

HELMDON PARISH COUNCIL PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of the meeting of the **Planning Committee** of Helmdon Parish Council held in the Committee Room at the Reading Room, Church Street, Helmdon at

6:30pm on Wednesday 25th February 2026

Present: Cllrs Hart, Plunkett, Shepherd, and Marchant (Chair).

In attendance: 0 members of the public.

1. **Apologies for absence** – Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Minshall.
2. **Declarations of Interest** – None.
3. **To note any dispensations provided to councillors in relation to items on this agenda** – None.
4. **To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 2nd February 2026** - It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes be approved and duly signed.
5. **Open Forum (15 minutes maximum)** – None.
6. **To consider the following planning applications:**

6.1. **App No.** 2025/0519/LBC

Proposal Listed Building Consent Demolition of modern agricultural buildings. Redevelopment including conversion of traditional barns to provide three dwellings with car parking/garaging and amenity areas. Realignment of the existing north access to Falcutt Road. Minor realignment of the main drive south of the buildings. Carport for existing cottages. Hard and soft landscaping across the site and related works. (Phased development)

Location Astwell Castle Farm, Falcutt Road, Helmdon

Documents <https://wnc.planning-register.co.uk/Planning/Display/2025/0519/LBC>

It was **RESOLVED** to submit the following comment:

Helmdon Parish Council would like to put forward the following points for consideration by the planning officer:

- It has been suggested that the tree survey is not compliant with BS5837 and was completed by an architect, not a qualified arboriculturalist. Please could this be checked?
- It is not clear whether all the new developments would be independent or ancillary to the existing accommodation. This should be clarified.
- The proposed development includes demolition of some walls which may have heritage significance. If possible the Parish Council would prefer to see these retained within the development. Where this is not possible, reuse of the demolished materials is to be encouraged.

6.2. **App No.** 2026/0508/FULL

Proposal Demolition of garage, proposed building providing garage, home office and ancillary accommodation together with 1.8m high boundary wall and electronic access gates.

Location Weston Hill House, Weston Road, Helmdon

Documents <https://wnc.planning-register.co.uk/Planning/Display/2026/0508/FULL>

It was **RESOLVED** to submit 'no comments' on this application.

7. To consider a response to the consultation on West Northamptonshire's Local Plan (Regulation 18) Draft – The Committee discussed details of the Local Plan and agreed responses to some sections which will be proposed to the full council for consideration at the March Parish Council meeting. **Cllr Hart to provide draft responses to the Clerk.**

Meeting closed @ 7pm

Signed..... Date.....

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