



Minutes of the Full Council Meeting

Held on Wednesday 11th March 2026 in the Wilkins Centre, Compton. Commencing at 7:00 pm.

- Members Present:** Councillor Dave Aldis, Chair
Councillor Linda Moss
Councillor Alison Strong
Councillor Sharon Tiller
Councillor Stephen Tweed
- Members Absent:** Councillor Rebecca Pinfold, Deputy Chair
Councillor Jude Cunningham
Councillor David Sheppard
- Officers Present:** Sarah Marshman, Clerk/RFO
- In Attendance:** Carolyne Culver, District Councillor
6 Members of the Public

Minutes

- 25/198 To receive apologies for absence from Council Members and consider their acceptance**
Resolved: That the apologies submitted by Councillor Rebecca Pinfold for the reasons provided to the council were accepted.
- 25/199 To receive any declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests, Other Registerable Interests, or Non-Registerable Interests, and to consider any requests for dispensation from Members declaring a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest**
There were no declarations of interest or requests for dispensation.
- 25/200 To receive:
Questions or comments from members of the public regarding items on the agenda
Representations from any member who has declared an Other Registerable Interest or a Non-Registerable Interest**
Two residents spoke regarding planning application 26/00261/RESMAJ. The following points were raised:
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- Concern about contradictions between the submitted plans and the information presented by the developers at their recent public consultation.
- Concern about the proposed openings onto Hockham Road, noting that it is a single-track lane with restricted access.
- Concern about the impact on the village foul water network, including the unresolved issue in the outline permission decision notice, where the condition was intended to state that no dwellings could be occupied until the network had been upgraded.

25/201 To approve the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 2nd March 2026

Resolved: Members agreed that the minutes of the last meeting be accepted as a true record. The Chair of the Meeting signed the minutes.

25/202 Planning Applications:

25/202.1 To consider the following new planning applications:

26/00261/RESMAJ Institute For Animal Health, High Street, Compton, Newbury, RG20 7NN - Reserved Matters application for the approval of appearance, landscaping, layout, and scale for the erection of 160 residential dwellings including public open spaces, landscaping pursuant to Outline planning permission 20/01336/OUTMAJ: Hybrid planning application seeking: 1) Outline planning permission (all matters reserved with the exception of access), for development comprising of up to 160 residential units (Class C3), the provision of landscaping, construction of access and street lighting, car and cycle parking, other associated infrastructure, sustainable drainage systems, engineering works and mitigation measures including the construction of internal roads. The proposal includes at least 1.75 hectares of employment land (Class B1) associated with the retention of the Intervet building and a playing field (Class D2) associated with the retention of the existing Cricket Pitch. 2) Full planning permission for the demolition of existing buildings, structures and hardstanding along with preparatory works including earthworks, remediation, utility works and associated mitigation measures. The change of use of land including the creation of public open space and wildlife area.

Resolved: That the Council objects to planning application 26/00261/RESMAJ on the grounds set out in the Council's *Standing Statement on Foul Water Network Capacity (February 2026)* and in the planning consultant's advice note, and that the following actions be taken:

- The objection shall request reinstatement of the condition from the outline permission requiring that no dwellings be occupied until the foul water network has been upgraded, together with the legal points raised by the planning legal consultant regarding that condition in previous correspondence with the West Berkshire Council.

- The planning consultant shall be instructed to prepare a draft letter of objection based on their earlier correspondence and relevant public comments, for the Council to submit alongside its other documents.
- The Council shall submit the drainage-specific letter and the *Standing Statement on Foul Water Network Capacity (February 2026)* as part of its objection.
- Both the planning consultant and the planning legal consultant shall be instructed to represent the Council at the planning committee meeting.

25/202.2 To consider whether to request the District Councillor calls in any planning applications to the Western Area Planning Committee

It was noted that as application 26/00261/RESMAJ is a major application, it will automatically be reviewed by the Western Area Planning Committee.

25/202.3 To consider whether to refer any planning applications for further response from the Council's planning consultants

It was noted that, as agreed in Minute 25/202.1, the planning consultant will be instructed to provide a letter of objection for application 26/00261/RESMAJ.

25/202.4 To receive a report on recent planning decisions taken by West Berkshire Council

West Berkshire Council has reported no decisions since the last Parish Council meeting.

25/203 To discuss matters for future consideration or information

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 7:24 pm.

Date and time of next scheduled meeting: Monday 13th April 2026 at 7 pm

Chair: _____

Date: _____

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