



**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 13TH DECEMBER 2016 AT 19:30
IN THE PARISH COUNCIL ROOM, ROTHERFIELD VILLAGE HALL**

COUNCILLORS PRESENT

Cllr. N. Wickenden (Chairman).	Cllr. R.Harris	Cllr.A.Hardy
Cllr. D. Hiles (Vice Chairman).	Cllr.A.Martin	Cllr.T.Gilbert
Cllr. G. Watson-Smith	Cllr.D.Thomas	

COUNCILLORS ABSENT

None.

ALSO PRESENT

One member of the Public attended in connection with Item 2a)

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

1. TO RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING:-

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

Apologies for absence were submitted by Cllr. J. Richardson, Cllr. L. Watts and Cllr. J. Kitchenham.

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

Cllr.R.Harris. (Item 2f) declared an interest as he is a near neighbour to this property.

The Chairman reminded the Councillors that they should declare an interest at any point during the meeting if they become aware of one, and also that the meeting would be recorded.

iii. To resolve that the minutes of the previous Planning and Building Committee Meeting held on 22nd November 2016, were signed as a true record.

A copy was not available so this matter will go forward to the next committee meeting for approval and signing.

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

a) WD/2016/0590/F Low Barn, Groombridge Lane, Eridge, TN3 9LA

Patio area to the rear of the property and erection of a shed/garden store.

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

REASON: It will enhance the facilities.

(7 to one in favour, Cllr. D. Thomas abstained)

b) WD/2016/2537/F Derridge Shaw, Steep Road, Crowborough, TN6 3RX

Construction of 40m x 20m riding school/manege and small farm outhouse.

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

REASON: It will enhance the facilities for equestrian use. (The owner of this property was given 2 minutes to address the Council and gave his reasons as to the need of this development).

- c) **WD/2016/2715/F** Rotherfield Bowls Club, Rotherfield Recreation Ground, North Street, TN6 3LX
Demolition of the existing kitchen and construction of a larger kitchen
The Committee **RESOLVED** to recommend to Wealden District Council's Planning Team that this application be **APPROVED**.
REASON: It will improve the facilities.
- d) **WD/2016/2747/F** Leech Pit Cottage, Eridge Road, Eridge Green, TN3 9LL
Erection of new garage.
The Committee **RESOLVED** to recommend to Wealden District Council's Planning Team that this application be **APPROVED**.
REASON: It will be a huge improvement on the existing.
- e) **WD/2016/2779/LB** Weleirs, Town Row Green, Rotherfield, TN6 3QU
Purpose made new casement windows and external glazed doors to replace existing windows, including changes to the size of a number of openings.
The Committee **RESOLVED** to recommend to Wealden District Council's Planning Team that this application be **APPROVED**.
REASON: it will Improve the property both visually and increase its thermal insulation. Subject to Conservation Officer consultation.
- f) **WD/2016/2784/F** 30 Court Meadow Close, Rotherfield, TN6 3LW
Converting the existing garage into playroom/study.
The Committee **RESOLVED** to recommend to Wealden District Council's Planning Team that this application be **APPROVED**.
REASON: Improve and create additional facilities of this family home.
- g) **WD/2016/2806/LDE** Foot Tracks, Stone Cross. Crowborough. TN6 3SJ
Use of an area within the curtilage of the residential property as a commercial storage area for in excess of 10 years.
The Committee **RESOLVED** to inform Wealden District Council's Planning Team that it made no decision. Statement/comment that from a site visit 4 years ago it was assumed that the storage area had been in use for a fair time prior to the visit.
- h) **WD/2016/2807/LDE** Foot Tracks, Stone Cross. Crowborough. TN6 3SJ
Non-compliance with condition 4 of WD/2005/2323/F (construction of games room with office over to replace existing garden equipment store). Use of the building for commercial business purposes.
The Committee **RESOLVED** to inform Wealden District Council's Planning Team that it made no decision. Declined comment, based on WDC website it was assumed that it has been used as an office for a number of years.
- i) **WD/2016/2836/FA** Dewlands Manor Golf Course, Cottage Hill, Rotherfield, TN6 3JN
Variation of condition 2 of WD/2016/2181/F (change of use from function rooms and changing rooms to holiday accommodation).
The Committee **RESOLVED** to recommend to Wealden District Council's Planning Team that this application be **APPROVED**.
REASON: This development will support this local business/ Golf and Tourism.
- j) **WD/2016/2894/LB & 2893/F** Copyhold, Sandhill Lane, Boars Head TN3 9LN.
Oak framed lean-to type conservatory with glass roof on rear elevation. Existing window modified to form new access into proposed conservatory.
The Committee **RESOLVED** to recommend to Wealden District Council's Planning Team that this application be **APPROVED**.

REASON: This will enhance the facilities. Subject to Conservation Officer consultation.

ACTION for CLERK: Forward agreed recommendations and comments above to Wealden District Council via their website.

3. TO RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING FROM WEALDEN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

i. Decision notices.

- a) **WD/2016/2266/LB** Weleirs, Town Row Green, Rotherfield, TN6 3QU
Internal alterations, new replacement external door and window to utility room and replacement of rotting weatherboarding to a number of areas to the external walls including installation of insulation. Approved by WDC
- b) **WD/2016/2306/F** Brookside, New Road, Rotherfield, Crowborough, TN6 3JT
Extension at side of house. Covered porch area up to front door. Extension at rear. Carport and shed to side/rear of house. To replace concrete block walls at side of driveway with facing bricks. Also to straighten out walls. Approved by WDC
- c) **WD/2016/2322/FR** The Stables, Burrwood, Bicycle Arms Road, High Cross, Rotherfield, TN6 3QE
Conversion of barn and store to ancillary living accommodation. Approved by WDC
- d) **WD/2016/2334/F** 21 Hornshurst Road, Rotherfield, TN6 3ND
Double storey side extension and one and a half storey front extension incl. Front dormer window. Approved by WDC

All of the above applications were recommended for approval by this Committee.

ii. Planning correspondence.

None.

iii. Any Enforcement, Conservation or appeal matters.

None.

4. AGREE ACTION ON URGENT ITEMS FOR OTHER COMMITTEES

None.

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

The December meeting of the Parish Council will consider planning applications received, with the next meeting of this Committee scheduled for 10th January 2017 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.

The Chairman of the parish Council (Cllr.D.Thomas) had received a Freedom of Information request for information relating to the Planning application for the Coach House, Horsegrove House, Rotherfield. WD/2015/2702/F of 19th July. 2016. The request has been declined and will be communicated to the applicant for the information.

The Chairman declared the formal business of the meeting closed at 20:05.

7. PUBLIC FORUM. None.

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