

Minutes of the Withyham Parish Council **PLANNING COMMITTEE** meeting held at The Parish Office, Station Road, Groombridge on 21st July 2025 at 6.30pm

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

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** – recorded by the Clerk for the purposes of the minutes – to be destroyed when completed.

2. **APOLOGIES** – Cllr Robert Gordon-James- Family Commitments
Cllr Jill Pardey - Family Commitments
Cllr Beth Rhodes – Work Commitments
Cllr Deviani Parekh-Jones - Family Commitments

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** - None

4. MINUTES

4.1 **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 7th JULY 2025**

0023015 **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 27th July 2025 be agreed and signed by the Chairman.

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

5. **ENFORCEMENT** – No updates

6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

COMMENTS TO BE RETURNED TO WEALDEN DISTRICT COUNCIL

6.1 **WD/2025/1376/F** DRUMLIN HOUSE, SUMMERSALES HILL, CROWBOROUGH, TN6 1UT Description: NEW DETACHED 2 BEDROOM ANNEXE

Wealden District Council Expiry date for comments: 23 July 2025

Link to documents on web:

<https://planning.wealden.gov.uk/Planning/Display/WD/2025/1376/F>

The materials would be in keeping, it would be well screened, and no neighbour objections were noted. It was felt there would be no adverse effect on the character of the High Weald National Landscape. The committee was happy to see the mention of a Section 106 Agreement to prevent the severance of annex (either being sold or let) from the main house and would request this is put in place.

Withyham Parish Council Supports this subject to a 106 agreement.

- 6.2 WD/2025/1531/F** CRANFIELD, SCHOOL LANE, ST JOHNS ,CROWBOROUGH, TN6 1SB Description: CONSTRUCTION OF A SINGLE STOREY OUTBUILDING TO BE ANCILLARY TO EXISTING DWELLING - TO BE USED AS EXTRA LIVING SPACE.

Wealden District Council Expiry date for comments: 24 July 2025

Link to documents on web:

<https://planning.wealden.gov.uk/Planning/Display/WD/2025/1531/F>

It was felt that the building was visually unappealing however no neighbour objections were noted.

Withyham Parish Council Defers to the Planning Officer.

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

0023016 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/2025/0081/F PROPOSED AGRICULTURAL STOREROOM LEALANDS FARM, STATION ROAD, GROOMBRIDGE, TN3 9NB

- 9. CONSULTATION ON WEALDEN DISTRICT COUNCIL'S DRAFT STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT (SCI).**

The Committee noted that the Council's Draft Statement of Community Involvement had not changed significantly and understood that it is subject to review every five years. It was agreed that no response to the consultation from the Parish Council was necessary. Councillors, should they wish, were also able to respond individually, and residents were likewise invited to submit comments.

- 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 **Monday 4th August 2025 at 6.30pm** to be held at The Parish Office unless otherwise notified by the agenda.

The meeting closed at 6.46pm