

FORDINGBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Planning Committee held on Wednesday 7th May 2025 at 7.30pm in the Town Hall (Minutes subject to approval at the next meeting of the Council)

Present: Cllr Paton - Chair
Cllrs Anstey, Howard, Lewendon, Millar, Shering and White.

In attendance: Rachel Edwards, Asst Town Clerk
Cllr DeBoos (Ringwood Town Council)
3 Representatives from Fordingbridge Greener Living
1 Member of the Public

1. To receive any apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Balthazar, Hinton and Wilson.

2. To receive any Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest.

3. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 9th April 2025 and report any matters arising
Cllr Millar proposed and it was seconded by Cllr Lewendon and therefore **RESOLVED:** that the minutes of the meeting held on the 9th April 2025 be signed as a true record. All who attended in favour.

Matters arising

Agenda item 11 – NFDC have advised that John Bartlett House is currently being deliberately underoccupied whilst they review options for the building. It is not fully empty. The NFDC doesn't deem the current provision of accommodation fit for the future so are reviewing potential options to secure safe and modern accommodation on this site into the future. Regarding Pembridge House, NFDC is aware of Sovereign's intention to empty the building but is not fully cognisant of their long-term plans. Sovereign have struggled to let these properties at times.

4. To receive any matters raised by Members of the Public

A representative from Fordingbridge Greener Living asked for £50k from the Council to help purchase at auction on 16th May 2025, 6.66 acres of woodland between Green Lane and Normandy Way, alongside Sweatfords Water.

[The 3 representatives from Fordingbridge Greener Living left the meeting.]

5. To report any Results on Planning Applications, Appeals, Tree Works Applications & Tree Preservation Orders made

Application 23/11197

SITE: POLICE STATION, 1 STATION ROAD, FORDINGBRIDGE SP6 1JN
(NB: SUBJECT TO UNILATERAL UNDERTAKING)
DESCRIPTION: Change of use to residential (Retrospective)
DECISION: Granted Subject to Conditions

Application 25/10311

SITE: LAND AT REDBROOK FARM, RINGWOOD ROAD,
FORDINGBRIDGE SP6 2ET
DESCRIPTION: Proposed farm track (Prior Approval Application)
DECISION: Details not required to be approved

Application 25/10312

SITE: LAND AT REDBROOK FARM, RINGWOOD ROAD,
FORDINGBRIDGE SP6 2ET
DESCRIPTION: 2 no. agricultural livestock barns (Prior Approval Application)
DECISION: Details not required to be approved

Tree Work Decisions

Case Ref: TPO/25/0093
Proposed Works: Chestnut x 1 Pollard/Reduce tree in height & width by 30%. 3 – 4 metre. Reduction all around.
Reason for Works: Overhanging Two bungalows and Blocking Light.
Site Address: 6 Pembridge Road, Fordingbridge, SP6 1QJ
Decision: Split Decision

Case Ref: TPO/25/0103
Proposed Works: Sycamore x 1 Reduce
Site Address: Forest Court, 5-11 Salisbury Road, Fordingbridge, SP6 1EG
Decision: Grant

Case Ref: TPO/25/0119
Proposed Works: Various works to trees
Site Address: Lillys Cottage, Salisbury Road, Burgate, Fordingbridge, SP6 1LX
Decision: Split Decision

Case Ref: CONS/25/0111
Proposed Works: Yew x 1 Reduce
Site Address: 3 Yew Tree Court, Fordingbridge, SP6 1NP
Decision: Raise No Objections

Case Ref: CONS/25/0112
Proposed Works: Ash - Reduce
Conifer - Reduce
Site Address: 15 Diamond Close, Fordingbridge, SP6 1NR
Decision: Raise No Objections

Tree Preservation Orders made

TPO No. TPO/0004/25 was confirmed by the New Forest District Council without amendment on 28 April 2025.

