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PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Date of Meeting: 17th June 2025

Held At: 17:00 in the West Dean Centre

Meeting Ended 17.55

Present: Cllrs S Dunford, B Freshwater, S Yeates & S Lewis

Clerks: J Miles & P Holland

		Actions
1	Apologies None	
2	Declaration of Interest Cllr Yeates declared his role as a Heritage Expert.	
3	Minutes of the last meeting The minutes from the meeting held on 20 th May 2025 were agreed as an accurate record and signed by Cllr Dunford	
4	Notes of the last meeting The notes from the cancelled meeting on 3 rd June 2025 (WDPC comments) were agreed as an accurate record and signed by Cllr Dunford	
5a	<u>5a) Bream Ward</u> <i>Please note that for Bream planning applications the Parish Council policy is that for new developments consisting of two or more dwellings, a cattle (sheep) grid must be provided.</i>	
5b	<u>5b) Berry Hill Ward</u> <i>Please note that planning applications for the Berry Hill and Christchurch wards must be compliant with the Neighbourhood Development Plan for the area.</i> P0611/25/FUL - Devonshire House, Beechwell Lane, Edge End, Coleford. <i>Change of use of land to residential curtilage and erection of an annexe for ancillary use to the main dwellinghouse. - 23.06.25.</i>	

	West Dean Parish Council opposes the application at this time, due to insufficient evidence of both foul and storm (as noted by the flood officer) and the lack of details for access. West Dean Parish Council question if this is a temporary or permanent structure? We request a condition for any future use to be governed by the change of use application. West Dean Parish Council note that it seems apparent that the hedgerow of the southern boundary has been recently removed, which is contrary to the hedgerow regulations 1997 (part of the Environmental Act 1995).	Comment sent to FODDC 19/06/25
5c	5c) Christchurch Ward <i>Please note that planning applications for the Berry Hill and Christchurch wards must be compliant with the Neighbourhood Development Plan for the area.</i>	
5d	5d) Pillowell Ward <i>Please note that planning applications within the Pillowell Ward must be compliant with the Forest Edge South Neighbourhood Plan.</i> P0528/25/FUL - Westbury House, Upper Road, Pillowell, Lydney. <i>Erection of a Garage with associated works. Demolition of existing garage – 19.06.25</i> West Dean Parish Council have no observations P1241/24/FUL – Royal Oak Inn, Park Hill, Whitecroft, Lydney, GL15 4PG Appeal reference – APP/P1615/W/25/3366667 – Change of use from a pub to a residential dwelling with minor internal alterations, no external alteration other than removal of public house signs – 08.07.25 West Dean Parish Councils previous comments still stand. We would like to add that this site is out of the settlement boundary.	Comment sent to FODDC 19/06/25 before mid-day Comment submitted on the Planning Inspectorate Portal 19/06/25
5e	5e) Slings & Ellwood Ward	
5f	5f) Parkend Ward Please note that planning applications within the Parkend Ward must be compliant with the Forest Edge South Neighbourhood Plan.	

6	Heritage Report	
6.1	The planning committee discussed how to move forward with the Heritage Reports that are to be compiled by Cllr Yeates. West Dean Parish Council recommends, as Cllr Yeates is happy to continue extending the Heritage Report to cover the rest of West Dean Parish, work will be segmented and would initially cover Parkend/Whitecroft, the rest of Forest Edge South and finish with Bream, Elwood and Sling. The council would meet reasonable expenses for maps and other historical data, standard expenses for transport and a nominal fee for the councillor's time. This amount is to be within the scope of West Dean Parish Councils Procurement Policy and national guidelines.	
7	Chairs Items -	
7.1	Cllr S Lewis raised his concerns about the former chip shop site in Whitecroft (P0825/24/FUL – Park Hill, Whitecroft, Lydney, Gloucestershire. GL15 4PF) . It is currently half demolished (possibly an unsafe structure) and should be fenced. It was agreed that the clerk would report the site to FODDC Building Control	Clerk reported to FODDC Building Control 19/06/2025
7.2	West Dean Parish Council will follow up on the concerns raised (Meeting Notes 3rd June 2025 – Letters sent 6th June 2025) about Barnhill Quarry to work 24/7.	Clerk to follow up w/c 23/6/2025
8	Next meeting: 5.00pm, Tuesday 1st July 25 – West Dean Centre, Bream	