

# Forest Row Parish Council

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(Office Hours: Monday to Friday 9am to 2pm)



To: All members of the PLANNING GROUP  
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Summers, Volkers & A M Waters  
Mr R Lewin (co-opted)  
(All other Councillors – for information)

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Dear Sir/Madam,

You are invited to attend a meeting of the **PLANNING GROUP** to be held on **MONDAY 9th OCTOBER 2023** VIA ZOOM AT **7.00PM**.

Date: 4 October, 2023

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David O'Driscoll'.

THE FIRST FIFTEEN MINUTES WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR RELEVANT QUESTIONS AND REMARKS FROM THE PUBLIC – IF ANY. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO STAY AND OBSERVE THE REST OF THE MEETING.

1. PUBLIC QUESTIONS – **THE MEETING WILL START NO LATER THAN 7.15PM.**
2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 11<sup>th</sup> September 2023 – previously circulated – AND ANY MATTERS ARISING
4. TO DECLARE ANY INTERESTS PERTAINING TO THE ITEMS BELOW
5. TO NOTE DATES OF NEXT WEALDEN PLANNING COMMITTEE NORTH MEETING(S):
  - 12<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at 10am
  - 9<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at 10am
6. REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR ON PLANNING MATTERS
7. PLANS DEALT WITH UNDER DELEGATED POWERS – see attached
8. WEALDEN DISTRICT COUNCIL – PLANNING DECISIONS RECEIVED – see attached.
9. PLANNING APPLICATIONS – see attached.
10. TO COMMENT ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AFTER CIRCULATION OF AGENDA (TO BE FORWARDED ON THE FRIDAY PRIOR TO THE MEETING)
11. CORRESPONDENCE
12. ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION BY COMMITTEE OR FULL COUNCIL

**“This meeting will be held electronically via ZOOM, and the meeting ID and password will be circulated separately to Members. The meeting is also open to public attendance (with an initial period for public questions), but for security reasons, any member of the public wishing to participate is asked to telephone or email the Parish Clerk in advance (01342 822661 or [parishclerk@forestrow.gov.uk](mailto:parishclerk@forestrow.gov.uk)) for the access codes.”**

## **Plans dealt with under delegated powers –**

for meeting 09 OCTOBER 2023

WD/2023/2231/F – 71A HARTFIELD ROAD, FOREST ROW  
LOFT CONVERSION TO INCLUDE REAR DORMER

Comment:

No objections to this proposal

WD/2023/2250/FA – 39 UPPER CLOSE, FOREST ROW  
VARIATION OF CONDITION 2 OF WD/2021/0847/F (CONVERSION OF EXISTING GARAGE TO  
HABITABLE USE FOR A DISABLED PERSON WITH NEW RAISED FLAT ROOF, SINGLE  
STOREY SIDE EXTENSION TO INFILL BETWEEN GARAGE AND MAIN HOUSE,  
FENESTRATION MODIFICATIONS AND INTERNAL ALTERATIONS) TO MEET THE  
REQUIREMENTS OF THE CLIENT BY HAVING A LIVEIN CARER, TO CHANGE THE NEW  
FRONT WINDOW TO GARAGE TO A DOOR/WINDOW, EXTEND THE GARAGE BY 1M,  
CHANGE INTERNAL LAYOUT OF GARAGE CONVERSION

Comment:

