

Minutes of the Withyham Parish Council **PLANNING COMMITTEE** meeting held at The Parish Office, Station Road, Groombridge on **29th January 2024** at 6.30pm

PRESENT: Cllrs Allan Gaukroger, Robert Gordon-James (Chair), Diana Kelly, Penny Lawne, Jill Pardey, Deviani Parekh-Jones and Beth Rhodes.

In attendance: Debbie Siddle – Clerk (for Minutes)

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 in attendance.

1. **ENQUIRE WHETHER ANYONE PRESENT INTENDS TO FILM, PHOTOGRAPH AND/OR RECORD THE MEETING** – the meeting was not recorded.

2. **APOLOGIES** - None

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** - None

4. **MINUTES**

4.1 **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 8th JANUARY 2024** – Agreed.

It was questioned whether, when a member of the public makes a statement to the Committee and provides a copy electronically to the Clerk, it should be inserted into the minutes in full or summarised. On balance the Committee AGREED that including notes in full which have been presented then provided electronically, ensures the most efficient and precise reporting.

002630 **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 8th January 2024 be agreed 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/2023/3018/F STABLES, LYE GREEN, CROWBOROUGH, TN6 1UU**
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Wealden District Council Expiry date for comments: 1 February 2024

Link to documents on web:

<https://planning.wealden.gov.uk/plandisp.aspx?recno=164191>

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The Committee noted that whilst the extension is large, it is in a discrete location, of traditional design, and there are no neighbour objections. Members of the Committee were pleased to see a good array of documents, including an arboriculture survey.

Some documents refer to replacing the garage rather than extending it which members of the Committee felt required clarification, and they wished to make the Listed Buildings Officer aware of this.

Withyham Parish Council Defers to the Listed Buildings Officer

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

002631 RESOLVED that the observations on the planning issues detailed in these minutes be submitted to the Planning Authority.

8. PLANNING DECISIONS FOR NOTING – ALL NOTED

REFUSED

WD/2023/1989/O OUTLINE APPLICATION FOR 2 DWELLINGS DRUMLIN HOUSE, SUMMERSALES HILL, CROWBOROUGH, TN6 1UT

A member of the Committee queried whether the applicant could appeal this decision but it was understood that as it is an outline application this is not possible.

APPROVED

WD/2023/2618/F INSTALLATION OF A PADEL COURT AT GROOMBRIDGE TENNIS CLUB GROOMBRIDGE TENNIS CLUB, CORSELEY ROAD, GROOMBRIDGE, TN3 9PP

WD/2023/2429/F CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW REAR GROUND FLOOR EXTENSION AND REPLACEMENT WINDOWS AND DOOR TO 1960'S EXTENSION. BUCK VIEW, CHERRY GARDENS HILL, GROOMBRIDGE, TN3 9NY

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WD/2023/2809/F PROPOSED PORCH, PROPOSED FIRST FLOOR REAR EXTENSION AND FALSE PITCH ROOF TO EXISTING DORMER 2 ROFFEYS, ERIDGE ROAD, GROOMBRIDGE, TN3 9NP

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

Planning training had been offered to Councillors and the Planning Clerk would like to thank those who have already registered to attend.

Cllrs Gordon-James and Lawne would be attending the Wealden Group Against Over Development meeting in Horam.

Cllr Gordon-James flagged up some useful documents on the WDC website, such as the Wealden Design Guide and a Design and Access Statement Guide for applicants.

10. DATE OF MEETING - Noted that the date of the next meeting is on **Monday 12th February at 6pm** to be held at The Parish Office unless otherwise notified by the agenda

The meeting closed at 6.42pm