

Minutes of the **PLANNING COMMITTEE** meeting held virtually on **Tuesday 4th May** 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 Andrew Fane, Di Kelly, Jill Pardey, Chris Pope, Marcus Tarling (Chair).

In attendance: Debbie Siddle –Clerk (Minutes and Virtual Host)
District Cllr Obbard – to observe

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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 posting on YouTube until minutes available.

2. **APOLOGIES** – None

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** - None

4. **MINUTES**

4.1 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 19th APRIL 2021

002066 RESOLVED that the notes of the meeting held on 19th April 2021 be taken as read and signed by the Chairman when in person meetings resume.

4.2 MATTERS OUTSTANDING FROM THESE MINUTES - none.

- 5 ENFORCEMENT

- No further activity has been seen at Park Corner. There is now a sign on the gate stating that the land is for sale or rent.
- Renewed activity at Hoadleys Lane stables was raised with WDC Enforcement who were taking action but activity has continued. Residents were advised to keep thorough logs as this would be useful evidence for WDC, and to report to the Police if they feel threatened.

- 6 PLANNING APPLICATIONS
COMMENTS TO BE RETURNED TO WEALDEN DISTRICT COUNCIL

- 6.1 **WD/2021/0527/F** 23 TEASLEY MEAD, BLACKHAM, TN3 9TZ Description: FRONT STORM PORCH AND LOFT CONVERSION WITH REAR DORMER. (Expiry date for comments: 12 May 2021)

Link to documents: <http://planning.wealden.gov.uk/plandisp.aspx?recno=153119>

The Committee felt that the information supplied was minimal and they were unclear as to why an environmental impact study would be required in this circumstance. There was concern about impact on the street scene but it was also noted that there were no neighbour objections.

Withyham Parish Council supports this application provided that materials blend in as much as possible with the surrounding properties.

- 6.2 **WD/2021/0876/FA** WOODLANDS, WARREN ROAD, CROWBOROUGH, TN6 1TX Description: REMOVAL OF CONDITION 1 OF WD/2015/2043/FR (CONSTRUCTION OF NEW DWELLING & DETACHED GARAGE & CHANGE OF USE OF LAND) TO REMOVE THE AGRICULTURAL OCCUPANCY RESTRICTION. (Expiry date for comments: 11 May 2021)

Link to documents: <http://planning.wealden.gov.uk/plandisp.aspx?recno=153563>

The Committee were reminded of the history of this site and related past applications, and that WPC foresaw this application to remove this condition in order to be able to sell the property without it. It was noted that the adjoining farm has made applications for staff housing but it is unclear why that would be needed when this property is available for agricultural occupancy. This application should therefore be looked at in conjunction with Home Farm. Furthermore the property is in the AONB, within the Zone of Influence and outside of the development boundary.

Withyham Parish Council does not support this application.

- 6.3 **WD/2021/0404/F** LODGEFIELD FARM, WATCH OAK HILL, BLACKHAM, WITHYHAM, TN3 9TN Description: SITING OF THREE GLAMPING UNITS PROVIDING HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION AND ASSOCIATED WORKS INCLUDING A NEW ACCESS TRACK. (Expiry date for comments: 17 May 2021)

Link to documents: <http://planning.wealden.gov.uk/plandisp.aspx?recno=152927>

The Committee felt this to be a well-argued proposition, agreeing that the shepherds huts are in keeping with the surroundings and the associated infrastructure well thought out. It was agreed that such diversification should be supported.

Withyham Parish Council supports this application but requests a condition that the units are removed should the business not be successful or if they are not required any more

002067 RESOLVED that the observations on the planning issues detailed in these minutes be submitted to the Planning Authority.

7. APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AFTER AGENDA – None.

8. PLANNING DECISIONS
APPROVED

WD/2021/0216/F SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION TO HOUSE FARRIERS, SUMMERSALES HILL, CROWBOROUGH, TN6 1UT - Noted

WD/2021/0194/F DEMOLITION OF GARAGE AND ERECTION OF A TWO STOREY, PART SINGLE STOREY SIDE EXTENSION. ALTERATIONS TO EXISTING FENESTRATION. LARKSFIELD, BALLS GREEN, WITHYHAM, TN7 4BX - Noted

WD/2021/0165/F SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION 1 ORCHARD WAY, CHERRY GARDENS HILL, GROOMBRIDGE, TN3 9NU - Noted

WD/2020/2513/F ERECTION OF 1NO. DWELLING WITH GARAGE AND ASSOCIATED ACCESS THE OLD HOUSE, STATION ROAD, GROOMBRIDGE, TN3 9QX - Noted

WITHDRAWN

WD/2020/2669/F PROPOSED DETACHED TIMBER FRAMED PARKING GARAGE BUILDING WITH ANCILLARY STORAGE/WORKSHOP AREAS AND EXTERNAL DRIVEWAY THE DELLS, CHURCH HILL, CROWBOROUGH, TN6 1XB - Noted

REFUSED

WD/2021/0209/FR RETROSPECTIVE APPLICATION FOR TIMBER STORAGE BUILDING LAND AT, CORSELEY ROAD, MOTTS HILL, NR GROOMBRIDGE, TN3 9PF - Noted

9. **POLICY ON PRE-APPLICATION DISCUSSIONS**

This policy had been developed by the Assistant Clerk and the Chair of Planning Committee. Due to time constraints on this meeting, and the need to have the existing protocol formalised in a policy as soon as possible, the Committee AGREED to consider, comment on and agree the policy via email.

002068 RESOLVED to agree the policy on pre-application discussions via email.

10. **MATTERS OF URGENT IMPORTANCE FOR NOTING OR INCLUSION ON A FUTURE AGENDA** – None.

11. **DATE OF MEETING** - to note that the date of the next meeting is on **Monday 24th May 2021 at 7.00pm** to be held virtually unless otherwise notified by the agenda.

Meeting closed at 7.37pm