NEW FOREST NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

MINUTES OF PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON TUESDAY 13 OCTOBER 2026 AT 09.45 AM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, LYMINGTON TOWN HALL, AVENUE ROAD, LYMINGTON SO41 9ZG

Attending:

Members:

Mary Davies (Deputy Chair)
Martin Eyre
Caroline Rackham (late arrival and therefore did not vote on agenda item 353 report items 1&2)
Joe Reilly
Ann Sevier
Steve Trow (Chair)

Officers:

David Illsley	Head of Planning and Place
Gareth Hale	Solicitor and Monitoring Officer
Natalie Walter	Principal Planning Officer
Julie Blake	Planning Officer
Lucie Cooper	Enforcement Manager
Vicki Gibbon	Member Services Administrator
Rachel Bonathan	Administrator

349 Apologies for Absence

349.1 Apologies for absence were received from John Adams, Gordon Bailey, David Harrison and Brice Stratford.

350 Declarations of Interest

350.1 Ann Sevier declared an interest under Part 2 section B (non-pecuniary interests) of the NPA's Code of Conduct in minute item 353 report item 1 as a member of Hyde Parish Council

350.2 Gareth Hale, Solicitor and Monitoring Officer reminded members of their role and the need to declare interests at meetings. He then read out the following statement from the extant DEFRA National Parks Circular 2010 - "All Authority members, no matter how they are appointed, have a primary responsibility to seek to ensure that the Authority furthers the statutory Park purposes. They should regard themselves first and foremost as members of the Authority, with a duty to act in the best interest of the Authority and the Park, rather than as representatives of any interest group."

351 Minutes

351.1 **RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the meeting held on 18 August 2026 be approved as a true record.
Voting: Non-voting against

352 Chair's Announcements

352.1 The Chair congratulated David Illsley on his appointment as Head of Planning and Place and invited him to provide a brief overview of the National Scheme of Delegation.

Mr Illsley advised Members that new regulations for local planning authorities would come into force on 31 October 2026. The purpose of these regulations was to ensure that planning committees focus on proposals that had significant implications for their area, while more routine, minor and technical planning decisions were delegated to officers.

Mr Illsley further explained that the new regulations would limit planning committees to a maximum of 13 members. However, he highlighted that the mandated changes to both the size and remit of Planning Committees would not apply to National Park Authorities following representations made to the Government by both the New Forest National Park Authority and National Parks England (on behalf of the 10 English National Park Authorities and the Broads). As a result, the current arrangements for determining planning applications in the New Forest National Park, including the existing committee structure and membership numbers, would remain unchanged.

The Chair advised that, due to the late arrival of some Members and speakers, the Committee would consider Minute Item 353, Report Item 2, as the first item of business on the agenda.

353 Planning Applications for Committee Decision *(PC 520/26)*

353.1 Members gave detailed consideration to the individual planning applications contained within the report.

RESOLVED: That the planning applications listed below be determined as shown in respect of each application and, in accordance with the Authority's policies and procedures, formal notice of the decisions to be sent to the applicants forthwith.

REPORT ITEM 1	
Application No.	26/00618/FULL
Details	Hollybank, Gorley Lynch, Hyde, Fordingbridge SP6 2QA - Outbuilding (demolition of existing outbuildings)
Public Participants	Graeme Purdy (Applicant) Cllr Maggie McKenzie & Cllr Bernie Tully (Hyde Parish Council)
Comments	Following discussion members agreed to include a further condition that glazing details must be submitted to the Authority for approval prior to the commencement of development. Due to Caroline Rackham arriving late to the meeting, she abstained from voting on this item.
Decision	Planning permission granted subject to conditions
Conditions	1. The development hereby permitted shall be begun before the expiration of three years from the date of this permission. Reason: To comply with Section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 as amended by Section 51 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.

