HINCKLEY AND BOSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

PLANNING COMMITTEE

4 NOVEMBER 2025 AT 6.30 PM

PRESENT: Cllr MJ Crooks - Chair
Cllr J Moore – Vice-Chair
Cllr RG Allen, Cllr MC Bools (for Cllr SL Bray), Cllr MA Cook, Cllr REH Flemming, Cllr C Gibbens, Cllr SM Gibbens, Cllr CE Green, Cllr KWP Lynch, Cllr LJ Mullaney, Cllr M Simmons (for Cllr H Smith), Cllr BR Walker and Cllr R Webber-Jones

Also in attendance: Councillor WJ Crooks

Officers in attendance: Emma Baumber, Chris Brown and Rebecca Owen

210. Apologies and substitutions

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors C Allen, Bray and Smith with the following substitutions authorised in accordance with council procedure rule 10:

Councillor Bools for Councillor Bray
Councillor Simmons for Councillor Smith.

211. Minutes

It was moved by Councillor Flemming, seconded by Councillor Webber-Jones and

RESOLVED – the minutes of the meeting held on 7 October be confirmed as a correct record.

212. Declarations of interest

Councillors Bools and Crooks stated that they were members of Newbold Verdon Parish Council and part of the Neighbourhood Plan group, but had not taken part in discussions on application 24/01061/OUT.

213. Decisions delegated at previous meeting

Members were updated on actions arising from decisions delegated at the previous meeting.

214. 24/01061/OUT - Land north of Barlestone Road, Newbold Verdon

Outline application (all matters reserved except vehicular access) for the erection of 240 residential dwellings (use class C3), retention of the existing accesses off Barlestone Road, a cemetery and a health centre car park, public open space and associated infrastructure.

An objector, representatives of the applicant and a representative of the parish council spoke on this application.

Notwithstanding the officer's recommendation that permission be granted, members felt that the harm outweighed the benefits of the proposed development as it would have a detrimental impact on the character of the village, was outside of the settlement boundary, would have a detrimental impact on the character of and access to the countryside, particularly on the eastern edge and was therefore contrary to policies DM4 and DM10 of the Site Allocations and Development Management Policies Development Plan Document. It was moved by Councillor Bools, seconded by Councillor Webber-Jones and unanimously

RESOLVED – permission be refused due to detrimental impact on the character of the village, being outside of the settlement boundary and detrimental impact on the character of and access to the countryside.

215. **Appeals progress**

Members were updated on progress in relation to appeals.

(The Meeting closed at 7.25 pm)

CHAIR