

Minutes of the **PLANNING COMMITTEE** meeting held on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2019 at 7.00pm at The Old Station, Groombridge

**PRESENT:** Cllrs Robin Ashby, Andrew Fane, Di Kelly, Jill Pardey, Marcus Tarling (Chair).

**In attendance:** Natalie Brett – Assistant Clerk (minutes)

Members of the public are encouraged to come to the meetings and there is a 10 minute opportunity at the start of the meeting for them to address the Planning Committee. There were no members of the public in attendance.

1. **ENQUIRE WHETHER ANYONE PRESENT INTENDS TO FILM, PHOTOGRAPH AND/OR RECORD THE MEETING:** None.
2. **APPOLOGIES** - None
3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – None

4. **MINUTES**

4.1 Minutes of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2019

001798 **RESOLVED** that the notes of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2019 be taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

4.2. Matters Outstanding from these minutes

5. **ENFORCEMENT** – Enforcement Matric was noted.

6. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS  
COMMENTS TO BE RETURNED TO WEALDEN DISTRICT COUNCIL**

- 6.1 **WD/2019/2372/F BRIDGE COTTAGE, CORSELEY ROAD, GROOMBRIDGE, TN3 9RT** Description: ERECT A FULL LENGTH/FULL WIDTH CAR PORT ROOF WITH A MAXIMUM HEIGHT OF 2.5M AND REPLACE THE CURRENT GATES TO THE FRONT OF THE DRIVEWAY WITH ROLL-UP DOOR. REPLACE GATE LEADING FROM THE GARDEN TO THE DRIVEWAY WITH UPVC DOOR. INSTALL 3 NO. CENTRE PIVOT ROOF WINDOWS. BLOCK UP CURRENT SIDE DOOR AND CREATE NEW OPENING FROM HOUSE TO UTILITY ROOM. (Deadline for comments 25<sup>th</sup> December 2019)

It was noted that this was an unusually shaped property and the altering of the design to increase living space whilst moving parking seemed practical and well imagined. A concern was raised on the appearance of a white aluminium garage door which it was felt would not be in keeping.

***Withyham Parish Council Supports this application subject to the garage door being changed to be more in keeping.***

Items 6.2 and 6.3 were considered together.

6.2 **WD/2019/2397/FR** CORSELEY FARM, CORSELEY ROAD, GROOMBRIDGE TN3 9SF Description: RETROSPECTIVE APPLICATION FOR REPAIRS TO EXISTING SHED TO INCLUDE REPLACEMENT OF RAFTERS, WALL PLATES AND RIDGE BEAM, UNDERPINNING AND REPLACEMENT OF TILED ROOF WITH SLATES (Deadline for comments 25<sup>th</sup> December 2019)

6.3 **WD/2019/2398/LBR** CORSELEY FARM, CORSELEY ROAD, GROOMBRIDGE TN3 9SF Description: RETROSPECTIVE APPLICATION FOR REPAIRS TO EXISTING SHED TO INCLUDE REPLACEMENT OF RAFTERS, WALL PLATES AND RIDGE BEAM, UNDERPINNING AND REPLACEMENT OF TILED ROOF WITH SLATES. (Deadline for comments 25<sup>th</sup> December 2019)

It was felt that slate was an inappropriate material for a listed building and the committee would like to see what is taken off replaced with the same. There were also concerns that the site was becoming overdeveloped within the curtilage.

***Withyham Parish Council defers to the decision of the Listed Buildings Officer however would request that materials are replaced on a like for like basis.***

6.4 **WD/2019/2454/F** 1 TANYARD COTTAGES, CORSELEY ROAD, GROOMBRIDGE, TN3 9PP Description: CONSTRUCTION OF A SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION, THREE STOREY SIDE EXTENSION, THE CREATION OF A FRONT PORCH AND PROVISION OF REAR ROOF DORMERS TO THE EXISTING DWELLING.. (Deadline for comments 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019)

It was noted that the application will not affect neighbours and a precedent has already been set in the area. A request that all materials used be in keeping was raised.

***Withyham Parish Council Supports this application subject to a condition that materials are in keeping.***

7. APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AFTER AGENDA

Planning Application **WD/2019/2382/F** was received with a deadline of 8<sup>th</sup> January which fell outside of Withyham Parish Council's Planning meetings however an extensions was granted by Wealden District Council to 14<sup>th</sup> January to accommodate the Parish Council and it will be on the agenda for the meeting of the 13<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

**001799 RESOLVED** that the observations on the planning issues detailed in these minutes be submitted to the Planning Authority.

8. PLANNING DECISIONS - None

The Assistant Clerk was asked to enquire about the decision on Crossways and update the committee.

9. MEETINGS ATTENDED - None
10. MATTERS OF URGENT IMPORTANCE FOR NOTING OR INCLUSION ON A FUTURE AGENDA – The Assistant Clerk was asked to recirculate the information on Tree Preservation Orders and for this to be included on a future agenda.
11. DATE OF MEETING - noted the date of the next meeting **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at 7.00pm** in the **PARISH OFFICE**

Meeting closed at 7.22pm