

Minutes of the **PLANNING COMMITTEE** meeting held at
The Parish Office, Station Road, Groombridge on **Monday 14th January**
at 7.00pm

PRESENT: Cllrs Andrew Fane, Alan Gaukroger (Chair), Robert Gordon-James, Diana Kelly, Jennie Paulson Ellis, Chris Pope.

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.

As neither the Chairman of the Committee nor the Vice Chairman were present the Assistant Clerk, in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972, sch12, called for a vote by members of the Council present to choose who should preside.

Cllr Gaukroger was elected to preside and opened the meeting.

1. **ENQUIRE WHETHER ANYONE PRESENT INTENDS TO FILM, PHOTOGRAPH AND/OR RECORD THE MEETING** - No

2. **APOLOGIES** – Cllrs Pardey and Tarling

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – None

4. **MINUTES**

4.1 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 14th FEBRUARY 2022

002215 RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 14th February 2022 be taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

4.2 MATTERS OUTSTANDING FROM THESE MINUTES.

None

5. **ENFORCEMENT**. - None

6. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

COMMENTS TO BE RETURNED TO WEALDEN DISTRICT COUNCIL

6.1 **WD/2022/0176/F STEPHNETTS COTTAGES, 3 STEPHNETTS COTTAGES, TUNBRIDGE WELLS, TN3 9UJ** Description: SINGLE STOREY EXTENSION ON THE SOUTHEAST SIDE OF PROPERTY (Expiry date for Comments 10th March extended to 15th March)

Link to documents on web:

<https://planning.wealden.gov.uk/plandisp.aspx?recno=156691>

It was agreed that removal of the chimney would have a negative impact on the village street scene making the properties unbalanced, the two requested roof lights would also increase this impact.

Withyham Parish Council can not support this application in its current form however would welcome a resubmission retaining the chimney and one sky light.

- 6.2 **WD/2022/0180/F** 1 CARRIERS PLACE, BLACKHAM, WITHYHAM, TN3 9UQ
Description: PROPOSED SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION (Expiry date for Comments 10th March extended to 15th March)

Link to documents on web:

<https://planning.wealden.gov.uk/plandisp.aspx?recno=156696>

Whilst the committee was unsure of the aesthetics of the application it was agreed it was easily accommodated in the large garden, would not cause any issues for neighbours and was a sensible increase of space.

Withyham Parish Council Supports this Application

- 6.3 **WD/2021/3030/F** HARDWICK HOUSE, STATION ROAD, GROOMBRIDGE, TN3 9RB
Description: TO INSTALL A DORMER WINDOW IN THE ROOF ON THE WEST SIDE, TO MATCH EXISTING DORMER ON EAST SIDE. (Expiry date for Comments 21st March)

Link to documents on web:

<https://planning.wealden.gov.uk/plandisp.aspx?recno=156297>

The committee agreed that the information provided in the application was insufficient with poor presentation of the plans and inadequate information. Additional information relating to the materials to be used, location of the window, so any issues with regards to overlooking neighbouring properties can be ascertained, and clear drawings of the proposal.

Withyham Parish Council is unable to support this application in its present form and would request the information stated above.

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

002216 **RESOLVED** that the observations on the planning issues detailed in these minutes be submitted to the Planning Authority.

8. **DECISIONS** – All Noted

APPROVED

WD/2021/2902/F DEMOLITION OF CONSERVATORY AT REAR AND NEW SINGLE-STOREY EXTENSION. EXTENSION OF EXISTING ATTACHED GARAGE/ENTRANCE/WC TO CREATE ANNEXE, GARDEN STORE AND UTILITY SPACE. RELOCATION OF FRONT ENTRANCE TO EXISTING WINDOW OPENING. NEW ROOFLIGHT AT SECOND FLOOR ON REAR ROOF FOR NEW SHOWER ROOM IN ROOF VOID. 2 THE GABLES, CORSELEY ROAD, GROOMBRIDGE, TN3 9SG

WD/2021/2894/F ALTERATIONS TO DWELLING INCLUDING SIDE EXTENSION, LANDSCAPING, ADDITIONAL OUTBUILDINGS TO CONTAIN INDOOR SWIMMING POOL PARK LODGE, LYE GREEN, CROWBOROUGH, TN6 1UU

WD/2021/3098/F TWO STOREY SIDE EXTENSION AND PORCH CANOPY 6 PROVIDENCE COTTAGES, SCHOOL LANE, ST JOHNS, CROWBOROUGH, TN6 1SE

REFUSED

WD/2021/2860/F CONSTRUCTION OF FOUR DETACHED DWELLINGS WITH ACCESS ONTO LONDON ROAD. LAND ADJOINING HAYCOCKS, LONDON ROAD, CROWBOROUGH, TN6 1TB

WD/2021/2437/F CONVERSION OF EXISTING FARM BUILDINGS INTO 4 NO. DWELLINGS BEECH GREEN PARK, BEECH GREEN LANE, WITHYHAM, TN7 4DB

9. MEETING WITH OTHER PARISH COUNCILS REGARDING OVER-DEVELOPMENT IN WEALDEN

It was agreed that two members of the Committee would join the meeting on behalf of Withyham Parish Council. The Assistant Clerk was asked to register the Parish Council's interest in attending.

10. WD/2021/2457/FR OFFICERS COMMENTS - Noted

11. DEFRA CONSULTATION ON ITS RESPONSE TO THE LANDSCAPES [NATIONAL PARK & AONB GOVERNANCE] REVIEW

It was agreed that Cllr Gaukroger would review the documents provided with the consultation and report back to a future meeting with a recommendation of whether Withyham Parish Council Planning Committee should respond and if this be the case a recommended response for discussion and agreement. Cllr Pope was also provided with the documents.

12. TO NOTE LETTER OF COMPLAINT SUBMITTED REGARDING LDE
Noted

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

It was noted that Crowborough Town Council recommended refusal regarding WD/2021/1316/MAO.

It was advised that a large development that will have an impact on the amenities of the Parish was with Tunbridge Wells Borough Council and a decision was due. Cllr Pope to provide the Assistant Clerk with the Planning reference so they can register an interest in receiving notifications.

14. DATE OF MEETING - to note that the date of the next meeting is on Monday 28th March 2022 at 7.00pm to be held at The Parish Office unless otherwise notified by the agenda.

Cllr Gaukroger gave his apologies for the meeting on 28th March.

The meeting closed at 7.28 pm