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**MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING AND BUILDING COMMITTEE OF
ROTHERFIELD PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 11TH OCTOBER 2016 AT 19:30
IN THE ROTHERFIELD SCOUT AND COMMUNITY YOUTH HALL,
ROTHERFIELD RECREATION GROUND.**

COUNCILLORS PRESENT

Cllr. N. Wickenden, Chairman
Cllr. D. Hiles, Vice Chairman
Cllr. T. Gilbert

Cllr. R. Harris
Cllr. J. Klitchenham
Cllr. A. Martin

Cllr. G. Watson Smith

COUNCILLORS ABSENT

None.

ALSO PRESENT

The Clerk, Trevor Thorpe and Cllr. Richardson, who was observing the meeting,

1. TO RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING:-

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

These were submitted by Councillors L. Watts, A. Hardy and D. Thomas.

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

None.

The Chairman reminded the Councillors that they should declare an interest at any point during the meeting if they become aware of one.

iii. To resolve that the minutes of the Planning and Building Committee Meeting held on 20th September 2016, be taken as read, confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

It was RESOLVED that the minutes represented a true record of the meeting and the Chairman signed them.

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

i. WD/2016/1737/F 1 and 2 Hornshurst Wood Cottages, Eridge Lane, Rotherfield, TN6 3JU
Demolition of 2 pre-fabricated concrete bungalows and garages. provision of 2 houses with rooms in the roof and 2 new garages. Driveway adapted for car turning
The meeting RESOLVED that this application be recommended for APPROVAL by Wealden District Council.

REASON: The new buildings will have improved accommodation.

ii. WD/2016/2181/F Dewlands Manor Golf Course, Cottage Hill. Rotherfield, TN6 3JN
Change of use from function rooms and changing rooms to holiday accommodation.
The meeting RESOLVED that this application be recommended for APPROVAL by Wealden District Council.

REASON: It will provide improved accommodation and encourage local tourism.

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- iii. **WD/2016/2213/O** Land Adjacent To The Stables, Clackhams Lane, Jarvis Brook, Crowborough TN6 3RN
Erection of 4 no. dwellings.
Cllr. Harris declared a personal interest in this item as he knows the applicant and has undertaken work on this site for them.
The meeting RESOLVED that this application be recommended for APPROVAL by Wealden District Council conditional on it meeting the requirements for starter homes in the area, and consultation with ESCC Highways regarding the vehicle entrance.
- iv. **WD/2016/2256/F** Land at nos. 1 & 2 Danegate Lodge, Sham Farm Road, Eridge
Demolition of existing pair of semi-detached dwellings and erection of a replacement pair of three bedroom semi-detached cottages.
The meeting RESOLVED that this application be recommended for APPROVAL by Wealden District Council.
REASON: The new buildings will have improved accommodation.
- v. **WD/2016/2262/F** Quarry Oaks, Sheriffs Lane, Rotherfield, TN6 3JE
Extension to annexe to southern side of property
The meeting RESOLVED that this application be recommended for APPROVAL by Wealden District Council.
REASON: It will enhance and improve the facilities of the annexe.
- vi. **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.
The meeting RESOLVED that this application be recommended for APPROVAL by Wealden District Council.
REASON: It will protect the future of this building.
- vii. **WD/2016/2270/F** High Cross House, Bicycle Arms Road, Rotherfield, TN6 3QE
Change of use of land to extend domestic curtilage with installation of a domestic tennis court
The meeting RESOLVED that this application be recommended for APPROVAL by Wealden District Council.
REASON: Improve the recreational facilities of the property.
- viii. **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.
The meeting RESOLVED that this application be recommended for APPROVAL by Wealden District Council.
REASON: It will improve the accommodation of the property.
- ix. **WD/2015/2463/F and 1244/LB** Hamsell Wood Farm Barn, The Forstal, Eridge Green, TN3 9JY.
Demolition of existing agricultural buildings. change of use of Hamsell Wood Farm Barn to form a single residential dwelling with ancillary shed and garage.
The meeting RESOLVED that this application be recommended for APPROVAL by Wealden District Council.
REASON: As it will guarantee the future of this distinctive building.
- x. **WD/2016/1220/F** Castle Hill Farm, Treblers Road, Crowborough, TN6 3RR
Demolition of existing 1960s concrete barn behind Dewlands Barn and construction of new barn style two/three-bedroom dwelling.

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The meeting RESOLVED that this application be recommended for APPROVAL by Wealden District Council.

