



# Parish Council Rushmere St Andrew

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## Minutes of the Planning & Transportation Committee meeting held on Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2026 at St Andrew's Church Hall at 7.30pm

CHAIRMAN: Cllr R Whiting

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Cllr R Whiting, Cllr M Odam, Cllr Wright, Cllr R Nunn, Cllr M Newton, Cllr A Jeffreys

APOLOGIES: Cllr P Phillpot; Cllr D Francis

OTHER ATTENDEES: Members of the public: 13; Cllr P Blundell; Cllr R Silburn

CLERK: Mrs S Stannard (Clerk)  
Minutes taken by Mrs Stannard

### 1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Cllr Wright nominated Cllr Whiting as the Chairman. Seconded by Cllr Nunn. All in favour. There were no other nominations. RESOLVED: To elect Cllr Whiting as Chairman of the Committee.

### 2. APOLOGIES, APPROVAL OF ABSENCE, PROTOCOL & CONDUCT REMINDERS

RESOLVED: To approve apologies as above.

### 3. DECLARATIONS OF COUNCILLOR INTEREST

None.

### 4. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 23<sup>rd</sup> APRIL 2026

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the meeting and the minutes were signed by the Chairman as a true record and accurate record.

### 5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

#### a. Public Forum – Members of the Public/ Parish Councillors may raise items relating to this agenda or any matter concerning the parish

A number of members of the public indicated that they wanted to speak about Item 6.

### 6. TO CONSIDER AND AGREE RESPONSE TO THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS

DC/25/3179/ARM	Land at 155 The Street, Rushmere St Andrew		Development Comprising of 14 No. dwellings, 25 No. retirement apartments & a 75 bed care home - Relating to matters of appearance, layout, landscaping and scale or the erection of a 75-bed care home. Outline application not subject to an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA).
Cllr Whiting provided a situation report following the examination of the proposal and documentation. Members of the public and councillors spoke against the application for the following reasons: poor design and layout; overbearing scale, mass and height of building; impact on neighbours; overdevelopment; traffic impact and insufficient parking proposed; no need for carehome; NHS objection to application; impact on ecology and reinstatement of hedgerow fronting on to The Street, impact on St Andrews Church and views of church; detrimental impact on character of village; discrepancies of red line of outline application and current application. The application was considered by councillors.			

RESOLVED: OBJECT to the application for the following reasons:

1. Discrepancies of red line on outline application approved and current application;
2. Poor appearance
3. Overdevelopment and scale of development
4. Impact on Landscape, removal of hedgerow to then reinstate;
5. Impact on character of village and on St Andrew's Church
6. Highway concerns and insufficient parking proposed. Flaws of travel plan and transport note.
7. Overbearing development and layout; impact on neighbouring properties
8. Healthcare infrastructure and insufficient capacity of these services

**7. ANY OTHER PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED SINCE PUBLICATION OF AGENDA**

None

**8. DETERMINATION OF ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA**

None

**9. CLOSE OF MEETING**

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.10pm.