No objections to this amended proposal

WD/2023/2016/F – 24 UPPER CLOSE, FOREST ROW  
SIDE, FRONT AND REAR EXTENSIONS

Comment: No objections to this amended proposal

PLANNING DECISION LIST - FOR COMMITTEE 02/10/2023

APPLICATION NO	ADDRESS	PROPOSAL	WEALDEN DISTRICT COUNCIL DECISION	FOREST ROW PARISH COUNCIL RESPONSE
WD/2022/1298/F	BROOKLANDS COTTAGE, HOLTYE ROAD, HAMMERWOOD	DEMOLISH DETACHED ANNEXE FORMERLY A STABLE BUILDING THAT IS IN NEED OF RENOVATION, AND REPLACE WITH A TWO BEDROOM BUNGALOW TO BE USED AS AN ANNEXE	GRANTED <i>Response to Parish Council: The Parish Council's comments are noted. Further to the submission of the amended plans, both the East Sussex Principal Rights of Way Officer and WDC Footpaths Officer have confirmed within their detailed consultation responses that their objections to the application are now withdrawn.</i>	Although we have no objections in principal to this proposal, we must object until the Rights of Way issues with Fr-9 and the impact of any proposed construction are resolved to the satisfaction of the East Sussex Principle Rights of Way office.
WD/2023/1485/F	DOWN COTTAGE, TOMPSETS BANK, FOREST ROW	ENGINEERING OPERATION TO CREATE A NEW SWIMMING POND	GRANTED	We have no objection to this present application, but it has drawn our attention to the 'Existing Barn' shown on the Design and Access statement. This has looked more like a dwelling for a long time and seems, at present, to be under renovation, with replacement windows etc. There is no mention of this Barn in the Planning History unless it was the original 'garage' applied for in 1954.
WD/2023/1762/F	23 ASHDOWN CLOSE, FOREST ROW	DEMOLITION OF EXISTING GARDEN ROOM	GRANTED	No objections to this proposal.
WD/2023/1605/F	LANTERNS, WALL HILL ROAD, ASHURST WOOD	ERECTION OF GARAGE, FRONT PORCH EXTENSION AND ERECTION OF 1.8M CLOSE-BOARD FENCE PARALLEL TO WALL HILL ROAD, INSTALLATION OF VEHICULAR GATES	GRANTED	No objections as long as there are no neighbour objections and that it remains for residential use not commercial. We are concerned whether the neighbours have been made aware of this application.
WD/2023/03433/LB	29 & 30 HARTFIELD ROAD, FOREST ROW	TO REPLACE THE EXISTING WOODEN CLAPBOARD FAÇADE ON A LIKE FOR LIKE BASIS, REPLACING ANY BREATHER MEMBRANE, AND INSERTION OF INSULATION WITHIN THE CAVITY	REFUSED	No objections as long as this complies with listed building consent.
WD/2023/1626/F	2 DOG COTTAGES, THORNHILL, ASHURST WOOD	EXTENSION TO GRANNY ANNEXE	WITHDRAWN	We would like to have had the opportunity to see any neighbour comments but have no objections in principle. We cannot see that the original annexe had planning permission. We would prefer this building to remain as an annexe to the main house.  In our original comment we noted that there appears to have been no planning approval for the existing building, something of which we are sure WDC would have taken account when reaching its decision. We also noted that we had not been given time to see

				<p>to reply. Having now seen the comments, which give us an understanding of the history of the development of the 'annexe', we must change our own comment to an objection due to the unapproved, creeping and possibly unsafe development of the existing building. We believe that if the Applicant is unwilling to withdraw the current plans and resubmit an application that covers both the old and the new proposal it should be refused.</p>
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**THIS WEEKS PLANNING  
APPLICATIONS  
WEEK ENDING 6th  
OCTOBER 2023**

Application Number & Address	Proposals	Date Considered by Parish Council	Last Date for Comments to WDC
WD/2023/2284/F 4 MEDWAY COTTAGES, LOWER ROAD, FOREST ROW	FIRST FLOOR REAR EXTENSION	09/10/2023	11/10/2023
WD/2023/2178/F RINGROSE, PRIMROSE LANE, FOREST ROW	DETACHED GARAGE/CARPORT WITH STUDY OVER	09/10/2023	11/10/2023
WD/2023/1882/F ORLINGBURY HOUSE,(FORMERLY YEWE TREE HOUSE), LEWES ROAD, FOREST ROW	CHANGE OF USE OF OFFICES TO FORM 2 NO. DWELLINGS, INCLUDING DEMOLITION OF LINK LOBBY. CHANGE OF USE OF GYM INCLUDING DEMOLITION WORKS AND THE ERECTION OF 1 NO. NEW DWELLING WITHIN THE GROUNDS OF OFFICES	09/10/2023	19/10/2023