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## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING AND BUILDING COMMITTEE OF ROTHERFIELD PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2016 AT 19:30 IN THE PARISH COUNCIL ROOM, ROTHERFIELD VILLAGE HALL

### COUNCILLORS PRESENT

Cllr. N. Wickenden (Chairman).

Cllr. T. Gilbert.

Cllr. A. Martin

Cllr. D. Hiles (Vice Chairman).

Cllr. R. Harris.

Cllr. G. Watson Smith.

### COUNCILLORS ABSENT

None

### ALSO PRESENT

Trevor Thorpe, Parish Clerk, and three Parishioners in connection with item 4a)

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

Cllrs. Kitchenham and Thomas submitted an apology for absence. Cllr. Thomas submitted a list of comments in respect of the applications on the Agenda and this was referred to during the course of the meeting.

#### 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 a personal interest in respect of item 4f as the applicant is known to him. 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 8TH DECEMBER 2015 FOR APPROVAL AS A TRUE RECORD AND MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES.

These had been circulated to the Committee members prior to the meeting and it was RESOLVED that they were a true record of the meeting and that they be signed by the Chairman.

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

##### a) **WD/2015/2265/F** Shannon House, Eridge Road, Boars Head, East SUSSEX TN6 3HD. Proposed detached garage.

The Chairman allowed members of the public present to raise their concerns regarding this application in relation to the boundary, scale of proposal, accuracy of plans provided and possible future use for commercial purposes.

The Committee RESOLVED to recommend to the Wealden District Council Planning Officer that this application should be REFUSED on the grounds that it is an overdevelopment of the site.

##### b) **WD/2015/2583/LB** 2 Chapel Cottages, Church Road, Rotherfield, TN6 3LF. Provision of breathable coating to rear elevation.

The Committee RESOLVED to recommend to the Wealden District Council Planning Officer that this application should be APPROVED subject to consultation with the Conservation Officer as it will protect this listed building.

##### c) **WD/2015/2643/F** Yonder, Argos Hill, Rotherfield, Crowborough, TN6 2SE. Loft conversion to a bungalow.

The Committee RESOLVED to recommend to the Wealden District Council Planning Officer that this application should be APPROVED as it will enhance the accommodation of this property.

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- d) **WD/2015/2742/F** Land Adj Kilnside, Tunbridge Wells Road, Mark Cross TN6 3PP.  
The erection of two semi-detached dwellings. A reduced Scale submission following the withdrawal of original submission.  
The Committee RESOLVED to recommend to the Wealden District Council Planning Officer that this application should be APPROVED as the reduced scale of the proposal is more in keeping with the surrounding area.
- e) **WD/2015/2771/F** Holly Grove Farm, Castle Hill, Rotherfield, TN6 3RR.  
New entrance driveway.  
The Committee RESOLVED to recommend to the Wealden District Council Planning Officer that this application should be APPROVED subject to consultation with ESCC Highways Officers as it will improve access to the property.
- f) **WD/403/CM** Stonehouse Farm, Pilmer Road, Crowborough  
Disposal of waste for infilling haul road area that was created to facilitate access to landslip area filled in under planning permission WD/403/CM (part retrospective) Stonehouse Farm, Pilmer Road, Crowborough.  
The Committee RESOLVED to recommend to the East Sussex County Council Planning Officer that this application should be APPROVED subject to the land and topsoil being reinstated correctly.
- g) **WD/2015/2808/F** Bramley, New Road, Rotherfield, TN6 3JR  
Double storey side extension incorporating room in roof.  
The Committee RESOLVED to recommend to the Wealden District Council Planning Officer that this application should be APPROVED as it will enhance the facilities of the property.

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

- i. **TM/2015/0293/TCA** Reduce one beech tree by 40% subject to regulations, designated Rotherfield Conservation Area November 1976/March 1977  
4 Holly Cottage, Station Road, Rotherfield Tn6 3HW  
Information only.
- ii. **WD/2015/2249/F** Conversion of disused stables to dwelling, to include single storey extension, new porch and garage. New vehicular access and drive.  
Burrwood Farm, Bicycle Arms Road, High Cross, Rotherfield TN6 3QE  
Recommended for approval by this Committee and approved by Wealden District Council.
- iii. **WD/2015/2594/LBR** Retrospective application for minor alterations to approved listed building consent WD/2014/2162/LB (demolition of existing conservatory and erection of link attached single-storey kitchen/ garden room extension including minor internal alterations).  
Great Dewlands Farm, Dewlands Hill, Rotherfield TN6 3RU  
Recommended for approval by this Committee and approved by Wealden District Council.

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

At the request of a nearby resident the Council Chair and Chair of this Committee viewed a site in Hadlow Down Road. It was not apparent of any activity on the site that would create a breach of planning conditions. It is suggested that a return visit is made in the summer when the site is more active.

## 7. TO MAKE DECISIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO OTHER COMMITTEES

None.

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

- 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2016 at 19:30 in the Parish Council Room at Rotherfield Village Hall.

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

- i. CLERK to report via “Fix My Street” website that lamp columns 77 in Court Meadow, and the column in the Square next to Church Path, are not working.
- ii. Clerk advised that he, and residents, had raised numerous reports regarding road surface conditions in the Parish via “Fix My Street” and is investigating nature and extent of surface work proposed by ESCC in Church Road in March so that details may be made known.
- iii. CLERK to chase WDC for action regarding Lime Trees in St Denys’ Churchyard and suggest that Parish Council engage contractors to undertake the work with reimbursement from WDC.
- iv. CLERK to investigate gateway which has recently appeared in the fence of a property adjacent to the Old Burial Ground. Item to be added to agenda of next Recreation and Burial Committee Meeting to agree action on this.
- v. Concerns were raised that cones had been appearing by the kerb to reserve “private parking” in the Village Centre. Clerk advised that this constitutes “obstructing the highway” and that there are agenda items for the forthcoming Highways Committee meeting relating to parking and other traffic concerns.

The Chairman declared the formal business of the meeting closed at 20:45

## 10. PUBLIC FORUM.

None.

**Confirmed as a true record at the 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2016 meeting of this Committee**

.....Signed.....Date.