

Minutes of the Withyham Parish Council **PLANNING COMMITTEE** meeting held at The Parish Office, Station Road, Groombridge on **14th November 2022** at 7.00pm

PRESENT: Cllrs Allan Gaukroger, Robert Gordon-James (Chair), Di Kelly, Jill Pardey and Jenny Paulson-Ellis.

In attendance: Natalie Brett – Assistant Clerk

Members of the public are encouraged to attend the meetings in person or via Zoom 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 present virtually or in person.

1. ENQUIRE WHETHER ANYONE PRESENT INTENDS TO FILM, PHOTOGRAPH AND/OR RECORD THE MEETING – Meetings recorded for the use of the Clerks and will be erased once minutes are approved.

2. APOLOGIES — None

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - None

4. MINUTES

002382 4.1 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 24th OCTOBER 2022 - Agreed **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 24th OCTOBER 2022 be taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

4.2 MATTERS OUTSTANDING FROM THESE MINUTES - None

5. ENFORCEMENT

Recent installation of gates, fencing and some ground clearance at Park Corner were reported to Wealden District Council Enforcement.

Enforcement at Wealden District Council reported that: *Based upon the photographs that have been forwarded, and location, the gate appears to be on land covered by the existing Article 4 directions that are in place. This would mean that any new gate installed here would require planning permission from the Local Planning Authority. In addition, if the gate is a precursor to the creation of a new access onto the road at this point, then this too would require formal planning permission from the Local Planning Authority.* The officer confirmed that he had attempted to contact the new owner but as yet had not spoken to him.

The matter was also reported to East Sussex Highways who will review the site as the works appear to have blocked a drainage ditch and appear to be a new access to the Highway.

There was no update on the previously noted enforcement matter at upper Tanyard.

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

- 6.1 WD/2022/2723/F** THE PINES, WITHYHAM ROAD, GROOMBRIDGE, TN3 9QT Description: REPLACEMENT OF EXISTING CONSERVATORY WITH A SINGLE STOREY EXTENSION AND GARAGE AND UTILITY ROOM ALTERATIONS.

Wealden District Council Expiry date for comments: 23 November 2022

Link to documents on web:

<https://planning.wealden.gov.uk/plandisp.aspx?recno=159758>

It was felt this was a sensible conversion on the same footprint and would fit well in the space. No neighbour objections were noted.

Withyham Parish Council Supports this application

- 6.2 WD/2022/2745/LB** BUCK VIEW, CHERRY GARDEN HILL, GROOMBRIDGE, TN3 9NY Description: FIRST FLOOR EXTENSION OVER EXISTING GROUND FLOOR EXTENSION

Wealden District Council Expiry date for comments: 15 November 2022

Link to documents on web:

<https://planning.wealden.gov.uk/plandisp.aspx?recno=159784>

Concerns were raised on the scale of the application however the committee agreed to defer to the Listed Buildings Officer and would request a section 106 agreement be put in place to tie the extension to the house.

Withyham Parish Council defers to the Listed Buildings Officer and would request a section 106 agreement be put in place

- 6.3 WD/2022/1826/F** BUCK VIEW, CHERRY GARDEN HILL, GROOMBRIDGE, TN3 9NY Description: FIRST FLOOR EXTENSION OVER EXISTING GROUND FLOOR EXTENSION

Expiry date for comments: 15 November 2022

Link to documents on web:

<https://planning.wealden.gov.uk/plandisp.aspx?recno=158692>

The committee agreed with Wealden District Council that the application should be viewed under an LB and therefor did not comment on this application, referring officers to the comments made under 6.2

- 6.4 WD/2022/2602/FA** STREET RECORD, SUMMERSALES HILL, CROWBOROUGH, TN6 1TD Description: VARIATION OF CONDITION 9 OF WD/2013/1734/MAJ (CHANGE OF USE OF LAND TO BURIAL GROUND, NEW ACCESS, PARKING,BUILDING OF CONTEMPLATION AND MAINTENANCE BUILDING.) TO SUPERCEDE PREVIOUSLY APPROVED PLANS TO REDUCE THE BUILDING SCALE, MATERIALS AND LANDSCAPING.

Wealden District Council Expiry date for comments: 10 November 2022 (extended for Withyham Parish Council to 15th November)

Link to documents on web:

<https://planning.wealden.gov.uk/plandisp.aspx?recno=159620>

The committee agreed this was a sensible application and noted they had supported the previous application.

Withyham Parish Council Supports this Application

6.5 WD/2022/2678/F TOP LODGE, ERIDGE ROAD, GROOMBRIDGE, TN3 9NL
Description: CONVERSION OF EXISTING 2-BAY GARAGE AND STORE INTO ANNEXE ACCOMMODATION INCLUDING INSERTION OF WINDOWS AND ROOFLIGHTS

Wealden District Council Expiry date for comments: 10 November 2022 (extended for Withyham Parish Council to 15th November)

Link to documents on web:

<https://planning.wealden.gov.uk/plandisp.aspx?recno=159703>

The use of the conversion was unclear and so it could not be determined if this would increase traffic movement. However, no neighbour comments were noted.

Withyham Parish Council Supports this Application subject to a Section 106 agreement being in place.

7. APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AFTER THE AGENDA BY THE CLERK - None

002384 RESOLVED that the observations on the planning issues detailed in these minutes be submitted to the Planning Authority.

8. DECISIONS FOR NOTING – None

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

10. DATE OF MEETING – It was noted that the date of the next meeting is on **Monday 28th November at 7.00pm** to be held at The Parish Office unless otherwise notified by the agenda.
Cllrs Gaukroger, Pardey and Paulson-Ellis gave apologies.

The meeting closed at 7.19pm