

Minutes of the Withyham Parish Council **PLANNING COMMITTEE** meeting held at The Parish Office, Station Road, Groombridge on 8th December 2025 at 6.30pm

PRESENT: Cllrs Allan Gaukroger (Meeting Chairman), Di Kelly, Jill Pardey, and Beth Rhodes

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 Penny Lawne – Family Commitments
Cllr Robert Gordon-James - Family Commitments
Cllr Deviani Parekh-Jones – Family Commitments

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** - None

4. MINUTES

4.1 **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 24th November 2025**

003105 **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 24th November be agreed and signed by the Chairman.

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

5. **ENFORCEMENT** – Wealden District Council Enforcement had advised that they would be attending the site at Park Corner to review recently reported activity.

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

6.1 **WD/2025/2537/F** 6 SOMERSET VILLAS, CORSELEY ROAD, GROOMBRIDGE, TN3 9RR Description: PART SINGLE STOREY/PART TWO STOREY SIDE AND REAR EXTENSION

Wealden District Council Expiry date for comments: 10 December 2025

<https://planning.wealden.gov.uk/Planning/Display/WD/2025/2537/F>

The Council notes that the proposed development would enhance the existing space, making it more suitable as family accommodation. The scheme represents an improvement to a building currently in need of refurbishment. The design is considered sympathetic in both form and appearance and is appropriately sited within the plot. No objections have been raised by neighbouring properties.

Withyham Parish Council Support this Application

- 6.2 WD/2025/2596/LB** WARREN HOUSE, WARREN ROAD, CROWBOROUGH, TN6 1TX Description: INTERNAL RENOVATION OF NORTH SIDE TO RESOLVE DAMP ISSUES AND PRESERVE THE BUILDING. SIGNIFICANT WORKS INCLUDE LIMECRETE FLOORING, UNDERFLOOR HEATING, ELECTRICS AND PLUMBING. EXTERNAL DRAINAGE ISSUES TO BE ADDRESSED.

Wealden District Council Expiry date for comments: 18 December 2025

<https://planning.wealden.gov.uk/Planning/Display/WD/2025/2596/LB>

The Committee appreciated the comprehensive Design and Access Statement, as well as the excellent Heritage Report. They welcomed the proposed investment in this listed building, which will help preserve and maintain the historic character of the house.

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

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

003106 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**

APPROVED

WD/2025/1739/F DEMOLITION OF THE EXISTING GARAGE BUILDING AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF A TWO-BAY GARAGE BUILDING WITH WORKSHOP WINDLESHAW HOUSE, BEECH GREEN LANE, WITHYHAM, TN7 4DB

WD/2025/2019/F PROPOSED ERECTION OF DETACHED GARAGE BUILDING WITH HOME OFFICE IN ROOF TO REPLACE EXISTING SHED AND DETACHED SUMMERHOUSE/OFFICE. CREATION OF NEW VEHICULAR ACCESS AND CLOSING OF EXISTING. COOKS CORNER, OAST HOUSE, GILLRIDGE LANE, CROWBOROUGH, TN6 1UP

- 9. MATTERS OF URGENT IMPORTANCE FOR NOTING OR INCLUSION ON A FUTURE AGENDA - PLANNING POLICY ON PRE-APPLICATION DISCUSSIONS**

- 8. DATE OF MEETING** - to note that the date of the next meeting is on **Monday 22nd December 2025 at 10.30am** if needed to be held at The Parish Office unless otherwise notified by the agenda.

The meeting closed at 6.38pm