

Minutes of the Withyham Parish Council **PLANNING COMMITTEE** meeting held at The Parish Office, Station Road, Groombridge on 14th April at 6.30pm

PRESENT: Cllrs Allan Gaukroger, Di Kelly, Penny Lawne (Chairman) and Jill Pardey

In attendance: Natalie Brett – Assistant Clerk (for Minutes)
Wealden District Councillor Hulbert (from 6.3)

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 Robert Gordon-James –Illness
Cllr Deviani Parekh-Jones - Family Commitments
Cllr Beth Rhodes - Family Commitments

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - None

4. MINUTES

4.1 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 24th MARCH 2025

002914 RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 24th March be agreed and signed by the Chairman.

4.2 MATTERS OUTSTANDING FROM THESE MINUTES - None

5. ENFORCEMENT – An update would be circulated prior to the next meeting.

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

6.1 WD/2025/0599/F THE GROVE, WITHYHAM ROAD, GROOMBRIDGE, TN3 9QR
Description: EXTENSION OF EXISTING GARAGE AT GROUND FLOOR LEVEL; ERECTION OF AN ADDITIONAL FLOOR TO THE GARAGE; INSTALLATION OF 2 DORMERS TO MAIN HOUSE REAR AND FRONT ROOF SLOPE AND INTERNAL REMODELING TO LOFT.

Wealden District Council Expiry date for comments: 9 April 2025 (extended for WPC)
Link to documents on web:

<https://planning.wealden.gov.uk/Planning/Display/WD/2025/0599/F>

It was agreed that a precedent had been set in the area and the extension would not be seen from the road. There were no neighbour objections noted.

Withyham Parish Council Supports this Application

- 6.2 WD/2025/0059/F** TOP HILL COTTAGE, BEECH GREEN LANE, WITHYHAM, TN7 4DB Description: DEMOLITION OF THE EXISTING STABLE BUILDING AND THE ERECTION OF A REPLACEMENT BUILDING TO PROVIDE ANCILLARY ACCOMMODATION Reconsultation requested following proposal description amendment

Wealden District Council Expiry date for comments: 7 April 2025 (extended for WPC)
Link to documents on web:

<https://planning.wealden.gov.uk/Planning/Display/WD/2025/0059/F>

The previous application had been supported subject to the Listed Buildings Officers comments

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

Wealden District Councillor Hulbert joined the meeting.

- 6.3 WD/2025/0450/FA** STABLES, LYE GREEN, CROWBOROUGH, TN6 1UU Description: VARIATION OF CONDITIONS 2, 4 & 5 OF WD/2023/3018/F (REPLACEMENT OF EXISTING GARDEN ROOM WITH LARGER EXTENSION AND EXTENSION TO EXISTING GARAGE) TO ENABLE CHANGES TO THE SCHEME. GARDEN ROOM: UPGRADED WINDOW SYSTEM, CHANGE TO CORNER COLUMNS, AMENDMENTS TO ROOFLIGHTS AND INCREASE IN HEIGHT. GARAGE: EXTERNAL THERMAL UPGRADE AND EAVES SHOWN TO MATCH EXISTING.

Wealden District Council Expiry date for comments: 14 April 2025

Link to documents on web:

<https://planning.wealden.gov.uk/Planning/Display/WD/2025/0450/FA>

It was agreed to defer to the Planning Officer who applied the conditions.

Withyham Parish Council defers to the Planning Officer who applied the conditions

- 6.4 WD/2025/0724/F** LONGSHAW HOUSE, ERIDGE ROAD, GROOMBRIDGE, TN3 9NJ Description: NEW BUILD PORCH TO SIDE OF HOUSE AT UTILITY ROOM DOORWAY

Wealden District Council Expiry date for comments: 24 April 2025

Link to documents on web:

<https://planning.wealden.gov.uk/Planning/Display/WD/2025/0724/F>

It was agreed that this would be a suitable addition, sitting in a large plot with no neighbour objections. It was requested that materials be in keeping.

Withyham Parish Council Supports this Application subject to materials being in keeping.

- 6.5 WD/2025/0792/LDE** WOODBURN COTTAGE, SMUGGLERS LANE, TN6 1TG
Description: USE OF THE LAND FOR SITING A MOBILE HOME FOR USE ANCILLARY TO THE MAIN DWELLING AND THE MOBILE HOME MEETS THE DEFINITION OF A CARAVAN AS SET OUT IN THE CARAVAN SITES ACT 1968, AND AS AMENDED IN OCTOBER 2006 (CSA)

Wealden District Council Expiry date for comments: 29 April 2025

Link to documents on web:

<https://planning.wealden.gov.uk/Planning/Display/WD/2025/0792/LDE>

Withyham Parish Council had no local or historic knowledge of the site and defers to the Planning Officer.

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

002915 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

APPLICATIONS APPROVED

WD/2025/0141/FA VARIATION OF CONDITION 2 OF WD/2023/1197/F (PROPOSED SITING OF 3 NO. GLAMPING PODS AND ASSOCIATED DEVELOPMENT.) TO VARY THE DESIGN ON ALL 3 PODS. BLACKHAM COURT, BEECH GREEN LANE, WITHYHAM, TN7 4DB

WD/2025/0225/F DEMOLITION OF EXISTING OUTBUILDING, SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION, INSERTION OF ROOFLIGHT TO MAIN HOUSE, ENLARGEMENT OF EXISTING SECOND FLOOR WINDOW AND REMOVAL OF EXISTING SECOND FLOOR WINDOW. KINGSCLERE, FLORANCE LANE, GROOMBRIDGE, TN3 9SH

WD/2025/0283/FR RETROSPECTIVE CHANGE OF USE FROM A RESIDENTIAL HOME (C2 USE) TO SUPPORTED LIVING ACCOMMODATION (SUI GENERIS USE). THE OLD HAY BARN, LONDON ROAD, CROWBOROUGH, TN6 1TQ

APPLICATIONS REFUSED

WD/2022/2293/FR RETENTION OF EXTENSION TO CUBICLE SHED. TOLLHURST FARM, OAK LANE, BLACKHAM, TN3 9UB

WD/2022/2274/FR RETENTION OF MACHINERY SHED. TOLLHURST FARM, OAK LANE, BLACKHAM, TN3 9UB

WD/2022/2273/FR RETENTION OF SILAGE CLAMP. TOLLHURST FARM, OAK LANE, BLACKHAM, TN3 9UB

APPEAL DISMISSED

Appeal Ref: APP/C1435/W/24/3348324

Warren Drive Rest Home, Fielden Road, Crowborough, East Sussex TN6 1TP

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

It was noted that a letter had been received regarding the Parish Council comments on Application WD/2025/0024/FR. The letter had been circulated to the committee and a response agreed with the Chairman.

Wealden District Councillor Hulbert advised she had spoken with the resident and the Planning Officer regarding this application.

10. DATE OF MEETING - to note that the date of the next meeting is on **Monday 19th May 2025 at 6.30pm** to be held at The Parish Office unless otherwise notified by the agenda

The meeting closed at 6.59pm