

Minutes of the Withyham Parish Council **PLANNING COMMITTEE** meeting held at The Parish Office, Station Road, Groombridge on **28th November 2022** at 7.00pm

PRESENT: Cllrs Andrew Fane, Robert Gordon-James (Chair), Di Kelly, 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 — Cllr Allan Gaukroger – Work Commitment
Cllr Jill Pardey – Family Commitment

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - None

4. MINUTES

002391 4.1 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 14th November 2022 - Agreed
RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 14th November 2022 be taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

4.2 MATTERS OUTSTANDING FROM THESE MINUTES - None

5. ENFORCEMENT

St Thomas's School fencing - Wealden District Council Enforcement advised "As far as Wealden District Council Enforcement are concerned the fence that has been erected falls within the "permitted development" allowances for schools, but as this particular school is in any case controlled by East Sussex County Council it has been forwarded to them for their consideration.

The Assistant Clerk will request an update on Upper Tanyard for the next meeting.

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

- 6.1 WD/2022/2291/F** DRUMLIN HOUSE, SUMMERSALES HILL, CROWBOROUGH, TN6 1UT Description: EXTENSION TO SIDE AND FRONT, REPLACEMENT PORCH, AND ASSOCIATED INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL ALTERATIONS.

Wealden District Council Expiry date for comments: 1 December 2022

Link to documents on web:

<https://planning.wealden.gov.uk/plandisp.aspx?recno=159241>

The committee agreed that the application would considerably improve the aesthetic of the site without affecting neighbours.

Withyham Parish Council Supports this Application

- 6.2 WD/2022/2872/F** 7 ORCHARD RISE, GROOMBRIDGE, TN3 9RU Description: NEW PITCHED ROOF AND EXISTING GARAGE CONVERTED TO A HABITABLE SPACE, SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION, NEW PORCH & LEAN TO BIKE STORE

Wealden District Council Expiry date for comments: 1 December 2022

Link to documents on web:

<https://planning.wealden.gov.uk/plandisp.aspx?recno=159926>

Whilst the committee felt the application provided little information it was agreed that it would sit well within the street scene. There were no neighbour comments noted.

Withyham Parish Council Supports this Application

- 6.3 WD/2022/2919/FA** 1 MOUNT PLEASANT COTTAGES, SUSSEX LANE, BLACKHAM, WITHYHAM, TN3 9UH Description: VARIATION OF CONDITION 3 OF WD/2022/1936/F (SINGLE STOREY SIDE EXTENSION, SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION AND NEW FRONT PORCH) ALTER ROOF PITCH AND INSERT 2NO ROOF LIGHTS

Wealden District Council Expiry date for comments: 9 December 2022

Link to documents on web:

<https://planning.wealden.gov.uk/plandisp.aspx?recno=159974>

It was felt this would make little material difference to the initial application.

Withyham Parish Council Supports this Application

- 6.4 WD/2022/2646/LDE** BIRCHDEN, ERIDGE ROAD, GROOMBRIDGE, TUNBRIDGE WELLS, TN3 9NH CONVERSION OF LAND INTO A GARDEN

Wealden District Council Expiry date for comments: 6th December 2022

Link to documents on web:

<https://planning.wealden.gov.uk/plandisp.aspx?recno=159667>

The site is well known as a garden and is often used for community events with the landowners permission.

Withyham Parish Council supports this Application subject to a condition that no significant development takes place on the land to be designated as garden.

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

002392 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

The next Wealden District Council Parish Cluster meeting is to be held via teams on 15th December at 3pm. Cllr Gordon James agreed to attend on behalf of Withyham Parish Council. There were no questions request to be raised at the meeting.

The Assistant Clerk attended training on the changes to the Planning System, this contained an update on significant changes to planning which in turn will impact the Parish Council.

The Assistant Clerk had circulated a summary of her notes to Planning Committee Councillors, outlining the possible actions for the Committee and Council. The Assistant Clerk has also contacted Wealden District Council with further questions and for clarification. This will be added to a future agenda for discussion when information is available.

10. DATE OF MEETING – It was noted that the date of the next meeting is on **Monday 12th December at 7.00pm** to be held at The Parish Office unless otherwise notified by the agenda.

Cllrs Gordon-James and Paulson-Ellis gave their apologies.

The meeting closed at 7.20pm