

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING, TOWN & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Held on Friday 5th June 2026 at 10.00am at Ringwood Gateway, The Furlong, Ringwood.

PRESENT: Cllr Luke Dadford (Chair)
Cllr Mary DeBoos (Vice Chair)
Cllr Janet Georgiou
Cllr John Haywood
Cllr Peter Kelleher

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs Jo Hurd, Deputy Town Clerk
Nicola Vodden, Office Manager

ABSENT: Cllr James Swyer
Cllr Glenys Turner

P/6583 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were six members of the public present for agenda items.

P/6584 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs Swyer and Turner.

P/6585 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr DeBoos indicated that she would leave the room for agenda item 8 as Greening Ringwood had previously listed RACE as a “competing or similar organisation” in an application for grant aid from the Council.

P/6586 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meetings held on 1st May and 27th May 2026, having been circulated, be approved and signed as a correct record.

P/6587 LAND OFF MOORTOWN LANE

Representatives of Persimmon Homes (Charles Church), who will be delivering part of Phase 1 (planning application 26/10360) and currently consulting on Phase 2, and planning agents Savills, introduced themselves to the Committee.

Details were provided on the current planning application for variation of condition 5 of application 21/11723 to amend house designs for Phase 1A, along with a brief overview of proposals for Phase 2 and timeframes. A public consultation event had been held on 21st May, which councillors had attended.



The Senior Planning Manager from Persimmon Homes proposed to attend the Council's Planning Committee meetings to provide an update and answer questions from the Council and members of the public. It was requested that any questions are submitted through the Deputy Town Clerk. Members considered application 26/10360 later in the meeting (*P/6588 refers*).

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS

With the agreement of members, application 26/10419 2 Market Place was brought forward due to those present.

26/10419 2 Market Place - The developer provided an update on 2 Market Place, indicating that a lot of the internal works and demolition had been done and the external works, including the roof, should start in the next few weeks. He expected the works to be complete by the end of the year. This application is for an additional unit to enhance the development and provide a dwelling above existing parking spaces.

RESOLVED: That the observations summarised in *Annex A* be submitted and decisions made under delegated powers be noted.

ACTION N Vodden / J Hurd

P/6589

STRATEGIC SITES

Land off Crow Lane / Crow Arch Lane (Beaumont Park) - *see note referring to the footpath (P/6590 refers).*

Land north of Hightown Road (21/10042) – no update.

Land off Moortown Lane (21/11723 and Land off Crow Lane 23/10707) – *see item earlier in the meeting (P/6587 refers).*

2 Market Place (24/11105) – *see update and further application 26/10419 considered earlier in the meeting (P/6588 refers).*

Snails Lane (25/10114) – The application has been referred to the Secretary of State for non-determination. This will be dealt with by the Planning Inspectorate through an Inquiry. There is an opportunity to submit further comments by 6th July. It was agreed there would be no further comments on the appeal.

It was noted that Cllr Haywood is the Vice Chair of Ellingham, Harbridge and Ibsley Parish Council, which has also commented on the Snails Lane application, as the site falls within that parish.

RESOLVED: That the update on Strategic Sites be noted.

With the agreement of members, agenda item 9 Projects was brought forward.



P/6590
PROJECTS (current and proposed)

Thriving Market Place –

Engagement with stakeholders is continuing. There had been some feedback on the proposal to remove a tree from Gateway Square. That has now been removed from the scheme and the pathway will be realigned, prior to public consultation which has been delayed until August.

In relation to the lying down pig sculpture, the artist hopes to have the preliminary model finished at the end of June. Until more information is available on size, weight and installation, the Deputy Town Clerk is unable to proceed with applications for planning permission and HCC licences.

Cllr Georgiou had been liaising with businesses in Market Place and reported on feedback received. There is an acceptance there will be some disruption, but generally the responses were positive and they are supportive of the project. There has already been some interest in use of the shared space.

