

Minutes of the **PLANNING COMMITTEE** meeting held on Monday 14th October 2019 at 7.00pm at The Old Station, Groombridge

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

In attendance: Debbie Siddle –Clerk (minutes)
Stephanie Chapman – Administrative Assistant
Cllr Gwen Butcher
Cllr Keith Obbard
Cllr Paul Watkins

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 in attendance.

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

2. **APPOLOGIES** – None

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** - None

4. **MINUTES**

4.1 Minutes of the meeting held on 23rd September 2019

001754 **RESOLVED** that the notes of the meeting held on 23rd September 2019 be taken as read and signed by the Chairman

4.2. Matters Outstanding from these minutes - None

5. **ENFORCEMENT** – Enforcement Matric was noted. The Assistant Clerk had been asked to request an update from Wealden District Council on The Stables, Hoadley Lane and advised that the planning application is still outstanding.

Environmental Health had advised that concerns about noise should be made by residents directly to them and not via the parish council.

Further activity had been noticed by residents at Ironchurch Lane, Blackham. Further details would be provided to the Assistant Clerk in order to inform WDC Enforcement.

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

6.1 **WD/2019/1976/F** CHARMWOOD, MARDENS HILL, CROWBOROUGH, TN6
1XL Description: EXTENSION OF EXISTING DOUBLE GARAGE TO PROVIDE NEW STORAGE AREA AND EAVES STORAGE.

The Committee agreed that this would be an acceptable extension of a large building.

Withyham Parish Council supports this application.

7. APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AFTER AGENDA - None

001755 RESOLVED that the observations on the planning issues detailed in these minutes be submitted to the Planning Authority.

8. PLANNING DECISIONS

APPROVED

WD/2019/1547/F NEW GARDEN ROOM AND STORE ROOM TO REPLACE EXISTING GARDEN SHEDS. LEALANDS FARM, STATION ROAD, GROOMBRIDGE, TUNBRIDGE WELLS, TN3 9NB – Noted

WD/2019/1236/LB REBUILDING OF DAMAGED BRICK BOUNDARY WALL DORSET HOUSE, WITHYHAM ROAD, WITHYHAM, TN7 4BD – Noted

REFUSED

WD/2019/0433/FR PART RETROSPECTIVE APPLICATION FOR THE ERECTION OF A SUMMERHOUSE STONE COTTAGE, EAST GRINSTEAD ROAD, BLACKHAM, WITHYHAM, TN3 9TY – Noted

9 TUNBRIDGE WELLS BOROUGH DRAFT LOCAL PLAN

Wealden District Council had confirmed to the Assistant Clerk that it would be submitting a response, however they would be unable to share their response with the Parish Council until a few days before the deadline. District Cllr Obbard had also been unable to obtain further information relating to their response.

Cllr Thirkell was thanked for the information that had been circulated prior to the meeting. The Committee agreed that, as they could not confirm the content of the WDC response, and in order to ensure that WPC could be part of the ongoing Local Plan process, it would make a response to the draft Local Plan. Key areas the meeting identified were impact on neighbouring villages such as in our parish, traffic, Ashdown Forest and Gatwick.

Cllrs Tarling and Thirkell were nominated to draft the response and would work with Cllr Watkins to bring to the next Planning Meeting for agreement. Council would be asked to agree the response by email prior to submission by the deadline of 1st November.

10. MEETINGS ATTENDED - None

11. MATTERS OF URGENT IMPORTANCE FOR NOTING OR INCLUSION ON A FUTURE AGENDA - None

12. DATE OF MEETING - Noted that the date of the next meeting is on Tuesday 29th October 2019 at 7.00pm in the PARISH OFFICE.

Meeting closed at 7.30pm