

Minutes of the **PLANNING COMMITTEE** meeting held virtually on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2020 at 7.00pm in accordance with The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panel (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020.

**PRESENT:** Cllrs Robin Ashby, Andrew Fane, Di Kelly, Jill Pardey, Marcus Tarling (Chair).

**In attendance:** Debbie Siddle – Clerk (Minutes)  
Natalie Brett – Assistant Clerk (Virtual Host)  
Cllr Keith Obbard

Members of the public are encouraged to view meetings via the Withyham Parish Council YouTube where they are posted until minutes are available.

Members of the public wishing to address any items on the agenda were requested to email their question/comment by the morning of the meeting to be circulated to the committee and read out by the clerk.

There were no comments from members of the public.

**1. ENQUIRE WHETHER ANYONE PRESENT INTENDS TO FILM, PHOTOGRAPH AND/OR RECORD THE MEETING:** As this was a virtual meeting it was recorded for the purposes of streaming on YouTube.

**2. APOLOGIES** – None

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – None

**4. MINUTES**

4.1 To receive the Minutes of the meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> May 2020 and to approve and confirm recommendations contained therein and as far as requisite, the action taken by them.

**001896 RESOLVED** that the notes of the meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> May 2020 be taken as read and signed by the Chairman when in person meetings resume.

4.2 Matters outstanding from these minutes.  
Information on land in St Johns circulated to Cllr Tarling and Cllr Kelly by the Clerk as requested. Public Involvement in the Planning Process added to the agenda.

**5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**  
COMMENTS TO BE RETURNED TO WEALDEN DISTRICT COUNCIL

5.1 WD/2020/0791/F ABBEYSTED HOUSE, STATION ROAD, WITHYHAM, TN7 4BT Description: PROPOSED TWO STOREY DETACHED GARAGE. STEPS AND RAISED PLANTERS TO SIDE OF GARAGE.

The Committee noted that the Environment Agency had objected to the application and stated that in the event that planning permission is granted they would find it a breach of planning. It was felt therefore that WPC should endorse the Environment Agency's objection and plans should be resubmitted.

***Withyham Parish Council objects to this application.***

- 5.2 WD/2020/1029/F 3 OAKLANDS ROAD, GROOMBRIDGE, TN3 9SB  
Description: PROPOSED SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION TO  
CONSIST NEW OPEN PLAN KITCHEN, ALONG WITH INTERNAL  
ALTERATIONS.

The Committee recalled a previous application and was unclear as to why a further application was required. It was noted that there are no neighbour objections and that a precedent has been set for similar extensions on the road.

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

**6. WEALDEN DISTRICT COUNCIL CONSULTATION ON PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT IN THE PLANNING PROCESS**

Information had been made available prior to the meeting. Cllr Obbard believes that improvements could be made and would circulate his comments to the Committee.

The 15<sup>th</sup> June deadline was noted. The Assistant Clerk would seek an extension and add this to the next agenda.

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

**001897 RESOLVED** that the observations on the planning issues detailed in these minutes be submitted to the Planning Authority.

**8. MATTERS OF URGENT IMPORTANCE FOR NOTING OR INCLUSION ON A FUTURE AGENDA**

The Parish Office had been cc'd into correspondence between residents of Old Groombridge and the new owners of Burrswood. The Committee was asked if it would like to consider planning applications submitted to Kent County Council for this site, under the knowledge that it is not within our Parish or District but is of very close proximity to Withyham Parish Council boundary. The Committee felt it essential that WPC is able to respond to planning applications made on this site due to proximity and scale.

- 9. DATE OF MEETING** - to note that the date of the next meeting is on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2020 at 7.00pm to be held virtually unless otherwise notified by the agenda.

Meeting closed at 7.15pm