourself and others safe by following the Government's guidance at all times.*

Present: Cllr E Prescott (Chair), L Read, J MacNaughton, J Keating

1. **Apologies for absence**: K Boyle
2. **Declaration of interest from members in respect of any items on the agenda**: Mr J Keating advised that he is a near neighbour to Slaugham Garden Nursery.
3. **Approval of the minutes of the last meeting:** Approved J Macnaughton. Seconded L Read.
4. **Adjournment for questions from the public: Members to consider adjournment of the meeting in accordance with Council's** Standing Orders**, to receive questions from members of the public in attendance in respect of items on the agenda. To consider the following applications:**
5. **Approximately 16 Slaugham village residents attended the meeting to strongly object to the proposed development of Slaugham Garden Nursery (DM/24/2409) They were vociferous in their objection and they went to great lengths to explain that nothing had changed since they last objected.**

Ref No: DM/24/2409 - Slaugham Garden Nursery Staplefield Road Slaugham Haywards Heath West Sussex RH17 6AG
Proposed conversion of barn to residential use to create 1 2-bedroom dwelling. Removal of existing hardstanding and landscaping. (Ecological information and amended plan received 16.02.2026)
SPC, object. The Parish Councils position has not changed, the points raised on 19/07/2025 submission are still relevant.

6. To note planning applications received after the agenda **was published:**
7. **To note other planning matters:** *To include applications consulted under scheme delegation Local Government Act 1972:*

7.1. New planning appeals lodged with the Inspectorate: Planning appeal decisions:

7.2. Licensing Applications:

7.3. Planning Enforcements Updates:

8. **Mid Sussex District Council DECISIONs *cc'd in advance:***
9. **To consider Highways Matters to include but not limited to Public Rights of Way, Bus Stops**
10. **Matters that the Chairmans wish to raise for future consideration: Neighbourhood Plan Update**
11. **Date of the next meeting/s**

Signed _____ Date: _____

The Role of the Slaugham Parish Planning Committee:

1. The Local Planning Authority is Mid Sussex District Council (MSDC) who has the final decision on whether planning permissions are granted or refused.
2. The Parish Council is a Statutory Consultee, which means that MSDC must ask for its opinion and take it into account, but not necessarily follow its recommendation. The District Council can grant permission against the wishes of the Parish Council.
3. The Parish Council has delegated its decision-making to the Planning Committee, which is authorised to express the Council's view.
4. The Committee should take account of local planning policies as detailed in the Local Neighbourhood Plan here and the MSDC Plan https://www.midsussex.gov.uk/planning-building/mid-sussex-district-plan/
5. Members of the public attending Committee meetings are given the opportunity to speak on matters on the agenda, but should follow the procedures set down in the Council's Standing Orders
6. As well as being able to raise any issues with the Parish Council, we strongly recommend that anyone wishing to support or oppose an application does so directly to MSDC https://pa.midsussex.gov.uk/online-applications/