Bus Shelters – The Gorley Road bus shelter has been installed.

Crow Lane footpath – HCC is preparing a project appraisal report for approval, with a view to starting works in August or September.

MLW bench – Has been installed in Market Place.

At 11:33am, Cllr DeBoos left the meeting.

RESOLVED: That the update on projects (*Annex C*) be noted.

ACTION J Hurd

P/6591
GREENING PHASE 3

Members considered the Deputy Town Clerk's report and the recommendations therein (*Annex B*). Cllrs Kelleher and Haywood put themselves forward as Council representatives for Phase 3.

Members wished to pass on congratulations to Greening Ringwood for Ringwood being chosen as a pilot for the next phase. This was the result of a lot of hard work.

RESOLVED: That Cllrs Kelleher and Haywood be appointed as Council representatives for Greening Ringwood Phase 3.

ACTION J Hurd

P/6592
NFDC/NFPA PLANNING COMMITTEE

It was noted that NFDC's Planning Committee is on 10th June. An update had been received in relation to TPO/0022/25 – 24 Hurst Road. The TPO had been made but needs to be confirmed.



An objection has been received from a neighbouring dwelling, so the matter will be determined by the Committee. It was noted that RTC supported the making of the TPO and no further representation would be made.

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COMMUNICATIONS**

It was suggested that there be some publicity to indicate the Moortown Lane developers' intention to attend the Council's monthly Planning Committee meetings to provide an update and answer questions, and that members of the public submit questions and communicate via the Council.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 11:41am.

RECEIVED
24th June 2026

APPROVED
3rd July 2026

TOWN MAYOR

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Note: The text in the Action Boxes above does not form part of these minutes.

Annex A to Planning, Town Environment Committee Minutes 5th June 2026
Ringwood Town Council - Planning Observations - NFDC

Number	Site Address	Proposal	Observation	Comments
26/10034	42 North Poulner Road, Ringwood. BH24 1SP	Outbuilding in front garden of the property	Refusal (4)	The Committee felt the proposal was out of keeping and would have a negative impact on the street scene. It would result in a loss of amenity, which was already limited, and a loss of parking provision. In addition, the proposed building is forward of the building line and represents an intensification of building form, therefore being contrary to the Ringwood Local Distinctiveness SPD.
26/10336	Moortown House, Christchurch Road, Ringwood. BH24 3AN	Re-instate approx. 8.8 m of perimeter wall. (Application for Listed Building Consent)	Permission (1)	The Committee made this recommendation subject to the Tree Officer and the Conservation Officers concerns being addressed.
26/10360	SS13 Land off Moortown Lane, Ringwood.	Variation of condition 5 of application 21/11723 to amend the house designs in Phase 1A	Refusal (4)	The Committee made this recommendation due to the size of the study room of the Knebworth design being the same as the second bedroom; the garage doors being an entirely different design to the Crest Nicholson homes resulting in a lack of cohesion across the whole site and street scene; and non-compliance with RNP Policy R10. The concerns of the Highways and Conservation Officers was also noted.
26/10419	2, Market Place, Ringwood. BH24 1AY	Erect building over existing parking spaces to create 1no. 2-bedroom flat	Permission (1)	

1 - Recommend Permission, but would accept officer's decision 2 - Recommend Refusal but would accept officer's decision 3 - Recommend Permission 4 - Recommend Refusal
5 - Will accept officer's decision

