

Rotherfield Parish Council

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MINUTES OF THE PLANNING & BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 15TH MARCH 2016 AT 19:30 IN THE PARISH COUNCIL ROOM, ROTHERFIELD VILLAGE HALL

COUNCILLORS PRESENT

Cllr. N. Wickenden (Chairman).
Cllr. D. Hiles (Vice Chairman).

Cllr. T. Gilbert.
Cllr. R. Harris.

Cllr. A. Martin
Cllr. D. Thomas
Cllr. G. Watson Smith.

COUNCILLORS ABSENT

None.

ALSO PRESENT

The local representative of the Ramblers Association and two members of the public.

1. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (LGA 1972 s 85).

An apology was submitted and accepted on behalf of Cllr. J. Kitchenham. Trevor Thorpe, Parish Clerk, was unable to attend this meeting and the minutes were recorded by Cllr. Wickenden, the Committee Chairman.

2. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL, PREJUDICIAL AND DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA, AND UPDATES TO MEMBERS' REGISTER OF INTERESTS.

Cllr. Watson Smith declared an interest in respect of item 4a) as he is a neighbour and friend of the applicant. The Chairman reminded the Councillors that they should declare an interest at any point during the meeting if they become aware of one.

3. TO RECEIVE MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 2ND FEBRUARY 2016 FOR APPROVAL AS A TRUE RECORD AND MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES.

Draft minutes have been circulated prior to the meeting and it was RESOLVED that they were a true record and that they be signed by the Chairman of the Committee.

4. TO CONSIDER AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS AND OTHER PLANNING MATTERS.

a) **WD/2015/2420/MAJ** Hole Wood Farm, Gillridge Lane, Crowborough TN6 1UR

New fishing pond in association with an existing business, The Carp Syndicate.

The applicant was present and was permitted to speak in favour of the application. The Ramblers Association representative was offered the opportunity to speak but declined. He was advised that he could then only speak at the Public Forum at the end of the meeting.

It was RESOLVED to recommend to the Wealden District Council Planning Officer dealing with this application that it be APPROVED

REASON: As it will improve the facilities for the family.

b) **WD/2016/0299/FA** Owlsbury Accident Repair Centre, Hadlow Down Road, Crowborough TN6 3RG

Removal of Condition 3 of WD/2015/1199/F (Proposed removal of dilapidated buildings and erection of replacement building and car parking area).

It was RESOLVED to recommend to the Wealden District Council Planning Officer dealing with this application that it be APPROVED

REASON: To support local business.

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- c) **WD/2016/0438/F** Iverne, Tunbridge Wells Road, Mark Cross, TN6 3PJ
Rear dormer loft conversion.
It was RESOLVED to recommend to the Wealden District Council Planning Officer dealing with this application that it be APPROVED.
REASON: It will enhance facilities and create a larger family home
- d) **Receive information regarding porch replacement at the Village Institute.**
Clerk has contacted Institute and requested a progress report regarding this. Has also advised Institute that ESCC Highways have declined permission for installation of a pavement bollard in North Street on the approach side of the Institute. They have also recommended that any replacement for the Porch should have a red reflector panel fitted facing the approaching traffic.
- e) **Receive information regarding “on line” petition currently circulating - “Give Parish Councils the right to appeal planning decisions”.**
Details circulated to Councillor in advance of the meeting. Councillors are at liberty to respond in their private capacity if they so wish. It was agreed that right to appeal was a good idea for Parish Councils re planning applications.

5. RECEIVE DECISIONS RECEIVED FROM DISTRICT COUNCIL, AND OTHER PLANNING CORRESPONDENCE

- a) **WD/2015/1828/FR** Extension to existing car park. installation of integral solar panels to Old Dairy roof (retrospective).
The Old Dairy, Great Danegate Farm, Eridge, Tunbridge Wells, TN3 9HU
- b) **WD/2015/2447/F** Replacement access
Owlsbury Accident Repair Centre, Hadlow Down Road, Crowborough TN6 3RG
- c) **WD/2015/2810/F** Creation of vehicular access and hardstanding to front garden area
Upper Court Farm Cottages, Church Road, Rotherfield, TN6 3LB
- d) **WD/2015/2852/F** Self erect conservatory on the rear of the property, supplied by Conservatory Land.
Hadley Cottage, High Cross, Rotherfield, Crowborough, TN6 3QB

All of the above applications had been recommended for approval by this Committee, and approved by Wealden District Council.

6. TO RECEIVE INFORMATION REGARDING ANY ENFORCEMENT, CONSERVATION OR APPEAL MATTERS.

- a) Appeal Ref: APP/HGW/15/393 Coolain, Spout Hill, Town Row, Rotherfield, TN6 3QX
Appeal against WDC refusal for permission to remove 1m of hedgerow. Appeal DISMISSED by the Planning inspectorate.
- b) Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) - Planning Appeal against Refusal of a Householder Application Appeal by Mr Richard Carter (the Appellant)
Site: SHANNON HOUSE, ERIDGE ROAD, BOARS HEAD, EAST SUSSEX TN6 3HD
Proposal: PROPOSED DETACHED GARAGE
Planning Inspectorate Ref: APP/C1435/D/16/3145423
Appeal Start date: 7 March 2016 (ongoing).

7. TO MAKE DECISIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO OTHER COMMITTEES

None.

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8. TO RECEIVE NOTICES OF DATE OF NEXT PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING.
5th April 2016 at 19:30 in the Parish Council Room Rotherfield Village Hall.

9. TO RECEIVE DETAILS OF ANY URGENT ISSUES FOR NOTING OR INCLUSION ON FUTURE AGENDA.

Cllr. Thomas, the Council Chairman, reported that there is to be a press release regarding the Council's 2016/17 Precept.

The Chairman of the Committee declared the formal business of the meeting closed at 21:15.

10. PUBLIC FORUM.

Three members of the public spoke, including the Ramblers Association representative in regard to rights of way matters and the Gillridge Lane Bridleway BR66.

Confirmed as a true record at the 6th April 2016 meeting of this Committee

.....ChairmanDate.