



MINUTES OF UPCHURCH FULL PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 23 APRIL 2026 AT 19:00PM IN UPCHURCH VILLAGE HALL

Present: Cllr Ripley, Cllr Lewin, Cllr Bodycomb, Cllr Denny, Cllr Rosewell, Cllr Easton, Cllr Berntsen, Cllr Sheppard, Cllr Horton

Officer: Clerk, Nina Henley

External Attendees: None

Apologies: None

Cllr Ripley opened the meeting. As the meeting concerned planning matters, it was proposed and seconded that Cllr Rosewell, Chair of Planning, take the Chair. This was agreed unanimously.

501-FCM/04/26 To receive apologies for absence
None

502-FCM/04/26 To receive declarations of interests and lobbying
Cllr Easton declared interest in 503.FCA/04/26 I

There were 103 members of the public present, all of whom objected to planning application 26/500852 (Land North of Forge Lane).

Cllr Rosewell proposed an amendment to the agenda to allow members of the public to speak and for item 503.FCA/04/26 II to be taken first.

503-FCM/04/26 Planning

To receive updates on planning matters

- I. 26/500852/OUT Land North Of Forge Lane Upchurch Kent ME9 7AE Outline Planning application (with all matters reserved except access) for formation of a new vehicular access from Forge Lane and the erection of up to 101no. dwellings, including affordable housing, car parking, public open space, landscape planting, surface water drainage facilities, pumping station, highway improvements and ancillary development. Having heard the public speak UPC discussed the application and it was proposed, seconded and carried that Upchurch Parish Council would object to the application.

The Council noted that 103 residents were present at the meeting, all of whom expressed objections to the proposed development. It was noted that there were approximately 200 residents that have already objected to the proposed development on the Swale Planning Portal. Following public participation, the Council considered the application in detail. Having heard the views of residents, it was proposed, seconded, and unanimously RESOLVED that Upchurch Parish Council object robustly to the application. The Council agreed that its objection would be supported by evidence and information provided by appointed professional consultants, including those advising on planning, transport, and heritage matters. It was further RESOLVED that a detailed and carefully prepared objection would be drafted and presented to the Full Council meeting on 7 May for approval. Upon approval, the final objection would be submitted to the Swale Borough Council Planning Portal.

- II. 22/503654/EIOUT Site: Land to the West of Bobbing, Sittingbourne, Kent ME9 8QL
Following discussion, it was RESOLVED to object to the application.
It was further RESOLVED to delegate authority to Cllr Rosewell to prepare a detailed objection, to be circulated to Members for comment prior to submission on the Planning Portal.

Cllr Rosewell gave verbal update on Woodgers Wharf.

504-FCM/04/26 Items to be considered for inclusion on the next Full Council agenda

None

505-FCM/04/26 Date of next meeting

Thursday 7 May 2026 19.30 Annual Meeting of the Parish Council

506-FCM/04/26 Meeting closed 21.00

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