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These are the unadopted Minutes of a Planning Committee Meeting of Crookham Village Parish Council held at Zebon Community Centre at 7.15pm on Monday 15 June 2026. Please refer to the Planning Committee Minutes of the next meeting for any corrections.

Present:

Cllr David Jackson

Cllr Julia Ambler

Cllr Simon Ambler

Cllr Dr Indra Sinka

Cllr Andrew Friend

Anna Wierzbinska (Deputy Clerk)

1. Election of Chairman

RESOLVED: Cllr David Jackson elected as a Chairman of Planning Committee.

2. Apologies for Absence

None.

3. Chairman's Announcements

Chairman advising of lates planning application for 2 Cross Farm REF:26/00986/LBC and proposed to respond to it without any objections. Deputy Clerk to send response.

4. Minutes of the Planning Meeting of 16 March 2026

Minutes were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

5. Declarations of interests in any matter on the agenda

None.

6. Consider Crime & Disorder Implications

The Chairman reminded members of their duty to consider any crime and disorder implications that might arise from any decision that they might make at the meeting.

7. Public Participation (maximum of 3 minutes per speaker)

8. Planning Application 26/00856/FUL

Conversion of two flats into single dwelling, erection of single storey front/rear extension, installation of solar panels and external changes

At: 1 Hill House West, Crondall Road, Fleet, GU51 5SS.

RESOLVED: No objections.

9. Planning Application 26/00874/HOU

Erection of a single storey side extension and insertion of one window ground floor rear

At: 1 Springfield Crescent, Church Crookham, Fleet, GU52 0AN.

RESOLVED: No objections.

10. Hart Local Plan Consultation

Cttee discussed in detail the answers to the consultation questions.

Q1: Do you have any views on how we should address this challenge, or where we should focus growth?

A: Growth should be focused on large greenfield sites allowing for a detailed masterplan to be put in place to provide appropriate infrastructure.

Expandable community-focused sites are needed rather than further extensions to the outskirts of existing settlements. Previous growth has created small dormitory settlements without the supporting infrastructure. Major future growth should be concentrated in areas capable of further expansion.

The Plan should recognize that it will be implemented under a new unitary authority and should consider transport, schools and other infrastructure that will be under Unitary control.

Q2: Are there any groups in our communities whose needs should be better met?

A: Hart probably already has adequate provision for older residents and such developments traditionally take a long time to sell. Greater emphasis should be given to truly affordable dwellings for local people to meet local demand, particularly smaller dwellings for younger people and younger families. Some elements of the community appear to be better served than others in this respect. Demand should be researched rather than assumed.

Q3: How should the Plan support economic growth?

A: In line with Hart Economic Development Strategy, careful consideration should be given to including a viable mix of business units in any new development. Previous examples of developer-led provision, rather than demand led provision, has resulted in zero uptake of the space and the land allocated being used for further housing. Virtually every recent development in the area which has included employment provision has ended up with additional dwellings instead due to the lack of demand. The Council should follow its own evidence rather than simply what developers wish to provide.

Q4: How should the Plan support our town and village centres?

A: A variety of retail businesses should be encouraged to avoid an excess of a particular type.

By including a variety of low cost small units to encourage and support local start-up businesses. It is recognized that business rates and overheads remain a major issue for such businesses and perhaps some consideration could be given to mitigating this.

Q5: How can the Plan deliver well-designed, healthy and sustainable places?

A: Communities should be built with local facilities rather than dormitory estates.

Q6: What infrastructure issues or challenges do we face and how can they be overcome?

A: Hampshire County Council will not exist by the time the Plan is adopted.

Unitary-level infrastructure planning should be fully incorporated into the planning process for all major sites.

Given the likely emphasis on major developments in the new plan, fully-planned infrastructure provision must be treated as essential.

Failure to deliver promised infrastructure should have consequences for developers.

Q7: How should the Local Plan protect and enhance the natural and historic environment?

A: Significant new development will inevitably affect the natural environment whatever mitigation is proposed.

Assessments should consider the wider area rather than individual sites in isolation.

The overall effect of development should be considered.

The design of major sites should include wildlife corridors with smaller sanctuary areas and footways through the site to separate pedestrians and cyclists from traffic.

Existing footpaths and links between settlements should be protected where possible.

Q8: Are there any specific natural or historic assets in Hart that warrant a separate local plan policy?

A: Hart is a mosaic of small conservation areas which should be recognized.

Areas deserving separate protection policies should be identified and considered.

Q9: How should we address climate change in the Local Plan?

A: Well planned infrastructure and public transport would help minimize unnecessary car journeys.

However, realistic provision for car ownership should still be made where ideal solutions cannot be achieved.

Q10: What aspects of Hart do you value and want to protect?

A: The Plan should balance long-term development with infrastructure requirements.

A wider view should be taken of the effect on ecology and the natural environment, including rivers, canals and streams.

The overall impact should be considered rather than looking at individual elements in isolation.

Q11: What aspirations do you have for the future of the area?

A: Protection against climate change should remain important.

Hart should retain its predominantly rural and semi-rural character, with emphasis placed on preserving those qualities.

Q12: What kind of development would you like to see more of?

A: Recognition should be given to the fact that large housing estates in the countryside are often not visually attractive.

Endless brick walls and repetitive layouts should be avoided.

Greater emphasis should be placed on higher design standards.

Q13: What should the Plan priorities include?

A: Emphasis should be placed on maintaining Hart's semi-rural character.

Protection of the natural environment, high quality design, affordable housing and variety should all be priorities.

Meeting finished 20.06pm