

## **PLANNING**

Planning applications are granted or refused by Wiltshire Council. You can find detailed information on the process involved on [Wiltshire Council's website](#)

### **Do parish councils grant planning permission?**

Town & parish councils are not Planning Authorities; they are only statutory consultees in the planning process. This means that they only have the right to be informed of planning applications within the parish. They cannot approve or reject planning applications. They can only comment on planning applications in the same way that individuals can comment. Consequently, the length of time taken to determine a planning application is governed by the local planning authority not the parish council. A parish council can request that it be given extra time to comment on an application. However, the decision as to whether this is granted or not, rests solely with the planning authority and its own deadlines for decision making.

### **Applications and decisions for Kilmington**

All applications received for the parish of Kilmington are noted both on the Agenda and in the Minutes of meetings until a decision is made; this enables a complete list of applications and their outcomes to be documented.

There is a 15 minute period before the commencement of each PC meeting during which members of the public, including those supporting or opposing a planning application, can make statements. Councillors will then discuss and vote on the comments to be made by the Parish Council on each application. The Clerk is then instructed to submit the Parish Council's comments to Wiltshire Council and members of the public can also separately submit comments to Wiltshire Council.

Decisions are made on the applications either by a planning officer (employee) of Wiltshire Council who has been delegated the authority to determine the application or, in a small number of cases, by the [Southern Area Planning Committee](#) which is made up of Unitary Councillors. This will have been preceded by a request from the Unitary Councillor for the parish in which the application is raised to be referred (called in) to the Committee. If the decision is to be made by the Southern Area Planning Committee, the meeting will be advertised and members of the public can attend and make statements (but generally only three speakers in favour and three against). However, if the decision is made by an officer, it will be made in private and only written comments will be considered.

If permission is refused, or is granted subject to conditions, the applicant may appeal to the Planning Inspectorate (an independent body). However, neither Kilmington Parish Council nor anyone else opposed to a planning application can appeal if planning permission is granted.

If you wish to look at past planning applications in the parish of Kilmington, information going back to the year 2000 is now available [online](#) by searching the Wiltshire Council website. Please note that decisions from Wiltshire Council may take several months to be issued in some instances.