

Minutes of the **PLANNING COMMITTEE** meeting held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at 7.00pm at The Old Station, Groombridge

**PRESENT:** Cllrs Diana Kelly, Marcus Tarling (Chair), Stephen Whittaker, Robin Ashby

**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 present.

**1. ENQUIRE WHETHER ANYONE PRESENT INTENDS TO FILM, PHOTOGRAPH AND/OR RECORD THE MEETING:**

No.

**2. APOLOGIES:** Cllrs. Jonathan Kelly and Jill Pardey

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

None

**4. MINUTES**

4.1 Minutes of the meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> August 2018

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> August be taken as read and signed by the Chairman

4.2. Matters Arising

Planning Matrix still in progress, this is now a priority.

Air Traffic Committee response to the Local Plan moved to the 24<sup>th</sup> September meeting.

Clarification on planning officers response to Withyham Parish Council on WD/2018/1199/F awaited by Assistant Clerk.

**5. ENFORCEMENT**

None. Awaiting matrix.

**6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 **WD/2018/1564/F** LODGEFIELD FARM, WATCH OAK HILL, BLACKHAM, TN3 9TN  
Description: WIDENING AND PART RE-SURACING OF THE EXISTING RESIDENTIAL ACCESS TO LODGEFIELD FARMHOUSE AND THE OAST HOUSE AT LODGEFIELD FARM. (Expiry date for comments: 13<sup>th</sup> September 2018)

It was felt that the description of this application was misleading as it is the resurfacing of part of a bridleway. A concern was agreed that this would speed up traffic creating a safety issue with both riders and pedestrians. It was also felt that this would alter the feel of a historic bridleway and would not be suitable access. The Ramblers Local Footpath Secretary for Withyham & Frant, Malcolm McDonnell (MM) had sent in comments which would be submitted to Wealden District Council on this application and were circulated prior to the meeting. The contents of the comments were noted and the planning committee agreed with the points raised. It was further recognised that MM is the Chair of the Withyham Parish Council Rights of Way committee and whilst these comments were not from this committee the strength in knowledge of their chair should be recognised and add weight to the content of these comments.

It was noted that the British Horse Society helps to overseas bridleways.

The committee agreed that the East Sussex Rights of Ways Officers comments did not take into consideration any other aspect of the application other than obstruction and it was felt that this was an insufficient response.

***Withyham Parish Council Objects to this application***

- 6.2 **WD/2018/1684/LB** 2 SCHOOL HILL HOUSE, WITHYHAM ROAD, WITHYHAM, TN7 4BE Description: INTERNAL ALTERATIONS: REMODELLING EXISTING STAIR TO FIRST FLOOR, AND ITS EXTENSION TO THE SECOND FLOOR WITH ASSOCIATED ALTERATIONS; REMOVE FIRST FLOOR SHOWER ROOM AND INSTALL NEW BATHROOM; INSTALL NEW SHOWER ROOM TO SECOND FLOOR; REPLACE EXISTING BOILER. (Expiry date for comments: 20<sup>th</sup> September 2018)

It was noted that this would be a difficult building to adapt and thanks was given for the work done on the application.

***Withyham Parish Council defers to the decision of the listed buildings officer.***

- 6.3 **WD/2018/1571/F** THURLSTONE, 3 OAKLANDS ROAD, GROOMBRIDGE TN3 9SB Description: REMOVAL OF SIDE DORMER AND REPLACEMENT WITH FIRST FLOOR SIDE EXTENSION. (Expiry date for comments: 18<sup>th</sup> September 2018)

***Withyham Parish Council Supports this application and request a condition that the materials used be in keeping with the house.***

- 6.4 **WD/2018/1745/F** 3 HILLSIDE COTTAGES, MARDENS HILL, CROWBOROUGH, TN6 1XL Description: TWO STOREY EXTENSION TO REAR (Expiry date for comments: 24<sup>th</sup> September 2018)

It was commented that this was a large extension however there were no neighbour objections. It was further noted that the application did not show how the extension would sit in the landscape which would have been helpful.

***Withyham Parish Council Supports this application***

- 6.5 **WD/2018/1595/F** 15 OAKLANDS ROAD, GROOMBRIDGE, TN3 9SB Description: REMOVAL OF CATSLIDE ROOF WITH NEW FIRST FLOOR SIDE EXTENSION OVER. NEW SINGLE-STOREY EXTENSION TO REAR OF HOUSE. (Expiry date for comments: 13<sup>th</sup> September 2018)

***Withyham Parish Council Supports this application and request a condition that the materials used be in keeping with the house.***

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

8. **PLANNING DECISIONS**

APROVED

**WD/2018/1296/LB** REMOVAL OF AN INTERNAL NON-LOADBEARING WALL. STRUCTURAL ALTERATIONS OF A MINOR NATURE TO THE INTERNAL CEILING SUPPORT OVER THE KITCHEN. INSTALLATION OF A SINGLE ROOF LIGHT ('VELUX' TYPE TO MATCH EXISTING) OVER KITCHEN 4 THE OLD RIDING SCHOOL, CORSELEY ROAD, GROOMBRIDGE, TN3 9PH - Noted

**WD/2018/1102/F** SINGLE-STOREY OAK FRAMED ORANGERY EXTENSION TO SIDE. OAK HOUSE, BLACKHAM, TN3 9TR - Noted

9. **MATTERS OF URGENT IMPORTANCE FOR NOTING OR INCLUSION ON A FUTURE AGENDA** – Wealden District Council Local Plan

10. **DATE OF MEETING** - to note that the date of the next meeting is on Monday 24th September 2018 at 7pm in the Parish Office, The Old Station, Groombridge.

The meeting closed at 7.30pm