	2. Development shall only be carried out in accordance with Drawing WTP2, AM033-03a (Tree Protection Plan), AM033-01a (Location Plan), AM033-11 Rev a (Proposed ground floor plan), AM033-12 Rev a (Proposed elevations SHT 1 of 2), AM033-13 Rev a (Proposed elevations SHT 2 of 2), AM033-14 Rev a (Block Plan, Roof Plan & Section Plan), AM033-05a (Existing elevations SHT 1 of 2) , AM033-06a (Existing elevations SHT 2 of 2). No alterations to the approved development shall be made unless otherwise agreed in writing by the New Forest National Park Authority. Reason: To ensure an acceptable appearance of the building in accordance with Policies SP16, SP17, DP18 and DP2 of the adopted New Forest National Park Local Plan 2016- 2036 (August 2019). 3. No development shall take place above slab level until samples or exact details of the facing and roofing materials have been submitted to and approved in writing by the New Forest National Park Authority. Development shall only be carried out in accordance with the details approved. Reason: To ensure an acceptable appearance of the building in accordance with Policy DP2 of the adopted New Forest National Park Local Plan 2016 - 2036 (August 2019). 4. The trees/hedges on the site which are shown to be retained on the approved plans shall be protected during all site clearance, demolition and building works in accordance with the recommendations as set out in BS5837:2012. Reason: To safeguard trees and natural features which are important to the visual amenities of the area, in accordance with Policies DP2 and SP6 of the adopted New Forest National Park Local Plan 2016- 2036 (August 2019). 5. All materials, machinery and any resultant waste materials or spoil shall be stored within the red line application site unless otherwise agreed in writing by the local planning authority. Reason: In the interests of protecting the New Forest Site of Special Scientific Interest in accordance with Policy SP6 of the adopted New Forest National Park Local Plan 2016 - 2036 (August 2019). 6. Unless otherwise agreed in writing by the National Park Authority, development shall only take place in accordance with the recommendations for ecological mitigation and enhancement which are set out in the Preliminary Roost

	Assessment Report by Hampshire Ecological Services Ltd (Dated October 2025) hereby approved. The specified measures shall be implemented and retained at the site in perpetuity. Reason: To safeguard protected species in accordance with Policies DP2 and SP6 of the adopted New Forest National Park Local Plan 2016 - 2036 (August 2019). 7. The building the subject of this permission shall only be used for purposes incidental to the dwelling on the site and shall not be used for habitable accommodation such as kitchens, living rooms and bedrooms. Reason: To protect the character and appearance of the countryside in accordance with Policies DP36 and DP37 of the adopted New Forest National Park Local Plan 2016 - 2036 (August 2019). 8. No external lighting shall be installed on the building unless details of such proposals have been submitted to and approved in writing by the New Forest National Park Authority. Reason: To protect the amenities of the area in accordance with Policies DP2 and SP15 of the adopted New Forest National Park Local Plan 2016 - 2036 (August 2019). 9. Prior to commencement of development, details of glazing shall be submitted to the New Forest National Park Authority for approval in writing. Development shall only take place in accordance with the approved details, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the New Forest National Park Authority, and shall be retained in perpetuity. Reason: To protect the amenities and tranquillity of the area in accordance with Policies DP2 and SP15 of the adopted New Forest National Park Local Plan 2016-2036 (August 2019). **Informative(s):** 1. All bats and their roosts are fully protected under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended by the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000) and are further protected under Regulation 41 of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010. Should any bats or evidence of bats be found prior to or during development, work must stop immediately and Natural England contacted for further advice. This is a legal requirement under the Wildlife and

	Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) and applies to whoever carries out the work. All contractors on site should be made aware of this requirement and given the relevant contact number for Natural England, which is 0300 060 3900.
Voting	4:1, 1 abstention

REPORT ITEM 2	
Application No.	26/00670/FULL
Details	Bramdene, Main Road, Dibden, Southampton SO45 5TD - Two-storey and single-storey side extension
Public Participants	Alan MacLean (Agent)
Comments	Due to Caroline Rackham arriving late for the meeting she did not vote on this item.
Decision	Planning permission refused
Reasons	1. In order to help safeguard the long term future of the countryside and the intrinsic character of the National Park, the Local Planning Authority considers it important to resist the cumulative effect of enlargements being made to rural dwellings. Consequently, Policy DP36 of the adopted New Forest National Park Local Plan 2016 - 2036 (August 2019) seeks to limit the proportional increase in the size of such dwellings in the New Forest National Park recognising the benefits this would have in minimising the impact of buildings on a nationally important landscape and activity generally in the countryside as well as maintaining a balance in the housing stock. The proposal would result in an extension that would further increase the floor space of the existing dwelling by more than 30% and in doing so would add to pressures for change and larger extensions in the countryside which, individually and cumulatively, would result in a gradual suburbanising effect and erode the National Park's special character. The proposed development is therefore contrary to Policies DP36 and SP17 of the adopted New Forest National Park Local Plan (August 2019) and Policy N4 of the NPPF (2026). Furthermore, the proposed development would not seek to further the purposes of the National Park, contrary to the requirement of Section 245 of the Levelling Up and Regeneration Act 2023, which amended Section 11A of the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act 1949. 2. The proposed extensions, by reason of their scale, form and architectural detailing, including roof forms and glazing, would fail to respect the established architectural character and proportions of the existing dwelling and would fail to achieve a high standard of design sympathetic to the character and identity of the existing building and its surroundings. The proposal would therefore be contrary to Policies DP2, DP36 and SP15 of the adopted New

