

Wortham & Burgate Parish Council

Minutes of the Wortham & Burgate Parish Council Planning Committee meeting held in Wortham Pavilion on Monday 17th August 2026 at 10.30am

Councillor present: Nick Castle, Susan Wright and Alain Judd.

Apologies Cllr Piper and Cllr Neve, absent Cllr Williams

In attendance: Jane Wright (Clerk)

1. **To appoint a Chair of the Planning Committee for 2026/27** - Cllr Wright proposed Cllr Castle be appointed Chair of the Planning Committee, seconded Cllr Judd and approved unanimously (1 abstention Cllr Castle)

2. **Chair's welcome and to consider accepting apologies for absence** - Cllr Castle welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies received from Cllr Piper and Cllr Neve were accepted unanimously.

3. **To record declarations of interest from members in any item to be discussed** - None

4. **To consider dispensations from members in any item to be discussed** - None

5. **Public Participation** - No members of the public present

6. **To consider and discuss any new applications:**

6.1 Application for Planning Permission - DC/26/03209

Proposal: Householder Application. Installation of a ground mounted solar array with 110 panels

Location: The Old Rectory, Mellis Road, Burgate, IP22 1QD - The Planning Application was circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting. No objection agreed unanimously – Clerk to add comment to MSDC Planning Portal.

6.2 Application for Listed Building Consent - DC/26/03210

Proposal: Application for Listed Building Consent. Installation of a ground mounted solar array with 110 panels

Location: the Old Rectory, Mellis Road, Burgate, IP22 1QD - The Application for Listed Building Consent was circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting. No objection agreed unanimously - Clerk to add comment to MSDC Planning Portal

6.3 Application for Planning Permission - DC/25/03257

Proposal: Planning Application - Construction of ground mounted solar panel arrays and associated infrastructure which will have the ability to export 49.9MW (AC) electricity.

Construction of a new vehicular access (EIA Development)

Location: Land at Stone Cottages, Bury Road, Botesdale, IP22 1QH

Reason(s) for re-consultation: Additional information and Environmental Statement

Addendum received - The Planning Application was circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting. After discussion it was unanimously agreed that they neither approve or object to this application, however they do feel that it needs to be taken into consideration the quantum of solar panel applications in the area and not just this application. Clerk to add comment to the MSDC Planning Portal

7. **To consider and discuss any additional new applications received prior to the meeting** - None

8. **To receive items from Councillors** - None

9. **To discuss any correspondence received** - None

10. **To receive items for the next agenda** - None at present

11. **Date and time of next meeting** - TBA

12. **Meeting close** - 10.50am

2026/PLAN/34.....APPROVED.....

Chair, Wortham & Burgate Parish Council