

Minutes of the Withyham Parish Council **PLANNING COMMITTEE** meeting held at The Parish Office, Station Road, Groombridge on **22th April 2024** at 6.00pm

PRESENT: Cllrs Allan Gaukroger, Robert Gordon-James (Chair),
Diana Kelly, Jill Pardey, and Beth Rhodes (via zoom).

In attendance: Natalie Brett – Assistant 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 – None

2. APOLOGIES – Cllr Parekh-Jones – Family Commitments
Cllr Lawne – Family Commitments

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - None

4. MINUTES

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

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 8th APRIL 2024 be agreed and signed by the Chairman.

4.2 MATTERS OUTSTANDING FROM THESE MINUTES – None

5. ENFORCEMENT – A resident had contacted the Parish Council about Land Adj. Friars Croft, Mardens Hill, Crowborough where it was reported unauthorised camping/caravans and antisocial behaviour was occurring. This was forwarded to Wealden District Council Enforcement and allocated case no: C/2024/0182. The resident was also advised to report any anti-social behaviour to 101.

6. WEALDEN DISTRICT COUNCIL LOCAL PLAN CONSULTATION (AVAILABLE VIA <https://consult.wealden.gov.uk/kse/> UNTIL 5PM, FRIDAY 10 MAY 2024)

Comments had been received from CEAG to be integrated into the final response. The Committee agreed the comments provided were excellent. The draft response to the consultation will be taken for agreement at the next Withyham Parish Council planning meeting.

**7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS
COMMENTS TO BE RETURNED TO WEALDEN DISTRICT COUNCIL**

- 7.1 WD/2024/0836/LB** TOLLHURST FARM, OAK LANE, BLACKHAM, WITHYHAM, TN3 9VB Description: PROPOSED CONVERSION OF OUTBUILDING INTO HOLIDAY LET

Wealden District Council Expiry date for comments: 6th May 2024

Link to documents on web:

<https://planning.wealden.gov.uk/plandisp.aspx?recno=165383>

7.1 and 7.2 were considered together. Please see 7.2 for comments.

- 7.2 WD/2024/0835/F** TOLLHURST FARM, OAK LANE, BLACKHAM, WITHYHAM, TN3 9VB Description: PROPOSED CONVERSION OF OUTBUILDING INTO HOLIDAY LET

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7.1 and 7.2 were considered together

Whilst it was noted that this sits withing the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and outside of the Development Boundary it was recognised that the emerging local plan was favourable to reuse of non-residential buildings. It was also felt that this would improve the appearance of the site.

Withyham Parish Council Supports this Application subject to the comments of the Listed Buildings Officer.

- 7.3 WD/2024/0830/F** WEST END, CHERRY GARDENS HILL, GROOMBRIDGE, TN3 9NY Description: PROPOSED SINGLE STOREY EXTENSION

Wealden District Council Expiry date for comments: 1 May 2024

Link to documents on web:

<https://planning.wealden.gov.uk/plandisp.aspx?recno=165376>

The application lacked clear drawings and contained scant information. There were no details on materials and the site plans did not enable the location or that of adjoining/neighbouring properties to be ascertained.

It was agreed that this application did not contain sufficiently detailed and clear information for the committee to take a view.

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

002692 RESOLVED that the observations on the planning issues detailed in these minutes be submitted to the Planning Authority.

9. PLANNING DECISIONS FOR NOTING

APPROVED

WD/2023/3019/LB REPLACEMENT OF EXISTING GARDEN ROOM WITH LARGER EXTENSION AND EXTENSION TO EXISTING GARAGE. STABLES, LYE GREEN, CROWBOROUGH, TN6 1UU

WD/2023/3018/F REPLACEMENT OF EXISTING GARDEN ROOM WITH LARGER EXTENSION AND EXTENSION TO EXISTING GARAGE. STABLES, LYE GREEN, CROWBOROUGH, TN6 1UU

WD/2024/0173/F REAR DORMER TO ASSIST LOFT CONVERSION AND SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION 3 PROSPECT PLACE, STATION ROAD, GROOMBRIDGE, TN3 9QY

REFUSED

WD/2022/2499/F REDEVELOPMENT OF THE EXISTING RETIREMENT HOME SITE COMPRISING PART DEMOLITION OF EXISTING BUILDING AND REINSTATEMENT OF ORIGINAL DETACHED DWELLING TOGETHER WITH THREE NEW DETACHED DWELLINGS WITHIN THE SITE BOUNDARY. WARREN DRIVE REST HOME, FIELDEN ROAD, CROWBOROUGH, TN6 1TP

Cllr Gaukroger was thanked for his attendance at Planning Committee North regarding WD/2022/2499/F.

- 10 MATTERS OF URGENT IMPORTANCE FOR NOTING OR INCLUSION ON A FUTURE AGENDA** - None
- 11. DATE OF MEETING** - to note that the date of the next meeting is on **Tuesday 7th May at 6.00pm** to be held at The Parish Office unless otherwise notified by the agenda

The meeting closed at 6.20pm.