



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 2ND JULY 2019 AT 19:30
IN THE PARISH COUNCIL ROOM, ROTHERFIELD VILLAGE HALL TN6 3LX**

PRESENT

Cllr. D. Hiles (Chair)

Cllr. R. Harris

Cllr. A. Martin.

Cllr. N. Wickenden (Vice Chair).

Cllr. L. Henrick

Cllr. J. Richardson

Cllr. G. Watson-Smith

COUNCILLORS ABSENT

Cllr. J. Kitchenham.

ALSO PRESENT

A Parishioner in connection with item 2h), and Councillors Glynn and Kember who wish to become members of this Committee.

1. TO RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING: -

a) Apologies for absence (LGA 1972 s85):

Although not currently a member of this Committee Cllr. Buck apologised that she was unable to attend.

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

- Cllr. Henrick declared a personal interest in respect of 2h) as she is a neighbour of the property in question.
- Cllr. Martin declared a personal interest in respect of 2h) as he is employed by Cllr. Henrick.
- Cllr. Wickenden sought clarification regarding Councillors withdrawing from the meetings if a prejudicial interest was held, this for the benefit of the new Councillors. Clerk quoted from the relevant section of the Council's Code of Conduct, Part 2, section 12 on page 10. Clerk reminded Councillors that interests are the responsibility of individual Councillors to identify and declare.

c) To resolve that the Minutes of the meeting of this Committee held on 11th June 2019 be taken as read, confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

It was **RESOLVED** that these be confirmed and adopted as a true record and they were signed by the Chair of the Committee.

d) To appoint additional members to this Committee.

It was **RESOLVED** that Cllrs. Glynn and Kember be appointed to this Committee.

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

a) WD/2019/1096/F Land adjoining The Oaks, Tunbridge Wells Road, Rotherfield, Argos Hill, TN6 3QH

Erection of a two storey detached dwelling.

Two residents who live adjacent joined the meeting and the Chair permitted them to present their concerns regarding the proposal for the site.

It was **RESOLVED** to recommend to Wealden District Council that this application be **REFUSED**.

REASON. The proposal is an overdevelopment of the site.

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- b) **WD/2019/1101/F** 29 Hornshurst Road, Rotherfield, TN6 3ND
2 Storey front extension, new porch, single storey rear extension and new outbuilding.
It was **RESOLVED** to recommend to Wealden District Council that this application be **APPROVED**.
REASON. It will enhance the facilities of the property.
- c) **WD/2019/1115/AN** Sign for Mark Cross School
St Mark's Church, Mark Cross, Crowborough, TN6 3PJ
Application for 1no. hording.
Correspondence has been received from the Community Centre to clarify that they are not the owners of the site but occupy it as tenants of the owner, the Diocese of Chichester.
It was **RESOLVED** to recommend to Wealden District Council that this application be **APPROVED**.
REASON. There are already several signs in the area and a further one will make little difference.
After advice from Cllr. Kitchenham Clerk has recommended to the applicant, Mark Cross School, that they liaise with the Diocese as a Faculty may be required to erect the sign on Church land.
- d) **WD/2019/1166/F** The School House, 15 The Forstal, Eridge, TN3 9JX
Front extension for provision of a ground floor w.c facility.
It was **RESOLVED** to recommend to Wealden District Council that this application be **APPROVED**.
REASON. It will enhance the facilities of the property.
- e) **WD/2019/1207/FR** Oakwell Cottage, Sheriffs Lane, Rotherfield, TN6 3JE
Retrospective application for single-storey extension.
It was **RESOLVED** to recommend to Wealden District Council that this application be **APPROVED**.
REASON. It will enhance the facilities of the property.
- f) **WD/2019/1222/F** 3 Forge Cottages, Boars Head Road, Boars Head, TN6 3GR
Proposed extensions and alterations to form new larger open plan kitchen and family space along with new play room and shower room.
It was **RESOLVED** to recommend to Wealden District Council that this application be **REFUSED**.
REASON. It is out of keeping with the site.
- g) **WD/2019/1275/F** Yonder, Argos Hill, Rotherfield, TN6 3QH
Loft conversion
It was **RESOLVED** to recommend to Wealden District Council that this application be **APPROVED**.
REASON. It will enhance the facilities of the property and confirm the existing proposals.

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- h) **This item was dealt with first in this section of the Agenda as there were residents present who wished to speak against the application.**

WD/2019/0487/F Land to the rear Of Horsegrove House Mayfield Road, Rotherfield, TN6 3LU

New five bedroom dwelling and refurbishment of residential outbuilding and garage workshop. A neighbour of the property was permitted to raise their concerns regarding the proposal. Cllr. Henrick also raised her concerns and then withdrew from the meeting whilst the matter was discussed. She returned to the meeting after this item had been concluded.

It was **RESOLVED** to recommend to Wealden District Council that this application be **REFUSED**.

REASON.

Overdevelopment of the site. We do not believe that the changes made to the application as presented significantly affect it. If permission is granted it should be with the condition that the ancillary building of the Coach House should never be converted for residential use.

Cllr. Martin wished it noted that he abstained from voting as he had declared a personal interest in the matter.

3. TO RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING FROM WEALDEN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

i. Decision notices.

- a) **WD/2019/0690/F** Erection of a farm barn to incorporate farm vehicle secure store/workshop, tool store, farm office and cloakroom
Hollybridge, Forge Road, Eridge, TN3 9L.
- b) **WD/2019/0749/F** Rear sun room extension and additional side roof lights
Malins, Mayfield Road, Rotherfield, TN6 3LU.
- c) **WD/2019/0935/F** Removal of existing windows and replacement with new sash windows in the small kitchen to the road elevation, plus 2 new rooflights in pitched roof to kitchen.
Broadhembury House, Treblers Road, Jarvis Brook, Crowborough, TN6 3RL

Applications b) and c) above were approved by Wealden District Council. item a) was refused. No formal comments had been made by the Parish Council as the meeting for which they were on the agenda was inquorate.

ii. Planning correspondence.

None.

iii. Any Enforcement, Conservation or appeal matters.

Planning Inspectorate ref: APP/C1435/W/19/3223513 Town and Country Planning Act 1990 Appeal by Mr & Mrs Schumacher ('the Appellant') Site: Yewtree Trout Farm, Yew Tree Lane, Rotherfield TN6 3QP

Proposal: Redevelopment of commercial fishery for one new dwelling house of exceptional quality and design, garage, ancillary buildings, landscape enhancements and associated works.

iv. Tree Notices and applications from Wealden District Council.

None.

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4. TO RECEIVE NOTICE OF DATE OF NEXT MEETING OF THIS COMMITTEE.
Tuesday 23rd July 2019 in the Parish Council Room, Rotherfield Village Hall, starting at 19:30.

5. TO RECEIVE DETAILS OF ANY URGENT ISSUES FOR NOTING OR INCLUSION ON FUTURE AGENDA.
Clerk reported that confirmation has been received from British Telecom that the Parish Council now own the telephone kiosk in Rotherfield Road.

Chair declared the formal business of the meeting closed at 20:35.

6. PUBLIC FORUM.
None.

Adopted and signed as a true record at the 23rd July 2019 meeting of this committee.

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