

HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of the DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE held in THE CIVIC SUITE (LANCASTER/STIRLING ROOMS), PATHFINDER HOUSE, ST MARY'S STREET, HUNTINGDON, PE29 3TN on Monday, 21 September 2026

PRESENT: Councillor W Smith – Chair.

Councillors L Davenport-Ray, P Gammons, S Hodgson-Jones, A Hunt, J Hunt, D N Keane, J E Kerr, D McIlwain, D L Mickelburgh, J Neish, T D Sanderson and L M Simpson.

APOLOGIES: None.

18 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 17th August 2026 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

19 MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Regarding Minute No 20 (a), all Members placed on record that fact that they had received two unsolicited e-mails in support of the application, but they had not responded to them.

D Mickelburgh declared a Non-Registrable Interest in Minute No 20 (b) by virtue of the fact that the application related to the Ward she represented and confirmed that she had not taken part in any discussion on it by the Parish Council.

20 APPLICATIONS REQUIRING REFERENCE TO DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The Planning Service Manager (Development Management) submitted reports (copies of which are appended in the Minute Book) on applications for development to be determined by the Committee. Members were advised of further representations, which had been received since the reports had been prepared. Whereupon, it was

RESOLVED

- a) **Installation of a solar photovoltaic (PV) park generating up to 35 MW, comprising ground-mounted solar arrays, substations, internal access tracks, security fencing, and associated infrastructure - Land North of Vicarage Lane, Diddington - 23/00258/FUL**

(E Thornhill, Applicant, addressed the Committee on the application).

See Minute No 19 for Members' interests.

that the application be approved subject to conditions to include those listed in Section 9 of the report now submitted with delegated authority being given to the Head of Planning, Infrastructure & Public Protection to approve any amendments to conditions as deemed necessary.

- b) Outline planning permission (all matters reserved except for means of access) for the development of up to 70 dwellings, open space, play area, landscaped areas and associated infrastructure - Land south of Blenheim Grove, Offord Darcy - 25/01738/OUT**

(Councillor S Young, Offord Cluny and Offord Darcy Parish Council, B Mickelburgh, Ward Member, and A Wright, Agent, addressed the Committee on the application).

See Minute No 19 for Members' interests.

At 8.48 pm the meeting was adjourned.

At 8.58 pm the meeting resumed.

that the application be approved subject to conditions and the completion of a Section 106 agreement, with delegated authority being given to the Head of Planning, Infrastructure & Public Protection to approve any amendments to conditions as deemed necessary or refused in the event that the Section 106 agreement referred to above has not been completed and the Applicant is unwilling to agree to an extended period for determination, or on the grounds that the Applicant is unwilling to complete the obligation necessary to make the development acceptable.

21 APPEAL DECISIONS

The Committee received and noted a report by the Planning Service Manager (Development Management), which contained details of four recent decisions by the Planning Inspectorate. A copy of the report is appended in the Minute Book.

RESOLVED

that the contents of the report be noted.

Chair