

Minutes of the **PLANNING COMMITTEE** meeting held on Monday 12th June 2017 at 7.00pm at The Old Station, Groombridge

PRESENT: Cllrs Marcus Tarling, (Chair), Mrs Jill Pardey, Jonathan Kelly, Mrs Anne Jenkins, Robin Ashby, Stephen Whittaker

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: None.

2. APOLOGIES: – Cllr Diana Kelly

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

4. MINUTES

4.1. Minutes of the meeting held on 8th May 2017 & 30th May 2017.

0001234 RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 25th April 2017 and 30th May 2017 be taken as read and signed by the Chairman

4.2. Matters Arising

Forest Fold Cemetery to be discussed under item 5.1

5. ENFORCEMENT

5.1. Forest Fold Cemetery

It was reported that the Town Clerk from Crowborough Town Council had suggested a site meeting at the Forest Fold Cemetery. The Committee agreed this would be a good way to progress the outstanding issues and asked the Assistant Clerk to arrange this and also to provide a briefing paper.

Action: Assistant Clerk to arrange meeting and provide briefing note.

6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

6.1 Application No. WD/2017/1182/F Location: TOP HILL COTTAGE, BEECH GREEN LANE, WITHYHAM TN7 4DB Description: PROPOSED PART SINGLE/PART TWO-STOREY SIDE EXTENSION. Comments by 14th June 2017.

It was agreed that the plan provided was not clear in showing the location of the building. It was noted that the building is large in comparison to the other cottages and existing building, however there were no objections.

Withyham Parish Council supports this application

- 6.2 Application No. WD/2017/1052/F Location: TRONES, STATION ROAD, WITHYHAM, TN7 4BT Description: ERECTION OF A TWO-STOREY REAR EXTENSION. Comments by 16th June 2017

It was agreed that whilst there were no objections there should be conditions added to any permission that the materials used be in keeping.

Withyham Parish Council supports this application subject to the condition that the materials used are in keeping with the existing property.

- 6.3 Application No. WD/2017/1092/F Location: PARK GATE, BLACKHAM, TN3 9TY Description: GROUND FLOOR REAR EXTENSION WITH LINK TO HOME OFFICE. Comments by 21st June 2017

It was noted that this application sits within a secluded location within its own expansive grounds. No objections were raised.

Withyham Parish Council supports this application

- 6.4 Application No. WD/2017/1166/F Location: LAND ADJACENT TO OLD WITHYHAM STATION, STATION ROAD, WITHYHAM, TN7 4BT Description: REPLACEMENT TIMBER OUTBUILDING WITH PITCHED ROOF. Comments by 23rd June 2017

Concerns were raised that this would change the look of the building from industrial to residential, although it was noted that this would be more attractive. There was also a concern that the ground works would have a detrimental effect on the screening of the property by the adjacent trees, which would have a visual effect on the landscape.

Withyham Parish Council supports this application subject to a condition that the building use remain industrial.

- 6.5 Application No. WD/2017/1208/F Location: NORE FARM, OAK LANE, BLACKHAM, WITHYHAM, EAST SUSSEX TN3 9UD Description: ERECTION OF CONSERVATORY EXTENSION AND LINK EXTENSION BETWEEN FARMHOUSE AND OAST. Comments by 26th June 2017

It was noted that a walkway and conservatory would not be objected too, however the design of the walkway in the application is not in keeping with the surrounding farm buildings and their character. The committee felt unable to support this application in its current form.

Withyham Parish Council does not support the application for the walkway because it is not in keeping but would support the small conservatory.

7. APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AFTER AGENDA. None

001235 RESOLVED that the observations on planning issues detailed in these minutes be submitted to the Planning Authority.

8. DECISION NOTICES: - None

9. MATTERS OF URGENT IMPORTANCE FOR NOTING OR INCLUSION ON A FUTURE AGENDA – It was noted that the election of the Chair and Vice Chair should be on the next agenda. The Assistant Clerk was also asked to circulate the amended Terms of Reference agreed at May Council.

10. DATE OF MEETING - to note that the date of the next meeting is on 27th June 2017 at 7pm in the Parish Office, The Old Station, Groombridge.

The meeting closed at 7.15pm