Minutes
Stroud Parish Council Extra Ordinary Meeting
Thursday 26 March 2026 at 7pm

Councillors Present:
Mark Rowden (Chair)
Tom North (Vice Chair)
Mikaela Jackson
Sam Marchant (Parish Clerk)
0 member of the public.

1. **Apologies for Absence:**
   Apologies were received from Cllr Andrew Snow and Charlotte Burdock.

2. **Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests**
   None were declared.

3. **Public Comment:** members of the public were permitted to speak for no more than 3 minutes.
   No members of the public present.

4. **Planning Applications:** to agree comment for submission.

   a) SDNP/26/00485/HOUS – 13 Stroudfields, Stroud, Petersfield, Hants, GU32 3FS
   Loft conversion including pitched roof dormers with associated internal alterations, alongside new front door set and PD compliant garden room.

   Discussion points:
   Dormer design is similar to previously approved works and is not considered to cause overlooking in its current position.
   The amount of glazing, particularly in the dormers/front door set, was noted as more extensive than typical for neighbouring properties.
   Concern was raised about potential light spill from the increased glazing. Automatic blinds were mentioned as a possible mitigation. Members referenced the need to limit external/internal lighting that would be visible externally.
   Minor external changes (removal of a chimney, wider front door set) were noted; chimneys on some neighbouring properties were for decorative purposes.
   No significant impact on neighbouring amenity or on the property footprint was identified.
   Members emphasised compliance with SDNPA policies on protecting dark skies and minimising light pollution (SDNPA local/clarified dark skies guidance). Any external or internally visible lighting should be designed to avoid unnecessary upward or outward light spill and to be compliant with SDNPA guidance and local dark skies policy.

Agreed comment for submission
No objection in principle to the proposed loft conversion and associated works.
Request that the applicant demonstrate how lighting will be controlled to minimise light spill and protect local dark skies (for example by using downward-directed fittings, low-level and low-lumen lighting, timers/sensors, and internal blinds or automatic blinds where appropriate).
Ask that any external lighting on the side/right elevation comply with SDNPA dark skies guidance and local lighting policies to avoid unnecessary light emission.

b) SDNP/26/00776/HOUS – Ash Barn House, Winchester Road, Stroud, GU32 3PN
Conversion of integral garage to habitable room, including removal of dining room window, widening opening and insertion of French doors. Detached shed within garden.

Discussion points:
The internal conversion reduces garage space and inserts French doors where a window currently exists; the footprint of the house is unchanged.
Members noted the shed in the garden but had no firm view on its necessity; no third-party impacts were apparent from the proposals.
Overall, the works appeared to improve the dwelling without affecting neighbours.
The proposal does not appear to conflict with local design or amenity policies; any new outbuilding should be modest and appropriate to the setting in accordance with SDNPA design guidance.

Agreed comment for submission
No objection. The conversion and insertion of French doors are not considered to materially impact neighbours or the setting.
No comment on the detached shed beyond expecting it to be appropriately sited and sized in line with SDNPA guidance.

5. Date of the next meeting:
The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 28 April 2026 – APA.
The meeting closed at 19:10pm
Signed: (Chairman)
Date: