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MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 3RD MARCH 2026 AT 18.30PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, MEMORIAL HALL, FRESHWATER

PRESENT: Councillors Whistance (Chair), Bamford, Betts, Cameron, Chaucer, Cox, Hinton, Hobbs, Jarman, Pakel, Turan, Whyte

CLERK: K Gibson

MINUTES: M Gardiner

Members of the Public: 2

1. **APOLOGIES** To receive any apologies for absence.
Councillors Armstrong and Seely
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**
To receive any declarations of pecuniary or non-pecuniary (personal) interests relating to items on the agenda. **NONE**
3. **MINUTES**
To agree the minutes of the meeting held on 17th February 2026 (**PAPER A**).
It was proposed to agree the minutes of the meeting held on 17th February 2026 (BH/FT)
AGREED
4. **INVITE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK ON A PLANNING APPLICATION ON THE AGENDA, AT THE CHAIRMAN'S DISCRETION.**
One member of the public spoke about Southern Waters sewage/water recycling scheme.
5. **UPDATES FROM LAST MEETING AND IWC PLANNING DECISIONS.**

26/00013/CLEUD Gate House, Gate Lane, Freshwater, Isle of Wight, PO40 9QT
Lawful development certificate for retention of outbuilding being used as an independent residential living unit in breach of condition on P/01842/09 **REFUSED**
6. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS TO BE DISCUSSED (AT TIME OF SENDING OUT NOTICE):**

26/00130/HOU – Sandalwood, Afton Road, Freshwater PO40 9TP – Demolition of garage and removal of chimney; proposed single story side extension.

It was resolved to accept the application (DW/CJ) **AGREED**

7. UPDATE ON PLANNING APPEAL FOR LAND TO THE EAST OF BIRCH CLOSE AND NORTH OF SOLENT GARDENS, FRESHWATER.

The Clerk gave a verbal update – the LPA response is as follows:

In our view the appeal decisions confirm that the question of whether the decision was lawfully implemented or not is a matter for us (the local planning authority) to consider. Having read all three appeals, we have not seen anything that would alter our opinion that the development was not lawfully commenced.

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Southern Water sewage recycling scheme

9. DATE FOR THE NEXT MEETING. 17th March 2026.

Meeting closed at 18.49pm