

8 APRIL 2026

NEW FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting of the Planning Committee held on Wednesday, 8 April 2026

- * Cllr Christine Ward (Chairman)
- * Cllr Barry Rickman (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors:

- * Jack Davies
- * Philip Dowd
Richard Frampton
- * Matthew Hartmann
David Hawkins
- * Dave Penny

Councillors:

- * Joe Reilly
- * Janet Richards
- * John Sleep
Malcolm Wade
- * Phil Woods

*Present

Officers Attending:

Jessica Cooke, Graeme Felstead, Justina Hudson, Ian Rayner, Joe Tyler and Mark Wyatt.

Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs R Frampton, D Hawkins and M Wade.

39 MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 11 March 2026 be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

40 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr J Davies declared a non-pecuniary interest in application 25/10726 as the local ward member. He had not expressed a view in relation to the application and therefore concluded there were no grounds under common law to prevent him from remaining in the meeting to speak and to vote.

41 PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR COMMITTEE DECISION

- a **Forest Farm, Barnes Lane, Milford-on-Sea, SO41 ORR (Application 25/11153)**

Details:

Change of use of land for use as storage - open storage, shipping containers and vehicles. (Retrospective).

Public Participants:

Statement read out on behalf of Mrs Crawford (Applicant).

Comment:

None.

Decision:

Refuse.

Conditions/Reasons:

As set out in the report.

b New Forest District Council Depot, 169-171 Christchurch Road, Ringwood, BH24 3AN (Application 26/10209)

Details:

Modular Portakabin for office & welfare accommodation.

Public Participants:

None.

Comment:

The Case Officer informed the Committee of an additional written representation from Ringwood Town Council which was as follows: *"The Committee is pleased to see the Planning Officer giving due regard to RNP Policy R10 and concurs with their findings that in this instance compliance is not possible and hence are satisfied with the Officer's recommendation"*.

Decision:

Grant subject to conditions.

Conditions/Reasons:

As set out in the report.

c 44 Milford Road, Pennington, Lymington, SO41 8DU (Application 25/10726)

Details:

Change of use of car showroom to fitness studio.

Public Participants:

Ms Verity Wigley – Fitness Studio Operator on behalf of Hartdene Properties

Ltd (Applicant).

Comment:

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Decision:

Delegated Authority be given to the Service Manager, Development Management to **GRANT PERMISSION** subject to:

- I. the prior completion of an agreement pursuant to Section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to secure suitable off-site vehicular parking for patrons of the gym; and then
- II. the imposition of the Conditions as set out in the report and any additional / amended conditions or variation to the heads of terms or conditions as deemed necessary by the Service Manager (Development Management).

Conditions/Reasons:

As set out in the report.

CHAIRMAN