



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 31ST JANUARY 2017 AT 19:30 IN THE PARISH COUNCIL ROOM, ROTHERFIELD VILLAGE HALL

COUNCILLORS PRESENT

Cllr. N. Wickenden (Chairman). Cllr. R. Harris Cllr. A. Martin
Cllr. D. Hiles (Vice Chairman). Cllr. J. Kitchenham Cllr. J. Richardson
Cllr. G. Watson-Smith Cllr. J. Kitchenham
Cllr. A. Hardy

COUNCILLORS ABSENT

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

ALSO PRESENT

None

1. TO RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING: -

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

Cllr. D. Thomas

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

None declared. The Chair 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 Planning and Building Committee Meetings held on 13th December 2016 be taken as read, confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

The minutes of the 10th January Planning were not signed as a true record. A statement from the Parish Chairman was read out in the meeting. This was followed by discussion between the committee members present. It was felt that the minutes should accurately reflect the recorded dialogue that took place during that meeting as recordings had also been made by members of the public, resulting in a complaint (later withdrawn) and public criticism. It was agreed that there was only one proposal was made in favour of approval for the application, by 2 members of the council, but this was not voted upon by the other 9 members. The 2nd proposal to refuse the application was therefore not valid as such but 9 members voted in favour of refusal which was the outcome of the decision. A vote was taken recommending that the minutes are revised so that they are accurate in respect of application **WD/2016/2875/F**.

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

a) **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.

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

REASON: Enhancement of the facilities.

b) **WD/2016/3090/F** Sandhill Cottage, Sand Hill Lane, Eridge Green, Tunbridge Wells, TN3 9LW Proposed demolition of existing stables. reconstruction of single storey structure in a similar architectural accommodation for private/family use.

The Committee **RESOLVED** to recommend to Wealden District Council's Planning Team that

this application be **APPROVED**.
REASON: Enhancement of the facilities.

c) WD/2016/3037/F Leech Pit Cottage, Eridge Road, Eridge Green, TN3 9LL
The demolition & replacement of the existing dwelling to provide a new 4- bedroom property.
The Committee **RESOLVED** to recommend to Wealden District Council’s Planning Team that this application be **APPROVED**.
REASON: Improve the accommodation to modern standards

3. TO RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING FROM WEALDEN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

i. Decision notices.

- a) **WD/2016/2157/F** Wealden Farm, Hadlow Down Road, Crowborough, TN6 3SA
Mobile timber live/work unit
- b) **WD/2016/2507/F** The Nursery, Tunbridge Wells Road, Mark Cross, TN6 3PP
Demolition of Barn and Erection of Two Dwellings.
- 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
- d) **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
- e) **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).
- f) **WD/2016/2894/LB** Copyhold, Sandhill Lane, Boars Head, Crowborough TN3 9LN.
Oak framed lean-to type conservatory with glass roof on rear elevation. existing window modified to form new access into proposed conservatory.

All of the above applications had been recommended for approval by this Committee. Applications **WD/2016/2157/F** and **WD/2016/2894/LB** were refused by Wealden District Council with the remainder approved.

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.

21st February 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.

Advance notice has been received from Planning Agents regarding the forthcoming submission to Wealden DC of a planning application for 9 new homes in Rotherfield close to the village centre.

7. PUBLIC FORUM.

None.

Meeting Closed at 19:55.

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

.....Chair Date.

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