



Working for the Community in Rotherfield, Mark Cross,  
Eridge Green, Boarshead and surrounding areas

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING AND BUILDING COMMITTEE  
HELD ON TUESDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2019 AT 19:30  
IN THE PARISH COUNCIL ROOM, ROTHERFIELD VILLAGE HALL TN6 3LX**

**PRESENT**

Cllr. D. Hiles (Chair)	Cllr. G. Farmer	Cllr. J. Kitchenham
Cllr. N. Wickenden (Vice Chair).	Cllr. R. Harris	Cllr. A. Martin.
Cllr. T. Gilbert	Cllr. L. Henrick	Cllr. J. Richardson
		Cllr. G. Watson-Smith

**COUNCILLORS ABSENT**

None.

**ALSO PRESENT**

Minutes were taken by Cllr. Watson-Smith as Trevor Thorpe, Parish Clerk,  
was not present.

**. TO RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING: -**

**a) Apologies for absence (LGA 1972 s85):**

None

**b) Declaration of personal, prejudicial and disclosable pecuniary interests on items on the agenda, and updates to members' register of interests.**

None were declared.

**c) To resolve that the Minutes of the meeting of this Committee held on 5<sup>th</sup> February 2019 be taken as read, confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.**

It was **RESOLVED** that these be confirmed and adopted as a true record and they were signed by the Chair of the Committee.

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

**a)WD/2018/2449/MAJ** Gill Wing Farm, Groombridge Lane, Eridge, TN3 9LA

Retrospective application for erection of agricultural building.

It was **RESOLVED** to recommend to Wealden District Council that this be **APPROVED**

**REASON:** Support for a local business, built into a sloping site well and the building is constructed to a very high standard.

**b)WD/2019/0025/LDE** Hamsell Farm, Eridge Road, Eridge, TN3 9LL

Use as separate dwelling house.

It was **RESOLVED** to recommend to Wealden District Council that this be **APPROVED**

**REASON:** It will regularise the situation.

**c)WD/2019/0205/F** The Old Garage, The Square, Rotherfield, TN6 3LG

To replace like for like 4 no. doors at the front of the shop.

It was **RESOLVED** to recommend to Wealden District Council that this be **APPROVED**

**REASON:** It will correct and regularise the situation.

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d) **WD/2019/0215/F** Novar, Tunbridge Wells Road, Mark Cross, TN6 3PR

Front and rear extension.

It was **RESOLVED** to recommend to Wealden District Council that this be **APPROVED**

**REASON:** It will enhance the facilities of the building

e) **WD/2019/0181** Ruggles Farm, Bicycle Arms Road TN6 3QE

Extension of new two storey extension to main house.

It was **RESOLVED** to recommend to Wealden District Council that this be **APPROVED**

**REASON:** It will enhance the facilities.

f) **Parish Council response to concerns raised by owner of a listed property regarding cost and delay to essential repairs due to prior consent being required from WDC.**

Concerns raised by Cllr. Richardson on behalf of a Parishioner affected by this.

Grave concerns were raised by other members of the Council that priorities such as health and safety issues and security of the premises results in high costs being incurred by the owner/applicant and that unacceptable delays were caused by WDC expectations for these. In view of various complaints from Parishioners the Parish Council will be reviewing past cases and consulting the Parish's District Councillors about this problem.

### 3. TO RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING FROM WEALDEN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

#### i. Decision notices.

a) **WD/2018/0418/LDE** Land adjacent to Douglas road, Douglas road, Town Row, Rotherfield, TN6 3QT

Agricultural barn used for wintering of livestock and general storage.

b) **WD/2018/2393/F** Silver Birches, Catts Hill, Mark Cross, Crowborough, TN6 3NQ

Two storey extension

c) **WD/2018/2644/F** St. Denys Lodge, Eridge Lane, Rotherfield, TN63JU

Proposed replacement of the existing garage with a single storey residential annex.

d) **WD/2018/2720/F** 2 Leyland Manor, Tubwell Lane, Crowborough TN6 3RH

Proposed single storey orangery to replace existing conservatory and new Juliette balcony to rear.

- Application a) had previously been recommended for approval by this Committee and was refused by Wealden District Council.
- The remaining applications had all been recommended for approval by this Committee and were approved by Wealden District Council.

#### ii. Planning correspondence.

None.

#### iii. Any Enforcement, Conservation or appeal matters.

- Caravan in field off Eridge Lane/Hornshurst Road. Planning Officer has reported that this has now been removed along with the horses in the field. A recent visit by one of the RPC Councillors revealed that there was still a horse on the land that could not be caught, and one caravan remains on the site.
- Parishioner has contacted Clerk regarding the derelict railway bridge at Redgate Mill. Permission was granted in 2016 by WDC for removal in view of its deteriorating condition, but concerns have been raised that there may be unnecessary tree removal involved. Doug Moss at WDC is liaising with the Parishioner and the District Councillor for the Ward is also aware of the issues raised.

#### iv. Tree Notices and applications from Wealden District Council.

None.

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- 4. **TO RECEIVE NOTICE OF DATE OF NEXT MEETING OF THIS COMMITTEE.**  
Tuesday March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019 in the Parish Council Room, Rotherfield Hall, starting at 19:30.
- 5. **TO RECEIVE DETAILS OF ANY URGENT ISSUES FOR NOTING OR INCLUSION ON FUTURE AGENDA.**  
None.

Chair declared the formal business of the meeting closed at 20:06:

- 6. **PUBLIC FORUM.**  
None.

**Confirmed and signed as a true record at the 9<sup>th</sup> April 2019 meeting of the Committee**

.....Chair.....Date