



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

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING AND BUILDING COMMITTEE OF ROTHERFIELD
PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 21ST FEBRUARY 2017 AT 19:30
IN THE PARISH COUNCIL ROOM, ROTHERFIELD VILLAGE HALL**

COUNCILLORS PRESENT

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

Cllr. R. Harris
Cllr. Gilbert
Cllr. A. Martin

Cllr. J. Richardson
Cllr. Thomas
Cllr. G. Watson-Smith

COUNCILLORS ABSENT

None

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

ALSO PRESENT

Two members of the Rotherfield Players for the presentation of the "Raise the Roof" project.

1. TO RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING: -

i. Apologies for absence (LGA 1972 s 85).

Cllr. J. Kitchenham submitted an apology for absence.

ii. Declarations of personal, prejudicial and disclosable pecuniary interests on items on the agenda, and updates to members' register of interests.

None. The Chair reminded the Councillors that they should declare an interest at any point during the meeting if they become aware of one, and that the meeting would be recorded.

iii. To resolve that the minutes of the Planning and Building Committee Meetings held on 10th and 31st January 2017 were amended then confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair and Vice Chair.

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the 10th January 2017 meeting of this Committee be amended to reflect that item 2b) should read that the vote was as follows: -

FOR refusal of the application: - Cllrs. Gilbert, Kitchenham, Martin, Harris. Hardy, Hiles, Watson-Smith, Watts and Richardson.

AGAINST refusal of the application: - Cllrs. Wickenden and Thomas. The Vice Chair made a manuscript amendment to the minutes, it was **RESOLVED** that these now represented a true record of the meeting and they were signed by the Chair.

Adoption of the minutes of the 31st January meeting was overlooked and this will be carried forward to the next meeting of this Committee for attention.

iv. Presentation from Rotherfield Players regarding the Village Hall "Raise the Roof" project.

Andrew Miller of the Rotherfield Players made a presentation to the Committee regarding this project.

After the presentation, the Committee discussed funding source options, the position regarding VAT on the project should it proceed and other possible benefits to the Community. Submission of the Planning Application was also discussed. It was agreed to add an item to the agenda of the March Council meeting so that the Full Council can review the proposal and resolve further action. The Committee agreed to strongly recommend to Full Council that it agrees support for this project at the 30th March Council Meeting.

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

a) WD/2016/2965/F The Old Dairy, Rotherhurst Lane, Rotherfield, TN6 3JG

Conversion of the old dairy building to residential use.

The Committee **RESOLVED** to recommend to Wealden District Council's Planning Team that this application be **APPROVED**.

REASON: This will ensure the necessary maintenance to preserve the building.

b) WD/2017/0019/F Bell Mead Cottage, Station Road, Rotherfield, TN6 3HR.

Ground floor lounge extension.

The Committee **RESOLVED** to recommend to Wealden District Council's Planning Team that this application be **REFUSED**.

REASON: Detracts from the character of the building.

c) WD/2017/0160/F The Gate House, Eridge Road, Boars Head, TN6 3HD

Proposed single storey extension.

The Committee **RESOLVED** to recommend to Wealden District Council's Planning Team that this application be **APPROVED**.

REASON: Improves the facilities.

d) WD/2017/0218/F Old Leylands, Tubwell Lane, Crowborough, TN6 3RH

Replacement of flue for existing conventional boiler with flue and plume management pipe for new condensing boiler.

The Committee **RESOLVED** to recommend to Wealden District Council's Planning Team that this application be **APPROVED**.

REASON: Compliance with modern standards and enhance the facilities.

e) WD/2017/7500/T SF On Eridge Road, Junction of Boars Head Road, Crowborough, TN6 3GR

The installation of 1 no. 17.5 melara pole with 3 no. shrouded antennas and 2 no. equipment cabinets on a wide highways maintained grass verge.

The Committee **RESOLVED** to recommend to Wealden District Council's Planning Team that this application be **APPROVED**.

REASON: Improve O2 Mobile Phone signal for the area.

3. TO RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING FROM WEALDEN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

i. Decision notices.

a) WD/2015/2702/F The Coach House, Horsegrove House, Mayfield Road, Rotherfield TN6 3LU

Replacement dwelling

b) WD/2016/3033/F Cobbarn Grange, Groombridge Lane, Eridge, TN3 9LA

Rebuild link between house and garage. internal alterations and first floor extension to garage. new indoor swimming pool.

c) WD/2016/3048/F Oakdene, Spout Hill, Town Row, Rotherfield, TN6 3QX

Demolition of existing front extension. demolition of side boiler room. proposed two storey front extension and single storey side extension

d) WD/2016/3058/P01 The Pines, Eridge Road, Boars Head, Crowborough TN6 3HD

Change of use of existing offices into residential dwellings.

Applications a) – c) above had all been recommended for approval by this Committee and were approved by Wealden District Council. Application d) is for information only as it was a formal determination requiring no prior approval.

ii. Planning correspondence.

None.

iii. Any Enforcement, Conservation or appeal matters.

None.

3. CONSIDER NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2017 SUSSEX HERITAGE TRUST AWARDS.

The Rotherfield Scout and Youth Community Hall was agreed to be put forward using part of the Chairman's allowance to pay the £90 entry fee. Cllr. R. Harris to undertake the application on behalf of RPC.

4. AGREE ACTION ON URGENT ITEMS FOR OTHER COMMITTEES

None.

5. TO RECEIVE NOTICE OF DATE OF NEXT MEETING OF THIS COMMITTEE.

Tuesday 14th March at 19:30 in the Parish Council Room Rotherfield Village Hall.

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

Cllr. A Hardy raised concerns about RPC document retention timescales on Dropbox and that the P&B 10th of January minutes file was no longer available for viewing at today's meeting. The report from Cllr. G. Cahlan Planning consultation needed to go into Dropbox.

The Chairman declared the formal business of the meeting closed at. 20:40.

7. PUBLIC FORUM.

None

Confirmed as a true record at the 14th March 2017 meeting of this Committee.

.....Chair Date.