

**LECKHAMPSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL**  
**DRAFT Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on**  
**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2026 at 7.00pm**  
**in Leckhampstead Village Hall**

**Councillors present:**

Lesley Smith (Chair)  
Simon Krelle  
Tessa White  
Kevin Sims

**In attendance:**

Joanna Taylor (Parish Clerk)  
9 visitors

**01. Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllr Osibogun.

**02. Declarations of Interest relating to items on this agenda**

No interests were declared.

**03. Items to be discussed: Planning Application:**

**25/00626/APP - Change of use and conversion of existing redundant agricultural building to commercial/storage use (use class B8) with associated surface water drainage infrastructure and additional passing bay to access road. Weatherhead Farm, Barrett's End, Leckhampstead, Buckinghamshire MK18 5NP**

Cllr Smith welcomed all and explained the meeting was to discuss the Parish Council's re-consultation of this change of use application at Weatherhead Farm based on further response documentation submitted by the applicant.

Cllr Smith opened the floor and asked for comments to be kept brief and factual. All residents in attendance spoke and all objected to the application. The main issues being:

- The application has been ongoing for more than a year and all previous objections still apply; the applicant has been seeking this change of use for 18 years;
- The village is not suitable for HGVs or LGVs and Barrett's End is a no through road;
- A significant increase in the traffic already being experienced, especially down Barrett's End where 87 movements have been recorded in one day. Average movements are now between 80-100 per day;
- Existing usage is causing damage the road surfaces and grass verges – up to 1m of verge has been lost in places;
- Existing usage is causing damage to a wall at Lower Farm House;
- The removing of the grass triangle at the junction is unacceptable – it is a feature of the village;

- The passing bays are totally excessive and have not been requested by residents;
- The passing bays are too far apart, in the wrong places and the measurements, submitted by the applicant, are incorrect. Two HGV's or LGV's will not be able to pass each other; residential properties will be significantly impacted;
- The survey data from December 2025 shows measurements with the hedges cut back – this not a true representation as once they grow, the passing bays will encroach on the hedgerows with no buffer;
- Impact of current farm diversification on residents is already significant – and the applicants additional camping activities planned for 2026 will lead to more traffic from all types of vehicles including equipment deliveries and users;
- The dry evacuation route to the A422 should be explored as an alternative entrance;
- Diversification should be ancillary and must not overtake the main agricultural activities; Peak diversification has already been reached.
- The wide use requested is excessive and cannot be accommodated by the farm's location;
- The application will lead to industrialisation of Barrett's Lane and the wider village.
- New housing developments in Maids Moreton will lead to more traffic on South End – the cumulative effect of both applications needs to be considered.

Cllr Smith thanked all for their comments and explained the open session was now closed. The Clerk noted copies of six new public objections had been received.

Councillors present had recently visited Barret's End and had reviewed the additional information and the objections. All councillors have significant and continuing concerns with this application and the Council's previous objections submitted on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2025 and 29<sup>th</sup> October 2025 still apply.

Discussions took place regarding the Highway's Officers comments; the alternative dry evacuation route; the inaccuracies identified in the applicant's response documents; the wide scope of use classification; the use of passing bays (these will not provide a safe solution along Barrett's End) and the impact of cumulative diversification on all residents.

Councillors unanimously agreed to continue the Parish Council's objection to the application. The Clerk agreed to draft a response for approval and submission to Buckinghamshire Council's planning team by the end of the week.

#### **04. Date of next meeting**

The Clerk confirmed the next full meeting will take place on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2026 at 7.00pm.

**The meeting ended at 7.55pm**

**Clerk to the Parish Council  
6<sup>th</sup> March 2026**