

**DRAFT MINUTES FOR THE PLANNING, CONTRACT AND WORKS COMMITTEE OF
PRUDHOE TOWN COUNCIL held on THURSDAY 9th APRIL 2026 at 7:00PM
at The Spetchells Centre, Meeting Rooms 1 & 2 Front Street, Prudhoe, NE42 5AA**

Present:

Cllr Gerry Price (Chair), Cllr Chris Barrett, Cllr Dot Dickinson, Cllr Bryan Futers, Cllr Jane Johnson, Cllr Valerie Leslie, Cllr Glenn Simpson, Cllr Mike Smith, Cllr Carol Stephenson, Cllr Holly Waddell, Cllr Jonathan Wheeler

PCW2627/001 Welcome by Chair

Meeting opened by Chair Cllr Gerry Price.

Cllr Price expressed his sincere thanks to fellow councillors for the card and kind wishes received during his recent period of absence. He also extended his appreciation to Cllr Wheeler for undertaking the role of Chair and presiding over meetings in his absence,

PCW2627/002 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Kiran Bell, Cllr Angie Scott, Cllr Ignasious Varghese

PCW2627/003 Declarations of Interest

None received.

PCW2627/004 Dispensations

None received.

PCW2627/005 Public Participation

No items of public participation had been received.

PCW2627/006 Draft Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting including Planning, Contracts and Works Committee held on 26th March 2026.

It was **AGREED** to receive the minutes as a true record.

PCW2627/007 Planning Matters

a) *Planning Applications requiring a response.*

It was **AGREED** to receive and agree a response to the following Planning Applications, received since 26th March 2026. To view planning applications, please visit the [planning portal](#) and input the reference numbers listed.

Ref: 26/01024/FUL St Mary Magdalenes Parish and Church Hall, Front Street, Prudhoe Northumberland, NE42 5HH

New entrance and extension to side to provide amenities for social benefits for community and use by residents along with installation of new disabled access and solar panels.

It was **AGREED** to support the application.

Ref. No: 25/01971/FUL Land To East Of School Highfield Lane, Prudhoe, Northumberland

Full planning application for the construction of 65no. residential dwellings (Use Class C3) with associated landscaping, access arrangements, parking, and infrastructure (amended red line boundary 01.04.2026.)

It was **AGREED** to object the application for the following reasons:-

- Highway Safety and Traffic Impact
- Infrastructure Strain
- Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) – Effects on Existing Surrounding Area
- Previous Planning Decisions
- Impact on Conservation and the Environment

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The objection in its entirety can be viewed [Prudhoe Town Council Objections](#)

Ref: 26/01195/FUL 99 Castle Road, Prudhoe, Northumberland, NE42 6PW

Two-storey side extension.

It was AGREED to support the application.

The following application was received after circulation of the agenda:-

Ref: 26/01244/VARYCO Land To East Of Edgewell House Farm House, Prudhoe, Northumberland

Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) on approved application 22/00579/FUL to alter the approved plans.

It was AGREED to submit NO COMMENT on the application.

b) Northumberland County Council (NCC) Planning Decisions and Notifications

To agree to receive, if any, the NCC Planning Decisions and any other notifications, received since 26th March 2026.

Ref: 26/00346/VARYCO The Copse, 4 Grange Court, Prudhoe, Northumberland, NE42 5LX

Variation of conditions 2 (approved plans) and 3 (facing materials) on approved application 23/00586/FUL in order to change Velux windows and roof light as per plan V8.

Northumberland County Council GRANTED permission.

Ref 26/00054/FUL 5 Lime Grove, Prudhoe, Northumberland, NE42 6PR

Front extension with canopy over garage 5.

Northumberland County Council GRANTED permission.

PCW2627/008 Clerk's Report

The Clerk gave the following verbal report:-

Bins

We are currently awaiting delivery details for the bins. As previously agreed, may I gently remind you to review your respective wards to assist the office in allocation of replacements.

Badger

On Easter Monday, local residents came together to tidy and repaint the badger, demonstrating a wonderful community spirit and commitment to maintaining our shared spaces. Their efforts have greatly enhanced the appearance of the area and reflect the pride the community takes in their surroundings.

This will be formally acknowledged, and thanks will be extended to all those who contributed their time and energy to this initiative.

PCW2627/009 Playground Inspection Reports

It was AGREED to receive the latest Playground Inspection Reports.

PCW2627/010 Speed Restriction – Castle Road

It was AGREED to receive and consider Cllr Jonathan Wheeler's proposal regarding the installation of additional speed reduction measures on Castle Road, particularly near to Prudhoe Castle First School.

It was noted that Cllr Waddell queried why interactive speed signs had not been installed at the location, particularly given that similar measures have been implemented in the vicinity of other schools. It was further suggested that this may be due to the school being situated within a residential area, rather than on a through route carrying higher volumes of passing traffic.

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It was **AGREED** that further investigation is required to establish the suitability and eligibility of the site for interactive speed signage. It was also agreed that a request be made for a formal traffic/speed survey to be undertaken in the first instance, in order to provide robust supporting evidence.

Following the outcome of the survey and any subsequent assessment, and if deemed appropriate, a formal request would then be submitted to the County Councillor via the Members' Allowance Scheme for consideration of funding for the installation of interactive speed signage.

PCW2627/011 Correspondence

None received.

PCW2627/012 Date of Next Meeting

It was **AGREED** that the next Planning, Contract and Works meeting will be held on Thursday 14th May 2026.

PCW2627/013 Exclusion of the Press and Public

It was **AGREED** agree to approve a motion to invoke Standing Order 3d) to exclude the press and public, for the remainder of the meeting, in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, permitted under Schedule (12A) Local Government Act 1972, paragraph 3, that they relate to contractor's quotes.

PCW2627/014 West Mickley Bus Shelter

It was **AGREED** to receive and review for information quote for the provision and installation of a bus shelter on the westbound side at West Mickley.

It was **AGREED** that, due to the receipt of only one quote to date and the outstanding receipt of a further two, the matter will be deferred.

Once all quotes have been received, the matter will be brought back to a future meeting for review and consideration.

Meeting ended 8:01pm