

Rotherfield Parish Council

Working for the Community

in Rotherfield, Town Row, Mark Cross, Eridge Green, Boarshead and surrounding areas

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING & BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 2ND FEBRUARY 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

Trevor Thorpe, Parish Clerk.

1. **TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (LGA 1972 s 85).**
An apology was submitted and accepted on behalf of Cllr. J. Kitchenham.
2. **DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL, PREJUDICIAL AND DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA, AND UPDATES TO MEMBERS' REGISTER OF INTERESTS.**
Cllrs. Wickenden and Harris declared a personal interest in respect of item 4a) as the applicant is known to them.
3. **TO RECEIVE MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 12TH JANUARY 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/2015/2810/F** Upper Court Farm Cottages, Church Road, Rotherfield, TN6 3LB
Creation of vehicular access and hardstanding to front garden area.
The Committee RESOLVED to recommend that this application be APPROVED by Wealden District Council for the following reason:
It will improve the safety of vehicle access to the property, subject to consultation and approval by ESCC Highways.
 - b) **WD/2015/1828/FR** The Old Dairy, Great Danegate Farm, Eridge, Tunbridge Wells, TN3 9HU
Extension to existing car park. Installation of integral solar panels to old dairy roof (retrospective).
Application restarted due to change in description of development.
The Committee RESOLVED to recommend that this application be APPROVED by Wealden District Council for the following reason:
It will support the generation of "Green" electricity.
 - c) **WD/2015/2265/F** Shannon House, Eridge Road, Boars Head, East Sussex TN6 3HD
PROPOSED DETACHED GARAGE AMENDMENTS - Proposed Garden Wall Omitted. Existing Wall to Remain with Grass Ramp to Access Rear Garden. Drainage Details. - Amended Plans & Statement PA05A, PA06D, PA07D, PA08D, PA09D, PA11D & PA12B (Plans no.PA1 - PA04 inclusive & PA10C – no change to previously submitted plans) date stamped 25 January 2016

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The Committee RESOLVED to recommend that this application be APPROVED by Wealden District Council for the following reason:

It will tidy and improve the facilities on this site.

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

- i. WD/2015/2643/F** Yonder, Argos Hill, Rotherfield, Crowborough, TN6 3QH
Loft conversion to a bungalow.
Recommended for approval by this Committee, approved by Wealden District Council.
- ii. Appeal Ref: APP/C1435/W/15/3133545**
Ashwood Farm, Eridge Road, Crowborough, East Sussex, TN6 2DZ
Recommended for approval by this Committee subject to review after two years, appeal for non-determination dismissed.
- iii. WD/2015/1906/FR** Walnut Tree Cottage, Station Road, Town Row, Rotherfield TN6 3HR
Retrospective application for construction of an in-ground swimming pool and retaining wall, and change of use of land to residential curtilage.
Recommended for refusal by this Committee, approved by Wealden District Council.
Concerns expressed at the meeting that this decision did not give due consideration to the Parish Council's valid objections submitted on December 9th 2015. RESOLVED that Clerk raise this matter with Cllr. P. Dixon (WDC), as they consider that the WDC (North) Planning Committee should review the decision.

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

None.

7. TO MAKE DECISIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO OTHER COMMITTEES

None.

8. TO RECEIVE NOTICES OF DATE OF NEXT PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING.

23rd February 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.

Clerk advised that a last minute objection had been received to the proposed closure of the slip road from the A267 by Mark Cross Church and the enforceable parking restrictions proposed for the area outside Mark Cross School. This is to be considered at the meeting of the ESCC Planning Committee at County Hall on the 10th February. ESCC officer involved with this case has suggested that a representative of the Parish Council attend the meeting. CLERK to establish nature and source of objection and report so that representation may be considered.

The Chairman of the Committee declared the formal business of the meeting closed at 20:10

10. PUBLIC FORUM.

None.

Confirmed as a true record at the 15th March 2016 meeting of this Committee

.....ChairmanDate.

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