

LECKHAMPSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL
DRAFT Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on
Tuesday 7th April 2026 at 7.00pm
in Leckhampstead Village Hall

Councillors present:

Tessa White (Vice Chair)

Simon Krelle

Kevin Sims

In attendance:

Joanna Taylor (Parish Clerk)

8 visitors

01. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Osibogun, Cllr Schaeffer, Cllr Stuchbury & Cllr Smith

02. Declarations of Interest relating to items on this agenda

No interests were declared.

03. Items to be discussed: Planning Application:

26/00005/NONDET - 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 (appeal.) Weatherhead Farm, Barretts End, Leckhampstead, Buckinghamshire MK18 5NP

Cllr White welcomed all and explained the meeting was to discuss the appeal to the Planning Inspectorate recently submitted by Weatherhead Farm for non determination. Cllr White confirmed the decision on the development will now be made by the Planning Inspectorate and not Buckinghamshire Council.

Cllr White opened the floor and asked for comments. All residents in attendance spoke with main issues being:

- The visibility splays noted by the applicant are incorrect. The Planning Inspectorate should be given the correct information at all points along Barrett's End and the wider village.
- The response provided by Buckinghamshire Council's Highways Officer in relation to the passing bays must be challenged – recent video evidence and photographs show a HGV having to reverse up Barrett's End in close proximity to pedestrians and a parked car. The proposed location of the passing bays will not prevent this or other similar incidents from occurring.
- Barrett's End is deteriorating and the verges are purposely being eroded.
- Increased vehicles speeds have been noted. All users (including dog walkers and riders) use the lane with extreme caution.

- The proposals breach the Highway Code.
- Barrett's End has no street lights.
- The farm is at maximum diversification.
- The vehicle data is incorrect and current diversification vehicle movements have been significantly under reported.
- The site boundary drawings are unclear regarding the grass triangle at the junction of South End/Barrett's End. Removing and/or constant erosion of this village feature is unacceptable.
- It will set a precedent for subsequent developments.
- The dry evacuation route to the A422 must be explored as an alternative entrance.

Discussions took place regarding the Planning Inspectorate appeal process. Those who had previously objected to original application 25/00626/APP had also objected to this appeal.

CLlr White thanked all for their comments and closed the open section of the meeting.

Discussion took place regarding the appeal submission. Those Councillors present had reviewed the documents but remain significantly concerned about the impact of this change of use development on all residents. All previous objections continue to apply and the Clerk will request the Planning Inspectorate visit Barrett's End to fully appreciate the impacts.

The Clerk will draft a response for approval and submission by the deadline of 14th April 2026.

04. Date of next meeting

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

The meeting ended at 7.40pm

Clerk to the Parish Council

9th April 2026