ALVECHURCH PARISH COUNCIL

PLANNING AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE MEETING – 2026/11/09 - 21

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE MEETING held at Hopwood Community Centre on Monday 9th November 2026 at 5:30 pm.

PRESENT: Cllr Worrall (Chairman) Cllrs; Clarke, Cutress, Freeman, Godfrey and Wiseman.
Plus; two Members of the public.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs F Murphy – Committee Clerk/Minute Taker.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies received from Parish Councillors; Hornsby and Williams.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Cutress declared an interest in application**: 26/01123/FUL** due to knowing the resident personally.

3. DISPENSATION REQUESTS

None received.

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the Planning and Highways Meeting held 12th October **were Proposed as correct by Cllr Clarke, seconded by Cllr Freeman. Vote carried.**

5. OPEN FORUM

Mr A Humphries – Alvechurch Village

Mr Humphries made comment regarding the Neighbourhood Priorities Statement, and thanked all those involved for a solid piece of work. Mr Humphries stated that now complete the document needs distributing/publicising as much as possible given it is the only NPS in the district. He also felt that it was a 'must read' for developers and planning officers.

Mr Humphries asked what APC were now doing to combat future speculative developer applications, and is APC now going to embed this document in its policies, budgets and strategic plan?

6. COMMITTEE CLERKS REPORT

The Committee Clerk's Report had been circulated prior to the meeting**. Noted.**

PLANNING MATTERS:

7. TREE PRESERVATION ORDERS

None received

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8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Application type: Full Application
Planning Reference: 26/01123/FUL
Proposal: Siting of a single static caravan to provide a welfare and operational facility ancillary to the established equestrian and agricultural use of the land
Location: Larksfield Paddocks, Rowney Green Lane, Rowney Green, Alvechurch
APC: Objection
APC wishes to object to this application due to the following reasons;

1. The site is washed over by greenbelt land, which is an overriding consideration within the Parish.
2. The facilities that would be required for this, could be catered for by a static caravan as this could still provide the necessary accommodation and facilities.

Application type: Full Application
Planning Reference: 26/01093/FUL
Location: 11 Blythesway, Alvechurch, Worcestershire, B48 7NB
Proposal: erection of a two-storey rear extension, two-storey side extension and remodelling of front porch.
APC: No objection

Application Reference: 26/00677/FUL
Application Type: Full Application
Location: 77 Latimer Road, Alvechurch Worcestershire B48 7NW
Proposal: Creation of a raised patio area at the rear of existing house and extension to provide access to doors. Increase the height of existing concrete patio to same level to provide flat and level access.
APC: No objection

9. TO NOTE PLANNING DECISIONS RECEIVED FROM BDC

- None received.

10. PLANNING APPEALS

- None received.

11. PLANNING CORRESPONDENCE

- Members noted the email received from Bloor Homes/Catesby Estates stating they had received APC's NPS document and that they have distributed it with the wider Catesby Estates team working on the site.
- Members noted the email received from District Council which confirms that planning applications will now be addressed under the National scheme of delegation to an officer.

12. REPRESENTATION AT BDC PLANNING MEETING

- No representation required.

HIGHWAYS MATTERS:

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13. DATA CABLES

Following a short discussion, Cllr Worrall **proposed that APC does not progress with the request for data cables along Bittell Farm Road, as this would set a precedent around the Parish. Unanimous.**

14. HIGHWAYS CORRESPONDENCE

- Members noted email received from National Highways re Motorway incidents.
- Members noted response received from PSCO Hyder re speeding concerns along Station Road/Bear Hill. Following a short discusiion, **Cllr Clarke proposed relocating APC's mobile**
- **VAS along Bear Hill. Seconded by Cllr Wiseman. Unanimous. Action: A/Clerk to seek permission from WCC.**

15. FOOTPATH/ROAD CLOSURES

Members noted the below road closure;

(U23202 Chapel Lane, Alvechurch) (Temporary Closure) Order 2026
Proposed Order: to close that part of U23202 Chapel Ln from its junction with C2034 Rowney Green Ln to its junction with U23202 Gravel Pit Ln.
Reason: Drainage work/flood alleviation by WCC
Anticipated duration: 5 days
Commencing: 7 December 2026

16. COUNCILLOR REPORTS

Cllr Wiseman informed Members the speed signs had been erected at the entrance of the slip road along the Birmingham Road opposite the school. Cllr Wiseman expressed his frustrations as this is now informing drivers that they can drive up to 30mph down this narrow very busy residential road. Following a short discussion, **Cllr Worrall proposed that APC request for CCllr Bailes looks into reducing the TRO to 20mph to accord with the speed limit through the village. Unanimous. Action: A/Clerk**

Cllr Wiseman requested the A/Clerk find out how many visits the Police have made to the service road and gain information/feedback re policing priorities. **Action: A/Clerk**

17. MEETING DATES

Planning & Highways – 14th December 2026, 5:30pm at Hopwood Community Centre
Planning & Highways – 11th January 2027 5:30pm at Hopwood Community Centre

Chairman …… **Date ……**

Meeting closed at 18:45pm