

Minutes of the **PLANNING COMMITTEE** meeting held on Monday 3rd March 2020 at 7.00pm at The Old Station, Groombridge

PRESENT: Cllrs 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.

The meeting of the 25th February was unable to take place as it was not quorate. Deadlines for the applications on that agenda were extended by Wealden District Council and considered under the agenda for this meeting.

1. **ENQUIRE WHETHER ANYONE PRESENT INTENDS TO FILM, PHOTOGRAPH AND/OR RECORD THE MEETING:** None.

2. **APPOLOGIES** – Cllr Robin Ashby,

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – None

4. **MINUTES**

4.1 Minutes of the meeting held on 10th February 2020

001852 RESOLVED that the notes of the meeting held on 10th February 2020 be taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

4.2. Matters Outstanding from these minutes

The Assistant Clerk requested any specific questions to be raised with East Sussex Highways on their procedure for commenting on Planning Applications or any applications where a further explanation of their comments would be helpful. Councillors advised:

- Clarification on how the decision was made on the application for Old House.
- The time of day when site visits are made as this can have a huge impact on the weight of traffic and conditions.
- The weight given to requests from Parish Councils who highlight a problem area or concern.
- A copy of the criteria to which East Sussex County Council Highways work when commenting on applications.

5. **ENFORCEMENT** - None

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

- 6.1 **WD/2020/0219/F** EAST GLEN ANDRED, CORSELEY ROAD, GROOMBRIDGE, TN3 9PN Description: CONSTRUCTION OF NEW DETACHED DOUBLE GARAGE WITH STORAGE OVER INCLUDING EXTERNAL LIGHTING AND LIGHTING TO EXISTING ENTRANCE GATES (Expiry date for comments 2nd March)

It was noted that this sat within the curtilage of a Grade II Listed Building and it was requested that the Listed Buildings Officer comments on the application. It was noted that materials would be in keeping. Concerns were raised with regards to the lighting creating light pollution and the committee would want to see that this was within the Wealden District Council Dark Skies Policy and lights shone in a downwards direction. The Committee requested the building be tied to the house by a section 106 agreement. Subject to the above it was felt this was a suitable application.

Withyham Parish Council Supports this Application subject to the comments of the Listed Buildings Officer, a section 106 agreement and that it complies with the Wealden District Council Dark Skies Policy.

7. APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AFTER AGENDA – None

001853 RESOLVED that the observations on the planning issues detailed in these minutes be submitted to the Planning Authority.

8. PLANNING DECISIONS

APPROVED

WD/2019/2359/F REPLACEMENT OF EXISTING FENCE AROUND VILLAGE PLAYGROUND WITH NEW ENCLOSURE WHICH INCORPORATES FOUR TOWERS THAT EXCEED 4 METRES IN HEIGHT (AS PART OF PROJECT TO RENEW PLAYGROUND). GROOMBRIDGE RECREATION GROUND, STATION ROAD, GROOMBRIDGE, TN3 9RB - Noted

WITHDRAWN

WD/2019/1678/F ERECTION OF A DETACHED HOUSE UTILISING EXISTING ACCESS WITH THE CREATION OF A NEW ACCESS TO CORSELEY ROAD FOR EXISTING DWELLING. THE CROSSWAYS, CORSELEY ROAD, GROOMBRIDGE, TN3 9RT - Noted

9. MEETINGS ATTENDED - None

10. MATTERS OF URGENT IMPORTANCE FOR NOTING OR INCLUSION ON A FUTURE AGENDA

It was noted that Application Reference 20/00466/LAPRE for Groombridge Place was added to agenda for 9th March.

It was agreed to review the Terms of Reference for the Planning Committee prior to the May statutory Council meeting with regards to contingencies for non-quorate meetings and the Assistant Clerk was asked to put on an agenda in April.

11. DATE OF MEETING - noted that the date of the next meeting is on **Monday 9th March 2020** at 7.00pm in the PARISH OFFICE.

Meeting closed at 7.25pm