Number	Site Address	Proposal	Observation	Comments
26/10432	Poulner Junior School, North Poulner Road, Ringwood. BH24 3LA	Alterations to provide additional car parking spaces, areas of hardstanding, a play area and fencing	Permission (1)	It was noted that the application is incorrect, in that it states there are no trees within the site boundary, however some fruit trees have been planted on the northern boundary where it is proposed to extend the parking provision. An assurance was requested that if there is a need to remove the trees, that they are replanted.
26/10486	66 Northfield Road, Ringwood. BH24 1LX	Outbuilding to be used as utility/storage, study and workshop; existing garage/workshop to be demolished	Permission (1)	The Committee was concerned about future use of the building in that it could become an annex to the main dwelling. In this case, there should be a 'Grannys Law' condition to prevent it becoming a separate dwelling.
26/10494	The Stables, 30 New Street, Ringwood. BH24 3AD	Use of existing office building in to one 1 bedroom house	Permission (1)	The Committee requested the Planning Officer be content with the parking arrangements.
CONS/26/0266	Androse Gardens, Bickerley Road, Ringwood, BH24 1EG	Ash x 3 Fell Hazel x 1 Fell Pear x 1 Reduce Beech x 1 Fell	Refusal (2)	The Committee had no objection to the felling of the Ash and Hazel trees and the reduction of the Pear tree. However, members objected to the felling of the Beech tree, as no justification had been provided and their view was that the Beech tree should be managed instead.
TPO/26/0243	20 Morant Road, Ringwood, BH24 1SX	Scots Pine - reduce	Permission (1)	

1 - Recommend Permission, but would accept officer's decision 2 - Recommend Refusal but would accept officer's decision 3 - Recommend Permission 4 - Recommend Refusal
5 - Will accept officer's decision

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Ringwood Town Council - Planning Observations - NFNPA

Number	Site Address	Proposal	Observation	Comments
26/00167FULL	Woodclose, Hangersley Hill, Hangersley, Ringwood BH24 3JN	Replace existing fence to all property borders	Permission (1)	The Committee agreed that although the proposal was contrary to RNP Policy R7 in relation to the height of the replacement fence, given the property's location and the fencing materials proposed, it could be considered appropriate.

1 - Recommend Permission, but would accept officer's decision 2 - Recommend Refusal but would accept officer's decision 3 - Recommend Permission 4 - Recommend Refusal
5 - Will accept officer's decision

Applications decided under delegated powers: to be noted on 5th June 2026

Number	Site Address	Proposal	Decision
Cons/26/0 198	15 Deweys Lane, Ringwood. BH24 1AJ	Ash x 1 Reduce	5.5.26 P(1) Recommend permission, but would accept the Planning Officer decision.
26/10187	House of Styling, Gouldings Farm, Salisbury Road, Ringwood. BH24 3PA	Change of use from former Museum /agricultural building into Class B8 storage and distribution (Retrospective)	5.5.26 P(1) Recommend permission, but would accept the Planning Officer decision.

Planning, Town & Environment Committee – 5 June 2026

Greening Ringwood – Phase Three (Climate Adaptation Programme)

1. Purpose of Report

To note Ringwood's selection to participate in Phase Three of the Greening Ringwood initiative and to consider nomination of councillor and/or officer representation at forthcoming training sessions and associated workshops.

2. Background

2.1 Ringwood Town Council has supported the Greening Ringwood initiative over the past three years as part of a wider Hampshire-wide programme addressing climate change.

2.2 Previous phases have focused on:

- Raising awareness of climate impacts; and
- Delivering practical local projects to mitigate those impacts.

2.3 Phase Three represents the next stage and focuses on climate adaptation and improving long-term community resilience.

2.4 Ringwood has been selected as one of four pilot communities to participate in the programme, which will be delivered by The Greening Campaign in partnership with the Met Office and funded by Hampshire County Council and the National Lottery.

3. Outline Proposal

3.1 The programme will support the development of a Community Adaptation Plan for Ringwood, identifying:

- Potential climate risks over the short, medium and long term; and
- Possible local responses and actions to improve resilience.

3.2 Further information is set out in the attached *Adaptation Resource Overview*.

4. Programme Requirements

4.1 Training Days

Participants will be required to attend three full-day training sessions (all Sundays):

- Sunday 14 June 2026 (likely to be in Liss)
- Sunday 20 September 2026 (likely to be in Ringwood)
- Sunday 15 November 2026 (location TBC)

4.2 Workshops

4.2.1 In addition, participants will be expected to attend follow-up workshops held between the training dates, applying the learning locally and contributing to development of the Adaptation Plan.

