

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON 7th DECEMBER 2020
VIA ZOOM AT 7.00PM.**

PRESENT: Cllrs Moore (Chairman), Josephson, R Lewin, T Lewin, McNally, & Spackman

APOLOGIES: Cllrs. Davies & Waters

NOT PRESENT: Cllrs. Miller & Withers

IN ATTENDANCE: The Clerk, Asst Clerk & District Cllr. Patterson-Vanegas

301/20 PUBLIC QUESTIONS:

None.

302/20 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs. Davies (technical problems) & Waters (work).

303/20 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the meeting held on 16th November 2020 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Josephson, seconded by Cllr. McNally and signed as a true record.

304/20 TO DECLARE ANY INTERESTS PERTAINING TO THE ITEMS BELOW

None

305/20 DATES OF NEXT WEALDEN PLANNING COMMITTEE NORTH MEETING.

- 10th December 2020 at 10.30 am

NOTED

306/20 REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR ON PLANNING MATTERS

There were 2 consultations taking place at the moment – Planning evaluation & Local Plan Direction of Travel.

307/20 DECISIONS TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY

None

308/20 WEALDEN DISTRICT COUNCIL – PLANNING DECISIONS RECEIVED

The list had been previously circulated and was NOTED

309/20 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

| Application Number & Address | Proposals | Comments |
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| WD/2020/0915/LBR & WD/2020/0914/MAJ HOMESTALL MANOR, HOMESTALL ROAD, ASHURST WOOD | CHANGE OF USE OF HOMESTALL MANOR FROM DWELLING TO A 27 BEDROOM 5 STAR HOTEL INCLUDING CONVERSION OF FORMER SCHOOL OUTBUILDINGS TO 15 NO. HOLIDAY COTTAGES. RETROSPECTIVE LISTED BUILDING CONSENT FOR INTERNAL ALTERATIONS TO HOMESTALL MANOR | We object to this proposal. Whilst re-use of the outbuildings as holiday lets is a good use of the buildings, the layout does not fit with the parking proposals and landscaping around the holiday lets is absent for what is quite a dense proposal. Parking proposals overall seem ill thought out both in relation to the holiday lets and the main hotel. Traffic is the major concern, both during construction and the ongoing use of the premises. An independent, locally based traffic survey and impact study is necessary to take proper account of the restricted nature of the roads in the immediate vicinity and access from either the south or north. The submitted traffic impact assessment makes some very optimistic assumptions about the proportion of journeys by foot, cycle or public transport relating to both the holiday let and hotel businesses and minimises the potential impact of increased traffic to the site which we think would be more problematic. |
| WD/2020/2299/F CONIFERS, WALL HILL ROAD, ASHURST WOOD | REMOVAL OF EXISTING CONSERVATORY AND ERECTION OF NEW PROPOSED ORANGERY | No objection to this proposal |
| WD/2020/2232/FR ASHTED, PARK ROAD, FOREST ROW | PART RETROSPECTIVE APPLICATION FOR A CARPORT | No objection to this proposal |

310/20 TO COMMENT ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AFTER CIRCULATION OF AGENDA

| Application Number & Address | Proposals | Comments |
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| WD/2020/2337/F THE BIELD, LEWES ROAD, FOREST ROW | CHANGE OF USE FROM PART RETAIL AND 1 NO. RESIDENTIAL DWELLING TO 2 NO. RESIDENTIAL DWELLINGS | No objection to this proposal |
| WD/2020/2314/F THE OAKS, PRIORY ROAD, FOREST ROW | CONVERSION OF AND AMENDMENTS TO FORMER STABLES BUILDING TO CREATE A 2-BEDROOM DWELLING, REMOVAL OF EXISTING HARDSTANDING AND ASSOCIATED LANDSCAPING WORKS | No objection but would to see this dwelling tied to the agricultural land it serves. |

311/20 CORRESPONDENCE

None

312/20 ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION BY THIS COMMITTEE OR FULL COUNCIL

Cllr. Josephson asked for the Community Land Trust to be put on the next agenda for discussion.

The meeting closed at 7.45pm.

Signed.....
Chairman

Date.....