

Minutes of the **PLANNING COMMITTEE** meeting held on Monday 22nd January 2018 at 7.00pm at The Old Station, Groombridge

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

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 7 members of the public, including Cllr Jane Clare, present for item 6.2 of the agenda. It was noted that the members of the public were neighbours of the applicant and commented as follows. The amended plans are now showing a much lower gradient roof which if it is sited on the boundary of the neighbour whilst still large will lessen the impact and is more acceptable in principle. However it was noted by the members of the public that the plans submitted show a number of discrepancies in measurements, including on the block plan. This makes the plans very ambiguous. It was further commented that the final position of the cart barn is still subject to a further application. It was noted that if the final location is 2 meters from the boundary, confusion must not be made between the boundary and the footings from the old garage which are within the 2 meters in some locations. It was commented that if the final siting of the cart barn were to the southern part of the boundary this would be more acceptable to neighbours and would allay concerns with the access. It was commented that there was a concern regarding the common land being used as a turning circle, restricting existing on street parking in an already densely used parking area.

The Chair thanked the members of the public, and opened the meeting at 7.10pm.

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

2. **APOLOGIES:** Cllr Mrs Jill Pardey

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None

4. **MINUTES**

4.1. Minutes of the meeting held on 8th January 2018

001347 RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 8th January be taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

4.2. Matters Arising - None

5. **ENFORCEMENT** – The Assistant Clerk gave an update on the position regarding planning and enforcement of Groombridge Place after an update from Tunbridge Wells Borough Council Planning Department.

6. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 Application No. WD/2017/2948/MFA SUMMERSALES CEMETERY, LONDON ROAD, CROWBOROUGH, TN61TD Description: VARIATION OF CONDITION 5 OF WD/2013/1734/MAJ (CHANGE OF USE OF LAND TO BURIAL GROUND, NEW ACCESS, PARKING, BUILDING OF CONTEMPLATION AND MAINTENANCE BUILDING).

It was noted that the variation seemed reasonable but it was hoped that this would not allow things out of keeping. It was further noted that WPC had not yet received details of the planting scheme and the Assistant Clerk was asked to follow this up.

Withyham Parish Council supports this application.

- 6.2 Application No. WD/2017/2794/F LANTERN COTTAGE, SCHOOL LANE, ST JOHNS, CROWBOROUGH, TN6 1SB Description: DEMOLITION OF EXISTING ASBESTOS GARAGE AND REPLACEMENT WITH OAK FRAMED CART BARN. AMENDED PLANS RECEIVED FOR A SINGLE STOREY GARAGE WITH CAT SLIDE ROOF, PLANS DATED 15 JANUARY 2018

It was noted that the documents provided in this amendment were of very poor quality containing conflicting and inaccurate measurements. The committee felt it impossible to make recommendations on inaccurate information. However the committee was pleased to note that the height appears to have been reduced. It was further commented that the siting of the garage has a large impact on residents, it was suggested that the applicant meet with neighbours to discuss the final siting. Concerns were raised regarding the protection of the common land noted on the plan. It was agreed that this amendment does not answer the question of the final siting of the application and further to the council previous response the council cannot support it.

Withyham Parish Council objects to this application, as without knowing the final position for the proposed building it cannot support the application in its current form.

The members of the public left.

- 001348 **RESOLVED** that the observations on planning issues detailed in these minutes be submitted to the Planning Authority

7. **PLANNING DECISIONS**

WITHDRAWN

- 7.1 Application No. WD/2017/1744/F APPLICATION FOR CHANGE OF USE FROM C2 CARE HOME TO C3 DWELLING HOUSE. OAKLANDS, ORCHARD RISE, GROOMBRIDGE, TN3 9RX - Noted

APPROVED

- 7.2 Application No. WD/2017/2816/F REMOVAL OF CATSLIDE ROOF OVER EXISTING GARAGE WITH NEW FIRST FLOOR EXTENSION OVER. NEW SINGLE-STOREY EXTENSION TO REAR OF HOUSE WITH PART TWO-STOREY EXTENSION. REMOVAL OF GLAZED DOORS TO FRONT PORCH HIGH FIELD, 23 OAKLANDS ROAD, GROOMBRIDGE, TN3 9SB - Noted
- 7.3 Application No. WD/2017/2748/F REPLACEMENT OF EXISTING SINGLE GARAGE & ADJOINING COVERED CAR PORT AND SHED WITH A DOUBLE GARAGE WITH SLOPING LOG STORE. FOTHERINGAY, STATION ROAD, GROOMBRIDGE, TN3 9NB - Noted
- 7.4 Application No. WD/2017/2339/F CHANGE OF USE FROM OFFICE TO D1 USAGE. THE OLD STABLES, HENDAL FARM, CHERRY GARDENS HILL, GROOMBRIDGE, TN3 9NU - Noted
- 8. APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AFTER AGENDA - None**
- 9. MATTERS OF URGENT IMPORTANCE FOR NOTING OR INCLUSION ON A FUTURE AGENDA. None.**
- 10. DATE OF MEETING - the date of the next meeting is on 12th February 2018 at 7pm in the Parish Office, The Old Station, Groombridge.**

The meeting closed at 7.25pm