4.2.2 Attendance at both training sessions and workshops is expected.

5. Participation and Delivery

5.1 The Town Council has been invited by the Greening Ringwood Coordinator to nominate 1–2 councillors and/or officers to participate in the programme.

5.2 It is understood that officers from New Forest District Council's Climate Change and Emergency Planning teams will also be participating.

6. Considerations

6.1 Members should note that:

- While climate change action has been supported through previous phases of the Greening Ringwood initiative, participation in Phase Three does not currently sit within the Council's agreed Strategy;
- Previous phases were delivered successfully without being formally embedded in the Council's Strategy;
- Participation will require a sustained commitment to attend all training sessions and workshops, and to contribute to development of the Community Adaptation Plan;
- Attendance by officers at the Sunday training sessions would require time off in lieu during the working week, which may impact delivery of existing priorities; and
- The key consideration is whether the Council currently has sufficient capacity to support full and effective participation in the programme.

7. Financial Implications

7.1 There are no direct financial costs associated with participation in the programme, although attendance by councillors and/or officers may give rise to travel expenses.

8. Recommendation

Members are asked to:

8.1 note that Ringwood has been selected to participate in the Phase Three Adaptation Programme;

8.2 consider whether the Council is able to commit sufficient capacity at this time to fully support participation in the programme;

8.3 subject to (8.2), either:

- (a) agree to participate in Phase Three and nominate 1–2 councillors and/or officers to attend the training sessions and associated workshops; or
- (b) request that, if possible, participation be deferred until a future phase, to enable consideration through the Council's normal strategic planning and budget-setting process.

For further information, please contact:

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Understanding
climate impacts to
our community

Understanding who
is most vulnerable in
our community

Producing our own
Community
Adaptation Plan

Four communities have been invited to take part in a trial, funded by the National Lottery and partnered with the Met Office.

Ringwood
Gosport
Hambledon
Central Rural, IOW



Why is this important?

We are all aware that climate change is happening - summers are getting hotter and drier, winters are warmer and wetter, and other changes are taking place. It does not matter whether you believe this is a natural change or one caused by human activity, we need to start to plan ahead and protect our residents, our property, and our way of life.

We will be the first communities to put a plan in place using the Adaptation Resource

What will we be exploring?

We will use Met Office data to understand how the climate in our community may change. We will look at how this may affect our community such as:

- how it may affect our residents
- how it may affect our buildings
- how it may affect our food production
- how it may affect our water supply

What do we mean by impacts?

- Drought
- Excessive Heat
- New insects and disease
- Reduced food security
- Wildfires
- Flooding
- and more

Who will support us?

The Greening Campaign
The Met Office
Dr Pete Walton (Leeds University)
Public Health Hampshire
Hampshire County Council
Local Councils
Action Hampshire
and others

What will we actually do?

3 Adaptation Training Days

Training Day 1 - 14th June

Training Day 2 - 20th September

Training Day 3 - 15th November

Venues tbc

We will be trained by the Met Office, the Greening Campaign and others to learn how to assess risks to our community now and in the future and put a plan in place.

We will join the other communities at a central venue, with the expert organisations, and learn skills to assess our risks and opportunities now and for the future. We will learn about Met Office data, how we understand what will happen in the future, how we can project our community risks and opportunities, and how we can support those most vulnerable.

Throughout this process we must remember that those in our community who have health conditions, are deprived, are marginalised by long standing societal systems, or have other or multiple disadvantage - **will be impacted hardest and fastest by climate impacts.**

This is an opportunity to create a fairer, and more equal future for us all.

Community Workshops

Workshop 1 - Between 15th June - 10th September

Workshop 2 - Between 21th September - 5th November

Workshop 3 - Between 16th November - 17th January

We will decide dates for our workshops which will take place in our community between the training days. We will be supported by experts to assess our community risks and discuss plans for our future. This is an opportunity to have your say and build our future.

