

# 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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& A Waters  
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(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 18th NOVEMBER 2024** VIA ZOOM AT **7.00PM**.

Date: 13 November, 2024

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 28<sup>TH</sup> October 2024 – 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):
  - 5<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2024 at 10am
  - 16<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2025 at 10am
6. REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR ON PLANNING MATTERS
7. PLANS DEALT WITH UNDER DELEGATED POWERS – None
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. 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.”**

PLANNING DECISION LIST - FOR COMMITTEE 18/11/2024

App No	ADDRESS	PROPOSAL	WEALDEN DISTRICT COUNCIL DECISION	FOREST ROW PARISH COUNCIL RESPONSE
WD/2024/1988/F	OWLS NEST, LONDON ROAD, FOREST ROW	GROUND AND LOWER GROUND REAR EXTENSION. CREATION OF SELF-CONTAINED ANNEXE, DEMOLITION OF EXISTING GARAGE AND CONSTRUCTION OF NEW GARAGE AND STUDIO.	<p>GRANTED</p> <p>Comment from Wealden:  <i>The Parish Council's comments are noted. However, the 'proposed' floor plans and elevations are clearly annotated as such, and therefore, Officers do not understand why the Parish Council felt unable to make any comments. In terms of the proximity of the site to the Forest Way public bridleway to the south, this has been noted by Officers. However, the site is very well screened along its southern boundary by dense vegetation and therefore any views of the property from the footpath would be limited. In any event, visibility of an extension is not in itself a reason for refusal, and for reasons outlined in the report, Officers consider that the proposed extension would greatly improve the visual appearance of the rear of the site with the removal of the existing outbuilding and large corrugated plastic structure</i></p>	<p>we are not opposed in principle to this property being extended, but the plans supplied lack sufficient clarity for us to understand what works are to be undertaken — eg there is no designation of the drawings as 'existing' or 'proposed' - and we are therefore unable to make any meaningful comment on the proposals.</p> <p>Moreover, the application states that the site cannot be seen from a public footpath or bridleway . this is untrue: a national cycle path passes the rear of the garden and the property, and any extension thereof would be clearly visible from that public right of way</p>

**THIS WEEKS PLANNING  
APPLICATIONS  
WEEK ENDING 15th NOVEMBER 2024**

Application Number & Address	Proposals	Date Considered by Parish Council	Last Date for Comments to WDC
WD/2024/2445/LB THE CHEQUERS INN, THE SQUARE, FOREST ROW	ALTERATIONS AND REPAIRS TO 17 <sup>TH</sup> CENTURY CHIMNEY STACK DUE TO DAMAGE CAUSED BY CHIMNEY SWEEP	18/11/2024	21/11/2024
WD/2024/2490/FA 88 HARTFIELD ROAD, FOREST ROW	VARIATION/REMOVAL OF CONDITIONS 7 AND 13 OF WD/2022/3048/F (CONVERSION OF THE FORMER CHURCH INTO 2 NO. TWO BEDROOM APARTMENTS, THE ERECTION OF A TWO-BEDROOM HOUSE WITHIN THE FORMER CAR PARK OF THE CHURCH, RETENTION OF THE EXISTING FOUR-BEDROOM PRESBYTERY AND THE PROVISION OF ASSOCIATED CAR PARKING AND LANDSCAPING. DEMOLITION OF BELL TOWER OF THE CHURCH AND ADJACENT SMALL CANOPY LINK) ALTERATION OF PARKING SPACES AND REPLACEMENT OF APPROVED DRAWINGS	18/11/2024	26/11/2024
WD/2024/2517/F ROBINS GHYLL, HARTFIELD ROAD, FOREST ROW	DEMOLITION OF EXISTING DWELLING AND OUTBUILDINGS AND CONSTRUCTION OF 2 SELF-BUILD DWELLINGS WITH ASSOCIATED ACCESS, PARKING AND LANDSCAPING	18/11/2024	03/12/2024