

Minutes of the Withyham Parish Council **PLANNING COMMITTEE** meeting held at The Parish Office, Station Road, Groombridge on **20<sup>th</sup> May 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** – recorded by the Clerk for the purposes of the minutes – to be destroyed when completed.

2. **APOLOGIES** – Cllr Pardey - Work Commitments

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** - None

4. **MINUTES**

4.1 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 7<sup>th</sup> MAY 2024 – Agreed.

002695 **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> MAY 2024 be agreed and signed by the Chairman.

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

5. **ENFORCEMENT** – an update was requested to the next meeting on enforcement matters recently reported

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

6.1 **WD/2024/0981/F DAIRY FARMHOUSE, STATION ROAD, GROOMBRIDGE, TUNBRIDGE WELLS, TN3 9NB** Description: DEMOLITION OF CONSERVATORY AND CONSTRUCTION OF SINGLE STOREY EXTENSION.

Wealden District Council Expiry date for comments: 3 June 2024

Link to documents on web:

<https://planning.wealden.gov.uk/plandisp.aspx?recno=165557>

It was noted that there was no planning notice at the site.

The Committee felt that the application lacked information such as a planning statement and materials. The Committee agreed that as it is in the AONB, and the application would need to enhance or conserve the AONB, it is important to have further detail in order to consider it.

***Withyham Parish Council is unable to support the application due to insufficient information. We would be happy to reconsider it should further information be provided.***

- 6.2 **WD/2024/0989/FR** HIGH AND OVER, BLACK HILL, CROWBOROUGH, TN6 1XE Description: PART RETROSPECTIVE APPLICATION FOR THE REBUILDING AND REINSTATEMENT OF THE REAR PART OF THE BUILDING KNOWN AS 'SITE OFFICE'

Wealden District Council Expiry date for comments: 3 June 2024

Link to documents on web:

<https://planning.wealden.gov.uk/plandisp.aspx?recno=165567>

The Committee noted that it represents a small addition, that sustainable materials will be used and that, although it is in the AONB, it is unlikely that it will be seen or have a negative impact on the AONB.

***Withyham Parish Council supports the application as it is a small addition that does not affect neighbours and will be made of sustainable materials.***

7. **APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AFTER THE AGENDA BY THE CLERK** - none

002696 **RESOLVED** that the observations on the planning issues detailed in these minutes be submitted to the Planning Authority.

8. **TO NOTE THE PUBLICATION OF THE HIGH WEALD MANAGEMENT PLAN 2024-2029** – Noted. The Committee felt it will be a useful resource when referring to the AONB.

9. **PLANNING DECISIONS FOR NOTING** - noted

**APPROVED**

WD/2024/0457/F GROUND-MOUNTED DOMESTIC SOLAR PV ARRAY IN TWO 14-PANEL ROWS EACH 14.56M LONG AND 1M HIGH. SHERLOCKS FARM, MOTTS DOWN, GROOMBRIDGE, TN3 9PB

WD/2024/0166/F INSTALLATION OF SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC EQUIPMENT ON THE ROOFS OF NON DOMESTIC BUILDINGS HORDER CENTRE, ST JOHNS ROAD, CROWBOROUGH, TN6 1XP

**ISSUED**

WD/2024/0299/LDE USE AS SINGLE DWELLING IN BREACH OF CONDITION 2 (AGRICULTURAL OCCUPANCY CONDITION) ATTACHED TO PLANNING PERMISSION WD/1984/3477/F (DEMOLITION OF PAIR OF SEMI DETACHED VACANT COTTAGES, ERECTION OF DETACHED FARMHOUSE). EVANS LEAP, BEECH GREEN LANE, WITHYHAM, TN7 4DA

10. **MATTERS OF URGENT IMPORTANCE FOR NOTING OR INCLUSION ON A FUTURE AGENDA** – Enforcement updates

11. **DATE OF MEETING** - to note that the date of the next meeting is on **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June May at 6.30pm** to be held at The Parish Office unless otherwise notified by the agenda

The meeting closed at 6.40pm.