

Minutes of a meeting of the **PLANNING and DEVELOPMENT** Committee held on Tuesday 27th April 2021 at 6.30pm via Zoom video conferencing

PRESENT: Councillors Roy Iremonger, Andy Long, Steve Williamson and Chris Wells

Also, present: 4 members of the public

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

00305 Cllr Cook – Work commitments
Cllr Smythe – Unwell
Cllr Davies – Work commitments
Cllr Powell – Work commitments
Cllr Reading – Technical issues

00306 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
Cllr Wells – WD/2021/0702/F – Personal Interest
WD/2021/0388/F – Personal Interest

MINUTES

To **resolve** that the minutes of the Planning and Development Committee meeting held on 16 March 2021 be taken as read, confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman

00307 **RESOLVED** to adopt the minutes of the meeting held on the 16th March 2021.

MATTERS ARISING - NONE

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A member of the public spoke against application WD/2021/0115/FR Crabapple House. She referred to her objection on the Wealden District Council website and highlighted the following issues:

The barn had not been built on agricultural land.

The barn had been built within the domestic curtilage and the boundary had been re-drawn.

The barn did not comply with building legislation and had been built on a blind bend with no road markings or speed limits. Accidents had already occurred at that point on the road.

If a pre-application had been made it would have failed permitted development on two counts:

The barn had been built on less than an acre of grazing land

The barn is situated less than 100 yards from an adjacent dwelling.

She asked Members to note the sewage flows through a neighbouring properties land.

A second member of the public spoke against application WD/2021/0115/FR Crabapple House.

He felt it was highly unlikely the barn had been built for agricultural use as it had been built to a high specification. It was not suitable for animals or machinery.

He highlighted the Highway concerns and that the barn had been built on an AONB as well as in a garden.

The barn owners had also marketed the barn as a wedding venue and advertised craft classes.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

00308 **RESOLVED** that the observations below be submitted to the Planning Authority for consideration

WD/2021/0702/F Watermill Lodge, Kingsley Hill, Rushlake Green TN21 9PX

New store to replace existing garage previously approved to be demolished

OBSERVATIONS – RECOMMENDED APPROVAL

The application is beneficial to the applicant with minimal impact on the neighbourhood and landscape.

WD/2021/0388/F Summertree Farm, White Horse Road, Bodle Street Green, BN27 4QT

Use of first floor of garage as annexe and/or staff accommodation to be occupied ancillary and incidental to the main dwelling

OBSERVATIONS – RECOMMENDED APPROVAL

This application makes better use of the property offering low rental accommodation. The Parish Council recommends a dedicated charging point.

WD/2021/0584/F Hooks Down Farm, Forest Lane, Punnetts Town, TN21 9JA

Two storey extension to south and west elevations with single storey extension and porch to east elevation along with associated and external alterations

OBSERVATIONS – RECOMMENDED REFUSAL

The Parish Council recommends refusal owing to the size, scale and mass of this development. It is overly dominant within the area.

WD/2021/0379/F Hillside, The Causeway, Bodle Street Green, Herstmonceux, Hailsham, BN27 4UA

Detached oak framed 2 bay garage with enclosed log store

OBSERVATIONS – RECOMMENDED APPROVAL

The proposal provides facilities to benefit the applicant with no detrimental impact on the street scene.

WD/2021/0397/F Land to the rear of Bramble Cottage, Chapmans Town Road, Chapmans Town, Warbleton, TN21 9PS

Proposed sand school for private equestrian use in field adjacent to Bramble Cottage and formation of access track

OBSERVATIONS – RECOMMENDED REFUSAL

The Parish Council do not believe this a suitable use of agricultural land. The position is in a divorced location from the main buildings and has a detrimental effect on an AONB.

WD/2021/0115/FR Crabapple House, Chapel Lane, Chapel Cross, Heathfield, TN21 9BH

Retrospective planning application for 12M X 8M timber framed agricultural barn/livestock field shelter for the purpose of livestock housing, agricultural machinery storage and maintenance, storage of livestock feed and bedding, storage and housing for bee hives, for maintenance of established orchard and general agricultural and horticultural purposes

OBSERVATIONS – RECOMMENDED REFUSAL

The Parish Council recommends refusal. There is absolutely no agricultural justification that would support a building of this size. It has a detrimental effect on an AONB. If Wealden District Council were mindful of approving the application the Parish Council strongly advise all permitted development rights were removed as this could jeopardize road safety and local residents' enjoyment of their own land.

DECISION NOTICES – NOTED

TREE WORKS TO BE CARRIED OUT OR TPO APPLICATIONS – NONE

FOCUS CLUSTER GROUP UPDATE

The Chairman asked Members to note the report that had been previously circulated. The Chairman of the Parish Council thanked Cllr Smythe for his continued hard work and commitment to the focus group on behalf of the Parish Council.

MOUNT PLEASANT, BACK LANE

Following several complaints from local residents regarding the property and potential planning enforcement issues the item had been added to the agenda. It was noted building works had been ongoing for at least 10 years. The Clerk reported correspondence had been received from

Wealden regarding the property but would investigate further as new reports state the agricultural barn was being used as a recording studio, loud music could be heard regularly.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

18th May 2021 at 6.30pm.

The meeting closed at 7.27pm