TPO Number TPO/0004/25
TPO Title LAND AT BURGATE MANOR, SALISBURY ROAD, BURGATE,
FORDINGBRIDGE
Location BURGATE MANOR, SALISBURY ROAD, BURGATE, SP6 1EF

6. To consider new Planning Applications

APPLICATION NO:	24/10809
TYPE:	Reserved Matters
SITE:	Land To West Of, Whitsbury Road, Fordingbridge
DESCRIPTION:	Reserved matters application for 74 residential dwellings and associated Alternative Natural Recreational Greenspace, public open space and ancillary infrastructure, and discharge of conditions 7,12,15,17,18,21,22,23,25,27,28,29,30,31, 32,33,34,36,38,40 & 41. (Details of appearance, landscaping, layout & scale, pursuant to Outline Planning Permission 21/10052)
APPLICANT:	- - Pennyfarthing Homes
DECISION:	Cllr White proposed and it was seconded by Cllr Lewendon and therefore RESOLVED: to recommend REFUSAL under PAR4 as the NFDC consultees are not happy and therefore Fordingbridge Town Council cannot support this application either. All in favour. <i>[Cllr DeBoos left the meeting.]</i>

APPLICATION NO:	24/11014
TYPE:	Full Planning Permission
SITE:	Land South Of Fordingbridge Road, Fordingbridge SP6 3EL
DESCRIPTION:	Access alterations, retention of hard surfacing, change of use from agricultural to a sawmill production yard and 2no. shipping containers (part retrospective)
APPLICANT:	Mr Huzzey
DECISION:	Cllr Lewendon proposed and it was seconded by Cllr Anstey and therefore RESOLVED: to recommend REFUSAL under PAR4 due to noise concerns, and also concerns about lorries having insufficient space to pass on Bowerwood Road and accessing and egressing the site close to the brow of a hill. All in favour.

APPLICATION NO:	25/10403
TYPE:	Variation / Removal of Condition
SITE:	34 WAVERLEY ROAD, FORDINGBRIDGE SP6 1EX
DESCRIPTION:	Variation of Condition 2 of approved application 24/10577 to allow increase in size of rear extension, roof changed from pitched to flat and walls changed from brick to cladding
APPLICANT:	Mr JAMES
DECISION:	Cllr White proposed and it was seconded by Cllr Howard and therefore RESOLVED: to recommend PERMISSION under PAR3 as there is no impact on the street scene and it provides additional living accommodation. All in favour.

APPLICATION NO:	25/10416
TYPE:	Full Planning Permission
SITE:	BREWERS COTTAGE, BARTONS ROAD, FORDINGBRIDGE SP6 1JD
DESCRIPTION:	Timber Frame Gazebo (Retrospective)
APPLICANT:	Mr Howlett
DECISION:	Cllr Millar proposed and it was seconded by Cllr White and therefore RESOLVED: to recommend PERMISSION under PAR3 as it is nicely constructed, there are no issues with neighbouring properties, and there is no impact on the street scene. All in favour.

7. To consider new Tree Works Applications

No tree works applications

8. To consider any Licensing Act 2003 applications

Members noted the following application.

Our Ref:	TEN 11984 / LICTE/25/01782 - PT
Date:	09 April 2025
Application Type:	Temporary Events Notice
Date(s) Of Proposed Event:	10/05/2025 11:00:00 to 10/05/2025 17:30:00
Premise Address:	Fordingbridge Recreation Ground, Ringwood Road, Fordingbridge, SP6 1AN
Applicant Details:	Downton Brewery Company Martin Strawbridge
Event Details:	Outdoor VE Day celebration Mobile bar The sale by retail of alcohol - on and off the premises 10th May 2025 11.00 hrs to 17.30 hrs 400 Persons

9. To receive an update on the Neighbourhood Plan

The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group held their first formal consultation event at the Town Hall on Thursday 1st May 2025, with representatives from local groups and organisations. Cllr Paton reported that the event was well attended and well run by Richard Eastham from Fera Urbanism, with lots of contributions from the public and a good response from the schools.

10. To note any items of correspondence

Nothing to report.

11. To receive a report from the Clerk or any other relevant planning business

Nothing to report.

12. To note the date of the next meeting as Wednesday 11th June 2025

The meeting closed at 8:09 pm.