Outcome: Our 'Community Adaptation Plan'

We will produce a Community Adaptation Plan that will be shared with our residents that will show what we have identified as risks and opportunities and who we think should be responsible to act.

A plan that outlines a future we want to see

A plan that identifies climate risks and timelines

A plan that identifies opportunities

A plan that gives us a chance to create a new positive future

A plan that outlines who can do what and when together

A plan which gives everyone a chance to have a say

about **OUR** future
and **OUR** community



Who should be involved?

*You do not need prior knowledge
You do need a passion for resilience and change*

Attending the Training Days

We have space for up to 15 people per community

It is important that those attending have time and commitment to take part in the workshops. We want to amplify the quiet voices, disseminate the learning, provide space for everyone to be part of a plan for our future - to do this we need community leaders and those with knowledge of our community.

- Leaders of community groups
- Leaders of faith groups
- Members of those who consider themselves vulnerable or marginalised
- Anyone who has a network who can disseminate information
- Wildlife and Nature groups
- Representatives of family groups and young people such as teachers
- Local Council members
- Resilience forum members
- Representatives of food growers
- Business people
- Housing Associations
- Architects or members of Energy groups
- Health professionals
- Those who understand finance and circular economy

Attending the Workshops - everyone is welcome

We welcome anyone who wants to raise their voice to shape the future & resilience of our community - we will support everyone to be heard.

If you are unable to attend the workshops, we will make sure you still have a voice through an alternative method, so please get in touch to talk this through - every person, opinion and thought matters.

- Young people
- Community elders
- Family members
- Business owners
- People with a passion for nature
- People who grow food
- People who want to learn more
- People who are worried about the future
- People who have ideas, or don't
- People who have knowledge of local history
- People with a passion for energy security

**YOUR FIRST STEP -
MAKE CONTACT WITH OUR COMMUNITY CHAMPION**

Making contact does not commit you to doing anything

Community Champion contact name

Contact details.....



Greening Campaign

hello@greening-campaign.org

greening-campaign.org/climate-adaptation

Planning, Town and Environment Project Oversight Report

1. Introduction and reason for report

This report provides the Committee with an overview of live projects within its remit, enabling members to monitor progress, risks, and financial implications, and to identify where further information or a separate report is required for decision-making.

2. Background

The project planner is updated weekly by officers and forms part of the Council's wider arrangements for project oversight and governance. Projects are reported by exception, with operational delivery managed by officers under existing delegations.

3. Scope of report

This report includes projects within the remit of this Committee only. Projects governed through other Committees are reported separately and are not included here.

Project title	Purpose/intended outcome	Status	Progress update	Key risks/ issues	Next milestone/ decision point	Committee interaction required	Senior Officer (Oversight)	Delivery Lead	Financial position
Crow Stream Maintenance	Annual maintenance of Crow Ditch and Stream in order to keep it flowing and alleviate flooding.	Annual recurrent	Annual spraying of stream banks completed March 2026. Annual flail to be arranged, followed by stream clearance by volunteers. Working with various agencies and local landowners on developing wider project on holding back flood water and increasing outflow. HCC F&WM team investigating issue around The Gate House at the bottom of Crow Hill. Meeting requested with Sarah Reghif, HCC F&WM team. Shared document for flood incident logging created.	Delivery: Volunteer work currently dependent on coordination by and knowledge of Dr Peter Street (also a Council Flood Warden). Annual clearance is dependent on sufficient volunteers coming forward. Wider project also dependent on others.	Annual flail to be booked. Awaiting response from HCC re. meeting.	Note - project update only.	Deputy Town Clerk	Deputy Town Clerk	Budget of £1,000 funded by transfer from earmarked reserve.
Shared Space Concept - Thriving Market Place	Concept for town centre shared space identified through work on the Neighbourhood Plan. Aim is to create a more vibrant and flexible public space and improve connectivity, whilst achieving wider economic benefits.	In progress	Project being led by NFDC with funding allocated from Strategic CIL programme. Consultants appointed to develop a deliverable, costed scheme for approval by NFDC Cabinet. Animal sculpture ordered, to be funded by NFDC from project costs. Stakeholder engagement in progress. Awaiting date for public consultation.	Financial: Funding for delivery yet to be confirmed. Dependency: Progress at this stage is dependent on NFDC.	Public consultation event deferred - new date TBC. NFDC Cabinet date TBC.	Note - project update only.	Deputy Town Clerk	Deputy Town Clerk	HCC funded survey work. £10,000 grant from UKSPF (via NFDC). NFDC Cabinet agreed on 02/10/2024 to allocate a share of £4.5 million CIL funds to the scheme. Additional CIL funding to be considered by NFDC Cabinet.