	Forest National Park Local Plan (August 2019), the Design Guide SPD and Policies N4 and DP3 of the NPPF (2026).
Voting	Unanimous (5 voted in favour of refusal)

REPORT ITEM 3 – ENFORCEMENT CASE	
Case No.	QU/21/0053
Details	Dale Farm, Manor Road, Dibden, Southampton, SO45 5TJ – Non-Compliance With Enforcement Notice
Recommendation	Members authorise the Authority's Planning Enforcement Manager, in consultation with the Solicitor and Monitoring Officer to: i. consider the further evidence, if any, submitted in respect of the purported impediment to compliance and form a view as to the appropriate course of action to achieve compliance with the Enforcement Notice; and ii. if officers are in agreement that it is appropriate to do so, in light of any further information referred to in paragraph (i) above, take all action as necessary to commence and conduct the prosecution of the owners of Dale Farm, Manor Road, Dibden, Southampton, SO45 5TJ in respect of their non-compliance with the Enforcement Notice issued 26 November 2024; or iii. if it is not considered appropriate to commence a prosecution, to consider and take such other action as necessary to achieve compliance with the Enforcement Notice including taking direct action and any other steps as necessary to recover the costs of so doing from the owners, including arranging for a charge to be placed on the land.
Voting	Unanimous (6 members voted in favour of the recommendation)

354 Planning Appeals *(PC 521/26)*

354.1 David Illsley, Head of Planning and Place, presented a report on planning appeals received during the reporting period. He reported one appeal received which had been dismissed. This was one of the first appeal decisions received since the revised National Planning Policy Framework had been published in August 2026 and highlighted the protections that remains for National Parks in the updated national policy.

355 Review of the New Forest National Park Authority Local Enforcement Plan *(PC 522/26)*

355.1 Lucie Cooper, Planning Enforcement Manager, presented a brief overview of her report. She advised that the current Local Enforcement Plan was adopted in June 2013 and that, since its adoption, there had been significant changes to national planning policy,

planning legislation and enforcement powers. Consequently, it was necessary to review and update the Plan to ensure that it remained aligned with current legislation and continued to be relevant, accurate and effective.

355.2 Ms Cooper then outlined the key changes proposed within the revised Local Enforcement Plan and explained the importance of effective planning enforcement within the National Park. She highlighted the role enforcement plays in protecting the National Park's special qualities and maintaining public confidence in the planning system. Ms Cooper concluded her presentation by inviting Members to endorse the recommendations as set out below.

RESOLVED: that Planning Committee Members

(i) Endorse the revised Local Enforcement Plan attached to report PC522/26 at Appendix 1;
(ii) Note the publication of the Authority's online Section 188 Enforcement Register;
(iii) Delegate authority to the Head of Planning and Place or Planning Enforcement Manager to make minor factual, typographical, legislative and administrative updates to the Local Enforcement Plan following its endorsement; and
(iv) Authorise the publication of the Local Enforcement Plan on the Authority's website.

Voting: unanimous

356 Any Other Business

356.1 The Chair advised Members that this would be his final meeting as Chair of the Committee, as a new Chair would be elected at the forthcoming Full Authority meeting on Thursday 15 October 2026. He expressed his sincere thanks to both Members and officers for their support, thoughtful contributions and commitment to the work of the Committee throughout his term.

David Illsley thanked the Chair for his dedicated service and leadership, acknowledging his significant contribution to the work of the Committee and the Authority during his time as Chair. Members joined in expressing their appreciation and gratitude for his commitment and valued contribution over the years.

357 Date of next meeting

357.1 The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 17 November 2026, to be held in the Council Chamber, Lymington Town Hall, Avenue Road, Lymington SO41 9ZG.

The meeting ended at 11:36 pm.

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Chair