

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING GROUP HELD ON 8TH JANUARY 2024 via ZOOM

PRESENT: Cllrs Summers (Chair), Eichner & T Lewin. Mr R Lewin

APOLOGIES: Cllrs. Gilbert, Scott, Volkens & Waters

NOT PRESENT:

IN ATTENDANCE: The Clerk & Asst Clerk. Christina Lines

1/24 PUBLIC QUESTIONS:

None

2/24 APOLOGIES

Cllrs. Gilbert (holiday), Scott (work), Volkens (family) & Waters (holiday)

3/24 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the meeting held on 4th December 2023 were agreed as a true record.

4/24 TO DECLARE ANY INTERESTS PERTAINING TO THE ITEMS BELOW

None

5/24 DATES OF NEXT WEALDEN PLANNING COMMITTEE NORTH MEETINGS.

Next scheduled meeting: 18th January 2024 at 10 am NOTED

6/24 REPORT FROM DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCILLORS ON PLANNING MATTERS

District Cllr. Patterson-Vanegas was not in attendance.

7/24 DECISIONS TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY

None

8/24 WEALDEN DISTRICT COUNCIL – PLANNING DECISIONS RECEIVED

The list had been previously circulated and was NOTED.

9/24 PLANNING APPLICATIONS –

Christina Lines spoke regarding WD/2023/2840/F

Application Number & Address	Proposals	Comments
WD/2023/2840/F PRANKS MEAD, LOWER ROAD, FOREST ROW	PROPOSED 2 STOREY REAR AND SIDE EXTENSION, TOGETHER WITH NEW SUSTAINABLE TECHNOLOGIES SUCH AS PV PANELS, AIR SOURCE HEAT PUMP AND EV CHARGING. INCLUDING RE CLADDING OF EXISTING FAÇADE	In principle, we have no objections to this proposal, but have concerns about the overall drainage issues in Lower Road and further development on the flood plain.

10/24 TO COMMENT ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AFTER CIRCULATION OF AGENDA

Application Number & Address	Proposals	Comments
WD/2023/2980/F COUNTY HOUSE, LEWES ROAD, FOREST ROW	DEMOLISH EXISTING REDUNDANT COMMERCIAL BUILDING AND ERECT 2 NEW FLATS	We feel this is an improvement on the earlier plans and we would have no objections as long as there are no neighbour comments.

11/24 TO DISCUSS WEALDEN DISTRICT COUNCIL DRAFT LOCAL PLAN

This matter was deferred until a future Planning Group meeting.

12/24 CORRESPONDENCE

Appeal decision – The Walled Garden, Hammerwood Park, Hammerwood – Dismissed. NOTED
WD/2023/2644/F – OLD PLAWHATCH COTTAGE, PLAWHATCH LANE, SHARPTHORNE

Correspondence from neighbour.

Additional comment to Wealden DC:

Having looked again at this proposal following neighbour correspondence, we have serious concerns regarding the safety and reasoning behind relocating the access.

13/24 ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION BY THIS COMMITTEE OR FULL COUNCIL

The Asst Clerk would contact District Cllr. Patterson-Vanegas to see if she is intending to join the next scheduled planning group meeting on 29th January, or if she would like any comments from the Group to be sent to her.

The meeting closed at 7:45pm.