Bus Shelters	Review of Council owned bus shelters to identify works required to repair and/or replace.	In progress	Action Plan prepared and in use. Funds secured from HCC Parish Council Bus Shelter Grant for new roof on shelter in North Poulner Road and seat behind shelter in Eastfield lane. Funds secured from NFDC CIL to provide a new larger bus shelter in Gorley Road. Taxi Shelter refurbishment approved.	Delivery: Asbestos identified in roof lining of both shelters in Salisbury Road and the one in Mansfield Road - professional removal would be required if any works are proposed.	Gorley Road shelter has been installed. Orders placed for Taxi Shelter and North Poulner Road shelter roof replacement - works expected in June 2026. New seat in Eastfield Lane paused due to unexpected HCC requirement for licence.	Note - project update only.	Deputy Town Clerk	Deputy Town Clerk	£1081 allocated from RTC CIL funds and spent on general repairs. Grant of £8505 secured from NFDC CIL for Gorley Road shelter. Grant of £6319.50 secured from HCC for North Poulner Road and Eastfield Lane shelters. Taxi Shelter £1383 to be funded from RTC CIL.
Speed Indicator Devices	A joint project with Ellingham, Harbridge & Ibsley Parish Council to deploy Speed Indicator Devices at agreed locations around the parishes.	In progress	NFDC CIL funding awarded for purchase of 2 x SIDs. Protocol and locations to be determined. Awaiting feedback on suggested locations from councillors and others.	Delivery: Dependent on agreement of deployment protocol and locations by both councils, and consent from HCC/Enverveo for locations and use of lampposts.	DTC and Cllr Haywood to discuss governance and implementation prior to presenting proposals to Cttee.	To consider implementation plan and proposed locations at April meeting.	Deputy Town Clerk	Deputy Town Clerk / Cllr Haywood	Grant of £6689 secured from NFDC CIL.
Projects delivered by external partners and monitored by officers									
Crow Lane Footpath	New footpath to link Beaumont Park with Hightown Road, alongside west of Crow Lane	In progress	Developers' contributions transferred from NFDC to HCC to implement. HCC preparing project appraisal report for approval, after which the scheme will be tendered for likely start in August or September 2026.			Note - project update only.		HCC	Developers contributions held by HCC.
Memorial Bench for Michael Lingam-Willgoss	Provision of memorial bench in Market Place in memory of Michael Lingam-Willgoss.	Complete	Consent to install bench has been granted by HCC. Legal fees covered by County Cllr Thierry. Installed in May.			Note - project update only.		Ringwood Carnival / Ringwood Rotary	No financial implications.
Review of Speed Limits and Road Safety Measures in Kingston	Request from resident to support addressing speed issues and road safety on B3347 at Kingston.	In progress	Advised resident further evidence is required prior to submitting proposal to HCC. Cllr Frederick liaising with Police and residents regarding setting up Speedwatch group for Christchurch Road.						

4. Recommendation

Members are asked to note the contents of this report.

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