

Notes of the **PLANNING COMMITTEE** comments in response to the applications on the agenda of the Planning meeting of the 27<sup>th</sup> February 2018.

The Planning meeting of the 27th February 2018 was cancelled due to extreme weather conditions. Councillors were requested to provide their views on the applications by email. A presumption has been made on the decision of the committee based on the email responses. Details of this document and Councillor's comments will be reported to the public at the next planning meeting on 12th March 2018.

Presumption of decision based on comments received by email on the applications from the agenda of the meeting of the 27th February 2018. To be resolved at the meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2018.

**WD/2018/0139/F**

***Withyham Parish Council supports this application***

**WD/2018/0168/F**

***Withyham Parish Council supports this application***

**WD/2018/0189/LDE**

***Withyham Parish Council does not have sufficient information to be able to comment on this matter.*** The question was raised of Wealden District Council, were they aware of these ongoing business uses and if not, will there be an application for any Business rates to be collected with interest on these units.

Detailed comments provided by Councillors on the Planning Committee by email to the Assistant Clerk.

*Cllr Marcus Tarling:*

**WD/2018/0139/F**

I am happy to support this application on the provision that the local Cllrs or anyone else has reasons to suggest I should change my view.

**WD/2018/0168/F**

I am happy to support this application unless any local Cllrs or anyone else has reasons to suggest I should change my mind.

**WD/2018/0189/LDE**

I am not in any position to dispute any of the statements made in this application. I will wait to see if anyone else has any other information about this, I would ask one question of Wealden District Council, were they aware of these ongoing business uses and if not, will there be an application for any Business rates to be collected with interest on these units.

*Cllr Anne Jenkins:*

**WD/2018/0139/F**

I support this application, providing that that councillors in that ward have no further information or issues which they would suggest be taken into consideration, or comments which they would suggest WPC makes.

**WD/2018/168/F**

I also support this application. The addition to the garage does not significantly alter the appearance of the property, does not push the garage beyond the existing front line of the building, and the space is large enough to sensibly accommodate the extension. I have also noted that there are no objections from neighbours.

**WD/2018/0189/LDE**

I am unable to recommend or dispute this Certificate of Lawful Development, as I have no personal knowledge of the history of the application site regarding the nature of the usage and developments of the site, and the length of time it may have been in existence.

*Cllr Stephen Whittaker:*

**WD/2018/0139/F**

I should disclose that the applicants are known to me and are near neighbours, though I do not see them very often and we have certainly never discussed this matter. I consider that the proposed building is reasonable, and that it is to their credit that they have sought pre-application advice and as a result, hipped the end of the roof next to Teasley Mead to reduce the visual impact. I note that no objections have been received from neighbours. I support the application.

**WD/2018/0168/F**

I consider the proposed development reasonable and I support it.

**WD/2018/0189/LDE**

I am generally aware of the existence of the site and its location, but I have no knowledge of the history of the site or its usage. I cannot therefore contribute.

*Cllr Diana Kelly:*

**WD/2018/0139/F**

I support this application on the proviso that councillors in that ward have no further information which they would suggest I should be taking into consideration.

**WD/2018/168/F**

I support this application as the front garden is large enough to accommodate this extension and there are no objections from neighbours.

**WD/2018/0189/LDE**

I am unable to recommend or dispute a Certificate of Lawful Development, as I have no personal knowledge of the history of the application site regarding the nature of the usage and developments of the site, and the length of time it may have been in existence.

*Cllr Jill Pardey:*

**WD/2018/0139/F**

I have looked at the applications and my comments are the same as Cllr Marcus Tarling. I approve of this application as there seems to be no local objections

**WD/2018/0168/F**

I have looked at the applications and my comments are the same as Cllr Marcus Tarling. I approve of this application

**WD/2018/0189/LDE**

I don't know enough about these units to make any comment

*Cllr Robin Ashby:*

**WD/2018/0139/F**

I support this application

**WD/2018/0168/F**

I support this application

**WD/2018/0189/LDE**

I support the continued use of sites.

The next meeting of the Planning Committee will be held on Monday 12th March 2018 at 7pm in the Parish Office, The Old Station, Groombridge.