

Minutes of the **PLANNING COMMITTEE** meeting held on Monday 8th April 2019 at 7.00pm at the **PARISH OFFICE, THE OLD STATION, GROOMBRIDGE**

PRESENT: Cllrs Robin Ashby, Diana Kelly, Jill Pardey, Marcus Tarling (Chair)

In attendance: Debbie Siddle – Clerk (minutes)
Cllrs Obbard and Winter (observing)

1. **ENQUIRE WHETHER ANYONE PRESENT INTENDS TO FILM, PHOTOGRAPH AND/OR RECORD THE MEETING:** No

2. **APOLOGIES:** None

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None

4. **MINUTES**

4.1 Minutes of the meeting held on 25th March 2019

001620 **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 25th March be taken as read and signed by the Chairman

4.2 Matters Arising

WDC Enforcement had confirmed that the caravan at Orznash Stables will be vacated by mid April.

5. **ENFORCEMENT** – Enforcement matrix to be updated. An update on Hoadleys Lane barn and it was suggested that the District Councillor should be contacted about the matter.

6. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

COMMENTS TO BE RETURNED TO WEALDEN DISTRICT COUNCIL

6.1 **WD/2019/0136/F** KNOLL VIEW, WITHYHAM ROAD, WITHYHAM, TN7 4BD
Description: SINGLE STOREY SIDE ADDITION & FIRST FLOOR ADDITION.
The neighbour's letter of support was noted.

Withyham Parish Council Supports this Application

6.2 **WD/2018/1170/F** HOME FARM, WARREN ROAD, CROWBOROUGH, TN6 1TX
Description: DEMOLISH EXISTING BARN/STORE, REPLACE WITH RE-SITED TEMPORARY TIMBER MOBILE HOME FOR HEAD GROOM
Temporary log cabin proposed for head groom accommodation, plans received 19 March 2019, amended description also to read; DEMOLISH EXISTING BARN/STORE, REPLACE WITH RE-SITED TEMPORARY TIMBER MOBILE HOME FOR HEAD GROOM

The Committee noted that the applicant had previously applied for planning permission for a house and that this application is to demolish a shed in order to site a mobile home. There was concern about the visual affect on the area which is an AONB and it was felt that an environmental assessment should be requested as it is outside the curtilage of the farm. The Committee queried why the existing accommodation is not sufficient to accommodate the groom without this additional temporary accommodation, such as the adjacent property built under the 1976 planning permission; and suggested that the applicant is asked to demonstrate this need. As the application is for temporary accommodation, if Wealden decide to grant this permission it should be time limited and removed once the additional accommodation is in place.

The Committee was concerned by the apparent disregard of the planning process evidenced by the repeated retrospective planning applications.

Withyham Parish Council Does Not Support this Application

- 6.3 **WD/2019/0600/F** YEW TREE COTTAGE, SCHOOL LANE, ST JOHNS, CROWBOROUGH, TN6 1SB Description: SINGLE-STOREY REAR EXTENSION

The Committee noted that a previous application for two storeys was refused and that this is for one storey. There were no neighbour objections.

Withyham Parish Council Supports this Application and asks that materials used are in keeping.

7. **APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AFTER AGENDA** - None

001621 **RESOLVED** that the observations on planning issues detailed in these minutes be submitted to the Planning Authority.

8. **APPEAL Planning Inspectorate Ref: APP/C1435/W/18/3217241 -** WD/2018/0903/F ROYAL MIRES NURSERY, LYE GREEN, CROWBOROUGH, TN6 1UU

It was agreed to DEFER this to the next meeting as the application is currently not online.

9. **WD/2018/2015/F - LAND ADJACENT TO THE OLD HOUSE, CORSELEY ROAD, GROOMBRIDGE TN3 9QX**

The Committee was surprised that East Sussex Highways attributed just 8 traffic movements per day and was disappointed that the road was characterised as quiet when it can be very busy due to the school, church and sportsground being sited along the road. Concerns about the existing parking problems being impacted by the access had also not been addressed.

Furthermore, it was felt that the archaeological report had been insufficient.

The Chair suggested that he investigates the policies referenced further and that it is DEFERRED to the next meeting.

10. **PLANNING DECISIONS**

REFUSED

None

APPROVED

None

WITHDRAWN

None

11. **MEETINGS ATTENDED** - None

12. **TERMS OF REFERENCE** – DEFER to next meeting

13. **MATTERS OF URGENT IMPORTANCE FOR NOTING OR INCLUSION ON A FUTURE AGENDA** – Items 8,9 and 12 above.

12. **DATE OF MEETING** - to note that the date of the next meeting is on **Tuesday 23rd April 2019 at 7.00pm** in the **PARISH OFFICE**.

The meeting closed at 7.30pm