

Minutes of the **PLANNING COMMITTEE** meeting held at
Groombridge Village Hall on **Monday 24th January** at 7.00pm

PRESENT: Cllrs Robert Gordon-James, Diana Kelly, Jill Pardey,
Jennie Paulson Ellis, Marcus Tarling (Chair)

In attendance: Natalie Brett – Assistant Clerk (Minutes)

Members of the public are encouraged to attend 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** - No
2. **APOLOGIES** – Cllrs Andrew Fane, Alan Gaukroger and Chris Pope
3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – Cllr Tarling for item 7.2

4. **MINUTES**

4.1 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 10th JANUARY 2021

002193 RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 10th January 2021 be taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

4.2 MATTERS OUTSTANDING FROM THESE MINUTES.

The Assistant Clerk to facilitate a meeting with members of the Planning Committee and Ashdown Forest Conservators

The Assistant Clerk has registered Withyham Parish Council interest in attending a Wealden North Parishes meeting on a joint letter to Wealden District Council Planning.

5. **ENFORCEMENT.**

An update had been requested on the land adjacent to Upper Tanyard, however the officer was on annual leave so a response was expected for the next meeting.

6. **LETTER REGARDING WD/2021/2114/LDE UPPER TANYARD FOR AGREEMENT**

It was agreed that this would be circulated by email for agreement and submission by the Assistant Clerk.

7. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

COMMENTS TO BE RETURNED TO WEALDEN DISTRICT COUNCIL

- 7.1 **WD/2021/2894/F** PARK LODGE, LYE GREEN, CROWBOROUGH, TN6 1UU
Description: ALTERATIONS TO DWELLING INCLUDING SIDE EXTENSION, LANDSCAPING, ADDITIONAL OUTBUILDINGS TO CONTAIN INDOOR SWIMMING POOL. (Expiry date for comments 26th January 2022)

Link to documents on web: <http://planning.wealden.gov.uk/plandisp.aspx?recno=156108>

There were no concerns in regard to the internal works. It was agreed that the external pool house does not enhance the visual amenity of the site which sits within the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

Withyham Parish Council defers to Wealden District Council on the decision but requests a condition that the external building is fully screened with hedging.

Cllr Tarling had declared an interest in 7.2. He handed Chairing of the meeting to Cllr Pardey as Vice Chair. He did not leave the room but was not involved in discussions nor voting.

- 7.2 **WD/2021/3032/F** GILLRIDGE FARM OAST, GILLRIDGE LANE, CROWBOROUGH, TN6 1UR Description: PARTIAL TWO-STOREY EXTENSION, DEMOLITION OF CONSERVATORY ON SOUTH ELEVATION, BUILD UP EXISTING BRICKWORK OF CONSERVATORY ON NORTH ELEVATION AND REPLACE GLAZED ROOF WITH TILED ROOF, NEW PORCH/OVERHANG TO NEW MAIN ENTRANCE DOORS, REMOVE EXISTING OVERHANG AND CHIMNEY STACK ON SOUTH ELEVATION, NEW WINDOWS, NEW ENTRANCE GATES (Expiry date for comments 1st February 2022)

Link to documents on web: <http://planning.wealden.gov.uk/plandisp.aspx?recno=156299>

The committee agreed that in principle the joining of the buildings was a suitable application, however it was felt the design was too large, the black edging and the vast expanse of glass overly dominant of the site and did not add to the visual amenity of the area. It was agreed that the design did not enhance the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

Withyham Parish Council Objects to this application

Cllr Tarling resumed chairing of the meeting.

8. **APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AFTER AGENDA** - None

002194 **RESOLVED** that the observations on the planning issues detailed in these minutes be submitted to the Planning Authority.

9. **DECISIONS** – All Noted

APPROVED

WD/2021/1045/F ERECTION OF DETACHED TRACTOR/ GARDEN STORE WINDLESHAW HOUSE, BEECH GREEN LANE, WITHYHAM, TN7 4DB

WD/2021/2828/F DEMOLITION OF EXISTING REAR CONSERVATORY AND REPLACEMENT WITH SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION THE ORCHARD, CORSELEY ROAD, GROOMBRIDGE

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

Cllr Tarling to attend Committee North. The Clerk was asked to circulate the information regarding the Wealden District Council Committee North meeting on social media due to the unprecedented public interest shown.

11. DATE OF MEETING – It was noted that the date of the next meeting is on **Monday 14th February 2022 at 7.00pm** to be held at The Parish Office unless otherwise notified by the agenda.

The meeting closed at 6.37pm