

Minutes of the **PLANNING COMMITTEE** meeting held on Monday 14th
May 2018 at 7.00pm at The Old Station, Groombridge

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

In attendance: Natalie Brett – Assistant Clerk (minutes)
Member of the public – For item 6.1

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 was one member of the public in attendance for item 6.1. The member of the public introduced himself as the applicant for agenda item 6.1. It is his intention to create a retirement property for himself and his wife to move into. He felt that there were very few retirement properties in the area and that they would like to remain in the village where they take an active part in village life. It was further remarked that the existing building dates from the 1870 and is well maintained. There is existing hard standing for a driveway and one of the buildings is currently a home office. The application is within an enclosed walled area and would cause minimum impact. A question was asked if this was to be tied to the house or a separate dwelling. The member of the public advised that this would be a separate dwelling to the house and should the development go ahead the applicant would move into the new development of the small barn and sell their current house, The Oast. Cllr Tarling thanked the member of the public for attending and opened the meeting.

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

2. **APOLOGIES:** Cllr Di Kelly,

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None

4. **MINUTES**

4.1 Minutes of the meeting held on 24th April 2018

001410 RESOLVED that the notes of the meeting held on 24th April 2018 be taken as read and signed by the Chairman

4.2. Matters Arising – Information to be sent to the Fire Arms Office will be sent this week.

5. **ENFORCEMENT** – It was advised that a caravan located on Gillridge Lane had been reported to Enforcement.

6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- 6.1 **WD/2018/0352/F** THE OAST HOUSE, ERIDGE ROAD, GROOMBRIDGE, TN3 9NL Description: CONVERT THE EXISTING BARN INTO A RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY. THE EXISTING PIG DEN OFFICE TO BE EXTENDED AND A NEW GARAGE TO BE BUILT. (Comments by 15th May 2018)

The committee supported the comments of the applicant that they wish to remain in the village and that there are limited retirement properties the area. It was noted that a traffic movement survey should be required to take into consideration the Ashdown Forest Zone of Influence.

Withyham Parish Council Supports this Application

- 6.2 **WD/2018/0636/FR** 1 SCHOOL HILL HOUSE, WITHYHAM ROAD, WITHYHAM, TN7 4BE Description: RETROSPECTIVE APPLICATION. DEMOLITION OF GARAGES AND ERECTION OF FRONT PORCH AND SIDE EXTENSION, ROOF ALTERATIONS AND REPLACEMENT GARAGES (Comments by 23rd May 2018)

It was noted that this is a retrospective application and was questioned as to why planning was not sort prior to the work taking place.

Withyham Parish Council defers to the listed buildings officer

- 6.3 **WD/2018/0717/F** INVEREWE, WARREN ROAD, CROWBOROUGH, TN6 1TT Description: DEMOLITION OF EXISTING DWELLING AND ERECTION OF 2 NEW DETACHED DWELLINGS (Comments by 23rd May 2018)

It was noted that this is a large dwelling for the site and commented that the drawings were misleading in terms of the height of the building. The neighbour's objections were also noted. It was felt that this was an over development of the site, not in keeping with the area and would adversely affect the street scene. The application makes mention that the Zone of Influence has been suspended which the committee commented in not correct and a traffic movement survey should be required.

Withyham Parish Council Does Not Supports this Application

- 6.4 **WD/2018/0425/F** THE OLD STATION, WITHYHAM, TN7 4BT Description: DEMOLITION OF AGRICULTURAL BARN AND ERECTION OF ANNEXE. EXTENSION TO RESIDENTIAL CURTILAGE. (Comments by 18th May 2018)

It was felt that the building currently in place is a shed and not a barn. It was commented that the application appears to be a self-contained dwelling and not an annex and is situated some distance from the main dwelling. It was also noted that the building was an improvement on what was currently in place and some thought had been put into the plans. The majority did not support the application, however it was agreed that should the planning authority grant approval a section 106 be added to the development and a condition that the materials used be in keeping.

Withyham Parish Council Does Not Supports this Application but requests that should the planning authority grant approval a section 106 be added to the development and a condition that the materials used be in keeping.

- 6.5 **WD/2018/0873/F** LEDGER WOOD, CHERRY GARDENS HILL, GROOMBRIDGE TN3 9NY Description: AMENDMENT TO APPROVED PLAN WD/2017/0685/F - SINGLE STOREY EXTENSION TO REAR (Comments by 16th May 2018)

Withyham Parish Council Supports this Application

- 6.6 **WD/2018/0827/F** CLOCK HOUSE, WARREN ROAD, CROWBOROUGH, TN6 1TX Description: REMOVAL OF THE EXISTING TENNIS COURT AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF A POOL HOUSE WITH PLANT AND SHOWER ROOM AT THE CLOCKHOUSE (Comments by 15th May 2018)

Withyham Parish Council Supports this Application

- 6.7 **WD/2018/0411/F** FISHERS GATE HOUSE, WITHYHAM ROAD, WITHYHAM, TN7 4BB Description: REMOVAL OF DILAPIDATED BUILDINGS, ERECTION OF SINGLE STOREY INFILL EXTENSION, ALTERATIONS TO EXISTING DWELLING AND ALTERATIONS TO EXISTING DRIVEWAY (Comments by 23rd May 2018)

It was noted with surprise that this building in not listed.

Withyham Parish Council Supports this Application

7. PLANNING DECISIONS

APPROVED

WD/2018/0139/F ERECTION OF GARAGE/WORKSHOP.BUDGEONS MEAD, WILLETTS LANE, BLACKHAM, TN3 9TU - Noted

WD/2018/0518/FR RETROSPECTIVE APPLICATION FOR NEW OUTBUILDING IN REAR GARDEN FOR GARDEN ROOM. CHARMWOOD, MARDENS HILL, CROWBOROUGH, TN6 1XL - Noted

WD/2018/0270/F SINGLE STOREY DETACHED HOME OFFICE AND GYM WITH W.C. BUILT ON SITE OF PREVIOUS DERELICT SHED ADJACENT TO COTTAGE 1 STONE COTTAGE, MOTTS HILL, GROOMBRIDGE, TN3 9PE - Noted

WD/2018/0429/F REMOVAL OF DORMER AND CATSLIDE ROOF TO NORTH EASTERN SIDE AND REPLACEMENT WITH FIRST FLOOR EXTENSION. NEW 2-STOREY EXTENSION TO SOUTH WESTERN SIDE OF HOUSE AND PARTIAL CONVERSION OF GARAGE INTO GYM. NEW PORCH TO FRONT DOOR TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL COVERED AREA. 16 ORCHARD RISE, GROOMBRIDGE, TN3 9RZ - Noted

ISSUED

WD/2018/0189/LDE THE USE OF UNITS 1, 3, 7, 8, 9, 10 AND THE TIN SHED AS CLASS B8 STORAGE OR DISTRIBUTION USE AND UNITS 2, 4 AND 5 AS CLASS B1 BUSINESS USE. BUCKHURST FARM, WITHYHAM ROAD, WITHYHAM, TN7 4BB - Noted

APPEAL DISMISSED

WD/2017/0971/F - APP/C1435/W/17/3189717 Oak Island, Ashurst Hill, Ashurst TN3 9TJ. - Noted

8. APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AFTER AGENDA – None

0014 RESOLVED that the observations on planning issues detailed in these minutes be submitted to the Planning Authority.

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

10. **DATE OF MEETING** - the date of the next meeting being Tuesday 29th June 2018 at 7pm in the Parish Office, The Old Station, Groombridge was noted..

The meeting closed at 7.30pm