ALDWICK PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the **PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL**
Held on **3rd November 2026 at 7.00 pm** in the Aldwick Parish Council Chamber.

Those present: Cllrs J Rufey (Chair), Cllr A Patel & Cllr D Thas. There were no members of the public.

In attendance: Ms A Colban (Assistant Clerk)

The meeting opened at 7.00pm.

38. Apologies for Absence
Apologies were received and reason approved from Cllr G Purser and Cllr M Warden for personal commitments. Apologies accepted by all.

39. Declarations of Interest – None

40. Approval of Minutes
It was **RESOLVED** to approve that the Minutes of the meeting held on the 6th October 2026 were a correct record and that the Committee Chair signed them. Cllr D Thas proposed & Cllr A Patel seconded, and all agreed.

41. Any such matters as the Chairman may wish to bring to the attention of the Committee for information only. None

42. Adjournment for Public questions – None

43. Planning Applications
The Committee, having considered the planning applications, **RESOLVED** that its representations be forwarded to Arun District Council, attached to these Minutes as Appendix 1.

44. Date and time of next Planning Committee Meeting
1st December 2026.

The meeting closed at 7.25pm.

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CHAIRMAN

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DATED

Appendix 1

Planning Applications considered at the meeting held 3rd November 2026 and Parish Council's recommendations to Arun District Council

AW/169/26/T – 86 Royal Bay Court Barrack Lane Aldwick PO21 4DG
Crown raise to 1 No. Pine Tree to leave a height of 6m from ground level and a spread of 17m. Removal of 2 No. lowest large lateral limbs and reduction of remaining limbs by 1m to leave a length of 7.5m on easterly and westerly side. **No Objection**

AW/174/26/T – 3 Furse Feld Aldwick PO21 2RE
Fell 1 No. Monterey Pine. **No Objection**

AW/184/26/HH – 4 Leecroft Aldwick PO21 3SY
Rear single storey extension and changes to fenestrations. **No Objection**

AW/188/26/TC Rowan Garth 39 Kingsway Aldwick PO21 4DH
Fell one Smoke bush (T1) (Cotinus Coggygria) within the Craigweil House Conservation Area. The Council O**bjects** to the proposed works on the grounds that the tree appears to be in good health and there is insufficient justification for its removal. Appropriate arboricultural management and routine maintenance would enable the tree to be retained in its current location. Furthermore, during the site inspection, no clear evidence was identified to demonstrate that the tree is causing damage to the adjacent wall.

AW/190/26/T – Craigwell Private Estate Kingsway, Martineau Close and Whychwood Close Aldwick PO21 4DW.
Alder (T1) - Outside 23 Wychwood Close.
The current 2 lowest limbs need removing to restore ground clearance over the verge and adjacent drive of 3m. **No Objection**
Yew (T2) - Outside 30 Wychwood Close.
Prune back the tree's crown spread by 0.5m on the road and drive side. Current crown spread is 2.5m. Once complete the crown spread will be 2m. **No Objection**
Eucalyptus (T3) - Opposite 1 Martineau Close.
Crown lift leaving a final ground clearance of 5m. **No Objection**
Ash (T4) - Outside 52 Kingsway.
Trim back lower limbs by 2m, leaving final crown spread of approx. 4m. **No Objection**
Crab Apple (T5) - Outside 38 Kingsway.
Fell and replace with two limes to extend row of pollard limes. **Object**. The tree appears to be in generally good health and the presence of woolly aphid is not considered sufficient justification for felling. Appropriate management and maintenance measures should be undertaken to control the infestation and retain the tree. Insufficient evidence has been provided to demonstrate that the tree poses a safety risk or is beyond reasonable management.
Magnolia (T6) - Outside 28 Kingsway.
Cut back to remove obstruction to drive. Crown lift to give 3m clearance. **No Objection**
Whitebeam (T7) - Outside 27 Kingsway.
Prune back overhanging growth to 3.5m all round with 2m on northern face. **No Objection**
Crab Apple (T8) - Outside 24 Kingsway.
Fell. **Object.** The tree appears to be in generally good health and the presence of woolly aphid is not considered sufficient justification for felling. Appropriate management and maintenance measures should be undertaken to control the infestation and retain the tree. Insufficient evidence has been provided to demonstrate that the tree poses a safety risk or is beyond reasonable management.
Laburnum (T9) - Shrubbery Outside 14 Kingsway.
Fell. **Object.** Insufficient evidence has been submitted to justify the felling of the Laburnum tree. No arboricultural, structural, or safety-related grounds have been demonstrated, and no evidence has

been provided to show that retention through appropriate management is not possible. The tree contributes to local amenity and should be retained.
Goat Willow (T10) - Shrubbery Outside 14 Kingsway.
Pollard the tree leaving a main stem/structure at a final height of 3m. This will involve removing approx. 5m of growth from the tree. **No Objection**
Ash (T11) - Shrubbery outside 8 Kingsway.
Reduce height of dead trunk by half to approx. 3m. **No Objection**
Elm (T12) - Outside 5 Kingsway.
Fell to stump level. **Object**. The application provides insufficient evidence to justify the felling of the tree. Although Dutch Elm Disease is alleged, no photographic evidence or has been submitted to confirm the diagnosis or demonstrate that felling is necessary. The Council considers that further evidence should be provided before the loss of the tree is considered.