



**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 10TH OCTOBER 2017 AT 19:30
IN THE PARISH COUNCIL ROOM, ROTHERFIELD VILLAGE HALL TN6 3LX**

COUNCILLORS PRESENT

Cllr. D. Hiles (Chair).	Cllr. T. Gilbert	Cllr. J. Kitchenham
Cllr. N. Wickenden (Vice Chair).	Cllr. R. Harris	Cllr. A. Martin
Cllr. G. Farmer	Cllr. Henrick	Cllr Richards

ALSO PRESENT

Three members of the public and the Parish Clerk, Trevor Thorpe.

1. TO RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING: -

a) Apologies for absence (LGA 1972 s85).

Cllrs. G. Watson Smith and A. Hardy have submitted apologies for absence.

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

None declared.

c) To resolve that the Minutes of the meeting of this Committee held on 19th September 2017 be taken as read, confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

Draft copies have been forwarded to the Councillors in advance of this meeting and it was **RESOLVED** that be confirmed as a true record and adopted. The Chair signed the minutes.

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

a) WD/2017/1653/FA Little Acre, Tunbridge Wells Road, Mark Cross, TN6 3PR

Removal of condition 3 of WD/1995/9002/ENF (One residential caravan for occupation by gypsy family and installation of cesspool).

The applicants were present and, together with a relative, gave background to issues arising from the purchase and the history of the site.

The Committee **RESOLVED** to recommend to Wealden District Council planners that this application be **APPROVED**.

REASON: - It will regularise the planning position for this site.

Cllr. Martin wished it noted that, by removing the condition relating to occupation by a gypsy family it would be necessary for Wealden DC to allocate a replacement site elsewhere in the district.

b) WD/2017/2000/F Castle Hill House, Castle Hill, Rotherfield, TN6 3RR

Erection of tree house.

Cllr. Kitchenham declared a personal interest as his son's work involves erection of structures such as this and he may be involved with this project.

The Committee **RESOLVED** to recommend to Wealden District Council planners that this application be **REFUSED**.

REASON: - It is unsuitable for this area.

c) WD/2017/2062/F Dewlands Barn Castle Hill Farm, Treblers Road, Rotherfield, TN6 3RR

To create accommodation ancillary to the main house for our elderly parents consisting of 2

bedrooms and independent living space. Also to provide some additional workshop and garden machinery storage space which could also be used as garage space for their car in winter and a small exercise pool.

Cllr. Martin declared a personal interest as his partner is an acquaintance of the applicants. The Committee **RESOLVED** to recommend to Wealden District Council planners that this application be **APPROVED**.

REASON: - It improves the facilities on the site, makes use of a redundant building and will enable the family to stay together.

- d) **WD/2017/2107/F** The Pines, Eridge Road, Boars Head, TN6 3HD
Extensions to existing building to form 2 no. residential dwellings.
The Committee **RESOLVED** to recommend to Wealden District Council planners that this application be **APPROVED**.
REASON: - It will provide smaller lower cost dwellings.
- e) **WD/2017/2225/F** The Spinney, High Cross, Rotherfield TN6 3PX
Proposed extension.
The Committee **RESOLVED** to recommend to Wealden District Council planners that this application be **APPROVED**.
REASON: - It will improve the facilities of the building.

3. TO RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING FROM WEALDEN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

i. Decision notices.

- a) **Appeal Ref: APP/C1435/W/17/3175068** Leech Pit Cottage, Eridge Road, Eridge Green TN3 9LL.
Appeal against planning refusal dismissed.
- b) **WD/2017/1883/F** Lews Farm, Sheriffs Lane, Rotherfield, East Sussex, TN6 3JE
Erection of flue.
- c) **WD/2017/1954/F** Brecon House, Church Road, Rotherfield, TN6 3LD
Erection of summerhouse

Item a) above had been recommended for approval by this Committee. Items b) and c) were also recommended for approval by this Committee and approved by Wealden District Council planners.

ii. Planning correspondence.

None.

iii. Any Enforcement, Conservation or appeal matters.

Both current cases are being progressed by the WDC Enforcement team, and a site visit has been undertaken to one, for which planning permission is required. They are liaising with the owners in respect of this.

4. AGREE ACTION ON URGENT ITEMS FOR OTHER COMMITTEES.

None.

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

Tuesday 31st October at 19:30 in the Parish Council Room, Rotherfield Village Hall. Not as published on meeting schedule, Clerk is arranging some revisions to various Committee meetings between now and year end due to an error in the 2017 schedule regarding Planning and Building Committee meeting frequency. He is liaising with the Hall regarding this and will circulate amended dates once confirmation received from the Hall.

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

- Wealden District Council have advised that we will be receiving a Community Infrastructure Levy payment of £506.58 within the next few days. Clerk has requested information as to which development this relates to.
- East Sussex Highways confirm that the white lining work opposite the Church and in the Millennium Green car park at Mark Cross will be taking place on 23rd October, or at some point during that week if weather conditions dictate. Clerk has advised local users of this and requested they do not use the areas on that day. Cllr. Martin recommends that we “cone” the areas involved beforehand and that a supply of these be obtained for this and future uses. Clerk confirmed that the expenditure of approximately £200 involved falls within delegated limits in section 4.1 of Financial Regulations, and Cllr. Martin will obtain 20 cones of the triangular yellow “no waiting” variety.
- Clerk advised that the “day burning” streetlight at the top of Catt’s Hill near the Mark Cross junction has been reported to East Sussex Highways.

The Chair declared the formal business of the meeting closed at 20:15.

7. PUBLIC FORUM.

Approved and adopted as a true record at the 31st October 2017 meeting of this Committee

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