

Minutes of the Withyham Parish Council **PLANNING COMMITTEE** meeting held at The Parish Office, Station Road, Groombridge on **27<sup>th</sup> February 2023** at 7.00pm

**PRESENT:** Cllrs Robert Gordon-James (Chair), Di Kelly, Jennie Paulson-Ellis, Penny Lawne

**In attendance:** Debbie Siddle – 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.

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 Gaukroger and Pardey - Family Commitments  
Cllr Parekh-Jones - illness

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – Cllr Paulson-Ellis is a neighbour of Red Roofs (WD/2023/0366/F).

4. **MINUTES**

002446 4.1 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 13<sup>th</sup> February 2023 - Agreed  
**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2023 be taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

4.2 **MATTERS OUTSTANDING FROM THESE MINUTES** - None

5. **ENFORCEMENT** – No updates

6. **PLANNING AND LICENCE APPLICATIONS**  
**COMMENTS TO BE RETURNED TO WEALDEN DISTRICT COUNCIL**

6.1 **WD/2023/0366/F RED ROOFS, ERIDGE ROAD, GROOMBRIDGE, TN3 9NJ**  
Description: PROPOSED PART SINGLE AND DOUBLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION

Wealden District Council Expiry date for comments: 7 March 2023

Link to documents on web:

<https://planning.wealden.gov.uk/plandisp.aspx?recno=160981>

The Committee noted that the property is not Listed and there were no neighbour objections. They queried whether the proposal will affect neighbours and felt it unlikely to do so because of the size of the plot.

The Committee observed that it partly replaces an existing extension but this application is significantly larger and increases the densification of the property on the plot, although the percentage increase is unclear.

Aesthetically they felt it was not too out of keeping with the rest of the property and the Committee agreed that the Design and Access Statement was very good.

***Withyham Parish Council supports this application.***

**7. TO NOTE AND AGREE ANY ADDITIONAL RESPONSE TO THE NOTICE OF APPEAL ISSUED UNDER THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990**

CEDAR LODGE, LODGEFIELD FARM, WATCH OAK HILL, BLACKHAM, TN3 9TN Proposal: ERECTION OF DETACHED DWELLING AND GARAGE AT SITE OF IMPLEMENTED PLANNING PERMISSION WD/90/1014/J  
Planning Inspectorate Ref: APP/C1435/W/22/3307518

***Withyham Parish Council agreed that previous comments made on this application were sufficient and had nothing further to add.***

**8. APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AFTER THE AGENDA BY THE CLERK - None.**

**002447 RESOLVED** that the observations on the planning issues detailed in these minutes be submitted to the Planning Authority.

**9 PLANNING DECISIONS FOR NOTING – All noted APPROVED**

**WD/2022/3230/F** PROPOSED ERECTION OF DETACHED DOMESTIC GARAGE. LAND ADJACENT TO TANYARD COTTAGES, CORSELEY ROAD, GROOMBRIDGE, TN3 9PP

**REFUSED**

**WD/2022/3265/F** DEMOLISH AND REPLACE ORCHARD COTTAGE WITH A TWO STOREY HOUSE, ERECT GARAGE BUILDING AND TURNING SPACE TO SERVE ORCHARD COTTAGE AND Paddock COTTAGE ORCHARD COTTAGE AND Paddock COTTAGE, BEECH GREEN LANE, WITHYHAM, HARTFIELD, TN7 4DB

**10. CONSULTATION ON LEVELLING-UP AND REGENERATION BILL: REFORMS TO NATIONAL PLANNING POLICY - DEADLINE FOR RESPONSES 2/3/23**

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/levelling-up-and-regeneration-bill-reforms-to-national-planning-policy>

The Assistant Clerk had circulated the response from the Wealden Group Against Over-Development (WGOD) and the briefing paper with amendments recommended by Baroness Scott on behalf of NALC. The Assistant Clerk had made the following recommendations:

- Support the recommend amendments by Baroness Scott
- A response is submitted by the Assistant Clerk following the draft provided by WGOD but rephrased.

**002448 RESOLVED** that the above recommendations were agreed.

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

It had come to the attention of the Council that a resident intends to site a mobile home on their property. The Assistant Clerk was asked to confirm the guidelines with Enforcement.

**12. DATE OF MEETING - to note that the date of the next meeting is on **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March at 7.00pm** to be held at The Parish Office unless otherwise notified by the agenda.**

The meeting closed at 7.20pm