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MINUTES OF THE PLANNING & BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 5TH APRIL 2016 AT 19:30 IN THE PARISH COUNCIL ROOM, ROTHERFIELD VILLAGE HALL

COUNCILLORS PRESENT

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

Cllr. T. Gilbert.
Cllr. R. Harris.

Cllr. A. Martin
Cllr. D. Thomas
Cllr. G. Watson Smith.

COUNCILLORS ABSENT

None.

ALSO PRESENT

The local representative of the Ramblers Association and two members of the public.

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

An apology was submitted and accepted on behalf of Cllr. David Thomas.

Trevor Thorpe, Parish Clerk, was unable to attend this meeting and the minutes were recorded by Cllr. Wickenden, the Committee Chairman.

2. DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL, PREJUDICIAL AND DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS ON ITEMS ON THE AGENDA, AND UPDATES TO MEMBERS' REGISTER OF INTERESTS.

- a) Cllr. Wickenden declared a personal interest in respect of item 4a) as he is a relative of the landowner.
- b) Cllr. Harris declared an interest in the item 4a) as he rents land from the owner of the site.

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 5TH MARCH 2016 FOR APPROVAL AS A TRUE RECORD AND MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES.

Draft minutes have been circulated prior to the meeting and it was RESOLVED that they were a true record; The Chairman of the Committee signed the minutes.

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

a) Proposed Base Station Installation

(201386) Highfields Farm, New Road, Rotherfield, East Sussex, TN6 3JS.

Pre application consultation. Queries, questions, discussion points requested by applicant prior to formal application.

Cllr. Wickenden declared a personal interest in this item as the land in question is owned by a relative. He left the meeting whilst this matter was discussed.

It was agreed that it would provide a much needed improvement in signal strength to local 'dead areas', and it was considered that the location has been optimised for technical reasons; but will not be intrusive to landscape and will have a very minimal effect on those few properties that will see it. ACTION: CLERK to pass comments above to the applicant.

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- b) WD/2016/0324/F** Lews Farm, Sheriffs Lane, Rotherfield TN6 3JE
Demolition of existing storage building and erection of replacement storage/industrial building.
It was RESOLVED to recommend to the Wealden District Council Planning Officer dealing with this application that it be APPROVED.
REASON: Present buildings beyond repair. Planned building on near identical footprint will provide additional facilities to this local employer.
ACTION: Committee's comments to be conveyed to Wealden District Council Planning Department.
- c) WD/2016/0433/FT** Owlsbury Allotments, Hadlow Down Road, Crowborough, TN6 3RS
Continued use of a storage container pursuant to WD/2014/0667/FT.
It was RESOLVED to recommend to the Wealden District Council Planning Officer dealing with this application that it be APPROVED.
REASON: Continued use provides important secured storage container for the Allotment Holders.
ACTION: Committee's comments to be conveyed to Wealden District Council Planning Department.
- d) WD/2016/0580/F** Picton, Argos Hill, Rotherfield, East Sussex, TN6 3QH
Single storey infill extension.
It was RESOLVED to recommend to the Wealden District Council Planning Officer dealing with this application that it be APPROVED.
REASON: This modest infill ground floor only conversion will improve the domestic facilities within the curtilage of the bungalow.
ACTION: Committee's comments to be conveyed to Wealden District Council Planning Department.
- e) WD/2016/0584/MAJ** Wealden Farm, Hadlow Down Road, Crowborough, TN6 3SA
Retrospective application for a change of use from agriculture to mixed agriculture and equestrian.
It was RESOLVED to recommend to the Wealden District Council Planning Officer dealing with this application that it be APPROVED.
REASON: It regularises the position.
ACTION: Committee's comments to be conveyed to Wealden District Council Planning Department.

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

- WD/2015/1828/FR** The Old Dairy, Great Danegate Farm, Eridge, Tunbridge Wells, TN3 9HU
Extension to existing car park. installation of integral solar panels to old dairy roof (retrospective).
Recommended for approval by this Committee and approved by Wealden District Council.

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

None.

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

None.

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

Tuesday 26th April 2016 at 19:30 in the Parish Council Room, Rotherfield Village Hall.

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

None.

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

10. PUBLIC FORUM.

None.

Confirmed as a true record at the 26th April 2016 meeting of this Committee

.....ChairmanDate.