

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON 15TH MARCH 2021 VIA ZOOM AT 7.00PM.

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

APOLOGIES: Cllrs. Davies & Spackman

NOT PRESENT: Cllrs. Miller & Withers

IN ATTENDANCE: The Clerk, Asst Clerk & District Cllr. Patterson-Vanegas. Cllr. Summers as a member of the public

87/21 PUBLIC QUESTIONS:

None

88/21 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs. Davies and Spackman

89/21 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the meeting held on 22nd February 2021 were proposed for acceptance by Cllr. Josephson seconded by Cllr. Moore and signed as a true record.

90/21 TO DECLARE ANY INTERESTS PERTAINING TO THE ITEMS BELOW

None

91/21 DATES OF NEXT WEALDEN PLANNING COMMITTEE NORTH MEETING.

- 1st April 2021 at 10.00 am.
- 20th May 2021 at 10.00 am

NOTED.

92/21 REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR ON PLANNING MATTERS

The next Parish Cluster meeting would be held on 16th March at 2pm.

93/21 DECISIONS TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY

None

94/21 WEALDEN DISTRICT COUNCIL – PLANNING DECISIONS RECEIVED

The list had been previously circulated and was NOTED.

95/21 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Application Number & Address	Proposals	Comments
WD/2021/0041/F OLD PLAWHATCH FARM, PLAWHATCH LANE, SHARPTHORNE	PROPOSED NEW CHEESE STORE TO NORTH OF EXISTING BUILDING. CONVERT THE EXISTING ATTIC STORAGE SPACE INTO A FARM OFFICE. UPGRADE EXISTING WORKSHOP/STORAGE SPACE INTO NEW DAIRY PROCESSING FACILITIES.	We support this application
WD/2021/0154/F FOREST VIEW, HARTFIELD ROAD, COLEMANS HATCH, FOREST ROW	PROPOSED FIRST FLOOR EXTENSION, REMOVAL OF THE EXISTING PORTACABIN STRUCTURE ATTACHED TO THE HOUSE AND MINOR ALTERATIONS TO EXISTING WINDOWS	We support this application.
WD/2019/2258/F LITTLE PINWOOD, ASHDOWN PLACE, LEWES ROAD, FOREST ROW	GROUND FLOOR EXTENSION TO THE REAR AND RAISED ROOF TO FORM PROPOSED FIRST-FLOOR ACCOMMODATION	We support this application
WD/2021/0329/F 96A FRESHFIELD BANK, FOREST ROW	DEMOLITION OF CONSERVATORY/GARDEN ROOM. CONSTRUCTION OF SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION	We support this application
WD/2021/0339/F ROYAL ASHDOWN FOREST GOLF CLUB, CHAPEL LANE, FOREST ROW	EXTENSION TO FIRST FLOOR BALCONY ON SOUTH EAST ELEVATION	We support this application
WD/2020/2268/F VEITCH BARNS, HARTFIELD ROAD, FOREST ROW	CHANGE OF USE OF AGRICULTURAL BARN AND LAND TO USE AS DOGGY DAY CARE New agent correspondence received 02/03/2021	We appreciate the response which has addressed a lot of the queries but still have concerns regarding the driveway. We also note the later concerns regarding the Conservators of the Forest.

96/21 TO COMMENT ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AFTER CIRCULATION OF AGENDA

Application Number & Address	Proposals	Comments
WD/2020/2610/F BROWN HOUSE AND HIGHGATE END, LEWES ROAD, FOREST ROW	ERECTION OF FOUR LINKED 2 STOREY THREE BEDROOMED HOUSES AND ONE SINGLE STOREY TWO BEDROOMED HOUSE ALL WITH INTEGRAL CARPORTS	We welcome this high quality and well thought through application for this potential infill site. Whilst it falls within the Ashdown Forest 400m zone and we would generally object strongly to new dwellings within this zone, the site here has good pedestrian access to our healthy sized village and local amenities,

		<p>indeed the nearby twittens mean that foot access is often preferable to getting the car out. We are pleased to see various sustainability features of build and design incorporated as standard. As an exception to our usual stance, our support for this application is due to the design and location and also partly dependent on our suggestion of a shared car use proposal under b) below.</p> <p>We suggest the following:</p> <p>a) ensure there is direct pedestrian access from Brown House Lane into the Evelyn Clark Square (through the fence) to save walking on the main road if travelling east - this would give excellent foot access to both the village school and Michael Hall school. As Evelyn Clark Square is owned and run by WDC this should be possible to arrange.</p> <p>b) Require the developer to institute a car share scheme based at the development that is open to all residents of the site and possibly adjacent residents also. FRPC successfully ran a car share scheme in the village for a number of years but Covid put a stop to it. We would welcome suitable development sites offering this solution to encourage reduced car dependence and personal ownership.</p> <p>c) Is there any way the front aspect could be made less 'standard' to provide some visual interest? Although not visible from outside the site this is an area not known for its standardised terraces, even those on a curve, and some minor amendments might yield dividends? We recognise that design suggestions are not within our remit but offer them as a suggestion.</p>
<p>WD/2021/0327/F HORNPIPE, PARK ROAD, FOREST ROW</p>	<p>REMOVAL OF EXISTING FLAT ROOF KITCHEN/DINING EXTENSION. NEW PITCHED ROOF EXTENSION TO FORM NEW KITCHEN/DINING</p>	<p>We support this application</p>

97/21 TO FORMULATE ANY NECESSARY RESPONSE TO THE SHEELA

This was discussed and it was decided that no comments would be made at this stage.

98/21 TO CONSIDER FURTHER THE FORMATION OF A COMMUNITY LAND TRUST

This matter was deferred to a future meeting.

99/21 CORRESPONDENCE

None

100/21 ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION BY THIS COMMITTEE OR FULL COUNCIL

None

The meeting closed at 7.50pm.

Signed.....
Chairman

Date.....