



Working for the Community in Rotherfield, Mark Cross,
Eridge Green, Boarshead and surrounding areas

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING AND BUILDING COMMITTEE
HELD ON TUESDAY 26TH NOVEMBER 2019 AT 19:30
IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM, ROTHERFIELD VILLAGE HALL, TN6 3LX**

PRESENT

Cllr N Wickenden (Vice Chair).
Cllr J Kitchenham
Cllr P Kember

Cllr R Harris
Cllr G Watson-Smith

Cllr A Martin.
Cllr J Richardson

COUNCILLORS ABSENT

None

ALSO PRESENT

Adam Hardy (Council Administrator) & two members of the public.

1. TO RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING: -

a) Apologies for absence (LGA 1972 s85):

These were received from: Cllr N Glynn, Cllr L Henrick & Cllr D Hiles,

It was **RESOLVED** that the reason for absence be accepted.

b) Declaration of personal, prejudicial and disclosable pecuniary interests on items on the agenda, and updates to members' register of interests.

None

c) To resolve that the Minutes of the meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday 5th November 2019 be taken as read, confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

It was **RESOLVED** that these be confirmed and adopted as a true record and they were signed by the Chair of the Committee

d) To formally adopt a new agenda format for Planning & Building Committee Meetings.

A draft of the new agenda format had been circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting.

It was **RESOLVED** that the new agenda format come into effect for the next meeting of the Planning Committee on the 17th December 2019.

2. TO CONSIDER AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS AND OTHER PLANNING MATTERS.

a) WD/2019/2206/F - Chevet, Bletchinglye Lane, Rotherfield, TN6 3NN

Proposed single storey pitched and flat roofed extensions together with general alteration works.

It was **RESOLVED** to recommend to Wealden District Council that this application be **APPROVED**.

REASON: It will enhance the facilities of the property.

b) WD/2019/2219/FR - Birchetts Wood, Eridge Road, Groombridge, TN3 9NP

Retrospective application for change of use of existing lake to a fishing lake.

It was **RESOLVED** to recommend to Wealden District Council that this application be **REFUSED**.

REASON: It will increase the amount of commercial traffic using unsuitable roads and lanes around the property.

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- c) **WD/2019/2162/F** - The Old Pump House, Spout Hill, Town Row, Rotherfield, TN6 3QS
Removal of existing patio door to living room and proposed provision of bay window.

It was **RESOLVED** to recommend to Wealden District Council that this application be **APPROVED**.

REASON: It will enhance the facilities of the property.

- d) **WD/2019/2119/F** - Benchmark Barn, Groombridge Lane, Eridge, TN3 9LA
Formation of two windows and two roof-lights in an outbuilding presently used as a games room. Change of use allowing the outbuilding to be used additionally as guest accommodation ancillary to the main residential dwelling.

One member of the public was permitted to address the meeting to speak in favour of the application.

It was **RESOLVED** to recommend to Wealden District Council that this application be **APPROVED**.

REASON: It will enhance the facilities of the property.

ADDITIONAL: The committee would also recommend that a **Section 106** is issued in relation to this application to ensure that the property cannot be used as a holiday let.

- e) **WD/2019/1304/F** - Orznash Farm, Gillridge Lane, Crowborough, TN6 1UR
Demolition and rebuilding of existing single-storey barns for use as habitable accommodation ancillary to Orznash Farm.

It was **RESOLVED** to recommend to Wealden District Council that this application be **APPROVED**.

REASON: It will enhance the facilities of the property.

ADDITIONAL: The committee would also recommend that a **Section 106** is issued in relation to this application to ensure that the property cannot be used as a separate dwelling.

- f) **WD/2019/2290/F** - Stone Mill, Dewlands Hill, Rotherfield, TN6 3RU
Re-use of ancillary class c3 residential annexe for separate Class C3 use.

It was **RESOLVED** to recommend to Wealden District Council that this application be **APPROVED**.

REASON: It will create a small affordable residence with within the parish.

3. TO RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING FROM WEALDEN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

i. Decision notices.

- a) **WD/2019/1832/F - Woodgates, Cats Hill, Mark Cross**
Recommended for **APPROVAL** by this Committee and **APPROVED** by Wealden District Council

- b) **WD/2019/2072/FR - Leyland Park, Tubwell Lane, Crowborough, TN6 3RH**

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Recommended for **APPROVAL** by this committee and **APPROVED** by Wealden District Council

c) **WD/2018/2320/MAJ – Boars Head Gold Club, Eridge Road, Boars Head, TN6 3HD**

Recommended for **REFUSAL** by this committee but **APPROVED** by Wealden District Council

d) **WD/2019/2137/F - Beecholme, New Road, Rotherfield, TN6 3JR**

Recommended for **APPROVAL** by this committee and **APPROVED** by Wealden District Council.

ii. **Planning correspondence.**

None

iii. **Any Enforcement, Conservation or appeal matters.**

None

iv. **Tree Notices and applications from Wealden District Council.**

None

4. **TO RECEIVE NOTICE OF DATE OF NEXT MEETING OF THIS COMMITTEE.**

Tuesday 17th December 2019 in the Parish Council Room, Rotherfield Village Hall, starting at 19:30.

5. **TO RECEIVE DETAILS OF ANY URGENT ISSUES FOR NOTING OR INCLUSION ON FUTURE AGENDA.**

- Administrator reported that the Clerk had sent an email to Wealden asking for advice in relation to responses for retrospective applications.
- Cllr Kitchenham remarked that parishioners are increasingly sweeping or blowing leaves into drains on the roads and this is causing blockages and flooding. It was agreed that a post will be made on social media asking parishioners to avoid this action.
- Cllr Harris reminded all present that the PCM meeting on Thursday is being held at Mark Cross Community Centre.
- Cllr Watson-Smith reported that a dangerous branch was hanging across the road at Saxonbury Hill. **ACTION: Clerk** to investigate and report to East Sussex Highways.

Chair declared the formal business of the meeting closed at 20:12

6. **PUBLIC FORUM.**

None.

**Confirmed and adopted as at ture record
at the 17th December meeting of this committee.**

.....Chair.....Date

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