REASON: As it will convert redundant buildings into accommodation.

- xi. WD/2016/2191/F** Cuckoo House, Yew Tree Lane, Rotherfield, TN6 3JA
Demolition of conservatory erection of day room dormer window on rear elevation
The meeting RESOLVED that this application be recommended for APPROVAL by Wealden District Council.
REASON: It will improve the appearance and facilities of the property.
- xii. 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.
The meeting RESOLVED that this application be recommended for APPROVAL by Wealden District Council.
REASON: It is a modest extension to the property. Additional screening should be provided to protect the neighbour's privacy.
- xiii. WD/2016/2322/FR** The Stables Burrwood, Bicycle Arms Road, High Cross, Rotherfield, TN6 3QE
Conversion of barn and store to ancillary living accommodation
The meeting RESOLVED that this application be recommended for APPROVAL by Wealden District Council.
REASON: It will regularise the present position.
Cllr. Martin abstained from voting as he is known to the applicant.

ACTION for CLERK to advise Committee's recommendations regarding the above applications to Wealden District Council

3. TO RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING FROM WEALDEN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

i. Decision notices.

- a) WD/2016/1714/FR** Ashwood Farm, Eridge Road, Crowborough, TN6 2DZ
Proposed retention of forestry and landscaping yard and proposed construction of forestry barn.
- b) WD/2016/2043/F** Mark House Barn, Catts Hill, Mark Cross, TN6 3NH
Two-Storey And Single-Storey Extensions And Single-Storey Garage
- c) WD/2016/2121/F** 2 Railway Cottages, Fordbrook Hill, Burnt Oak, Rotherfield, TN6 3SB
First floor side extension with balcony area to rear and enlarged porch

All of the above had been recommended for approval by this Committee and approved by Wealden District Council

ii. Planning correspondence.

Planning Inspectorate Ref: APP/C1435/W/16/3154568 Stone Mill, Dewlands Hill, Rotherfield TN6 3RU

Construction of front porch, alterations to shower room, rear dormer windows and provision of bathroom, shower and utility rooms within garage block. Appeal against Wealden District Council's refusal of this application.

iii. Any Enforcement, Conservation or appeal matters.

None.

4. AGREE ACTION ON URGENT ITEMS FOR OTHER COMMITTEES

For Highways, Lighting and Transport, and Recreation and Burial Committees.

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Street sweeping and litter picking. Consider and agree future arrangements for this work.

- Clerk reported that the usual street sweeper was on an extended holiday until spring; during this period a temporary substitute had been engaged by him to cover his duties on a contractor basis.
- Clerk has confirmation that £10m Public Liability insurance is in place for this work and that it covers substitute.
- A copy of the Council's conditions for undertaking the work and areas to be covered, together with safety requirements, has been signed by the temporary substitute agreeing to these terms.
- Details of any additional litter picking/street sweeping required by the Council are to be communicated to her by the Clerk after reference to Chairs/Vice chairs of the Highways or Recreation and Burial Committees and with regard to Health and Safety considerations.
- Clerk suggested that Drinking Fountain in St. Denys' wall required clearing out.
- Any additions to the areas of the Parish to be covered as suggested by our Street Sweeper/Litter picker will be reviewed in April on his return from holiday. ACTION for CLERK to advise him.

5. TO RECEIVE NOTICE OF DATE OF NEXT MEETING OF THIS COMMITTEE.
1st November 2016 at 19:30 in the Parish Council Room, Rotherfield Village Hall.

6. AGREE ACTION ON URGENT ITEMS FOR OTHER COMMITTEES
See item 4.

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

- Cllr. Martin reported that the recently received Speed Indicating Device (SID) is currently installed in Mayfield Road. Engineer from the company providing of the device is to visit shortly to deal with minor issues; ESCC Highways Officer will be undertaking a site visit to discuss and agree additional sites in the Parish for deployment of the SID.
- Cllr.Harris reported that lower field and Eridge Lane hedges have been cut by our contractor as requested, Clerk will photograph and post on social media.
- Cllr. Wickenden requested that a meeting of the Land Acquisition Advisory Group be arranged; ACTION for CLERK to advise members on the Group that this will be held immediately after the 1st November Planning and Building Committee.

The Chairman declared the formal business of the meeting closed at 21:05.

8. PUBLIC FORUM.

Adopted as a true record at the 1st November 2016 meeting of this Committee

..... ChairmanDate.

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