



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

**MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL MEETING OF
THE PLANNING AND BUILDING COMMITTEE
HELD ON TUESDAY 25th August 2020 AT 19:30**

PRESENT

Cllr D Hiles (Chair)
Cllr N Wickenden (Vice Chair)
Cllr J Kitchenham
Cllr N Glynn

Cllr P Kember
Cllr L Henrick
Cllr G Watson-Smith

Cllr A Martin
Cllr J Richardson
Cllr R Harris

COUNCILLORS ABSENT

None

ALSO PRESENT

Adam Hardy (Council Administrator); Cllr K Obbard (WDC) & 5 members of the public.

1. TO RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING: -

a) Public Forum:

None

b) Apologies for absence (LGA 1972 s85):

None

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

None

d) To resolve that the Minutes of the meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday 4th August 2020 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.

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

- a) WD/2020/1128/F - Rocks Farm, Boars Head Road, Boars Head, TN6 3GR**
Proposed conversion of barn to one-bedroom dwelling with parking and landscaping.

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

REASON: It is not an historic or important building and would be overdevelopment in this rural countryside area.

- b) WD/2020/1218/F - Gamons, Town Row Green, Rotherfield, TN6 3QZ**
Outdoor tennis court for domestic use and extension to residential curtilage.

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

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REASON: It will enhance the facilities of the property.

- c) **WD/2020/1375/FR** - Beechglade Farm, Tunbridge Wells Road, Mark Cross, TN6 3PJ
Retrospective application for new tarmac on existing overflow car park previously comprising roadstone and plastic matting.

One member of the public addressed the committee speaking in objection to the application.

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

REASON: It has caused damage to the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and the landscape quality of Mark Cross. The application extends beyond the original permission and lacks landscaping.

Cllr Wickenden wished it recorded that he voted against the resolution.

- d) **WD/2020/0638/F** - Bullfinches Farm, Forge Road, Eridge, TN3 9LJ
Conversion of existing agricultural buildings into a three-bedroom holiday let.

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

REASON: To support local business and preserve a historical building.

Cllr Martin & Cllr Glynn wished it to be recorded that they voted against the resolution.

- e) **WD/2020/1378/FA** - Foot Tracks, Burnt Oak Road, Stone Cross, Crowborough, TN6 3SJ
Variation of conditions 2, 3, 5, 6, 11 & 18 of application WD/2018/1611/FA (variation of conditions and minor material amendment to WD/2017/1305/F (construction of 2 no. 4-bedroom family dwelling houses, associated access and parking together with hard and soft landscaping. Relinquishment of lawful use (WD/2016/2806/LDE) for commercial storage area to be incorporated into residential curtilage for plot 2; and change of use of B1 office building (WD/2016/2807/LDE) back to ancillary residential use to foot tracks) to allow for phased development) in order to allow changes to Plot 1.

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

REASON: It will enhance the facilities of the property.

- f) **WD/2020/1473/F** - Tamar, Town Row Green, Rotherfield, TN6 3QZ
Erection of single storey rear extension to garage to accommodate gym for private use.

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

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REASON: It will enhance the facilities of the property.

- g) **WD/2020/1470/O** - Land to the West of Tunbridge Wells Road, Mark Cross, TN6 3PP
Outline application for the construction of up to 5 no. Dwellings with detached garages and access onto Tunbridge Wells Road

Four members of the public addressed the committee objecting to the application.

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

REASON: It is an unsustainable development, out of character with the area, no footpath on that side of the road and overdevelopment of the site.

- h) **WD/2020/0253/F** - Looking West, Monastery Gardens, Rotherfield, TN6 3NB
Loft conversion involving a change in roof height and the addition of rooflights. New exterior finish, demolition of existing garage and replacement with a two-bay carport.

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

REASON: It will enhance the facilities of the property.

3. TO RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING FROM WEALDEN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

i. Decision notices.

- a) **WD/2020/0976/F** - Ashcroft, High Cross, Rotherfield TN6 3PX
Erection of two storey side extension and elevational alterations to alter entrance to property.

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

- b) **WD/2020/1058/F** - High Meadow, Yew Tree Lane, Rotherfield, TN6 3QP
Single storey front porch extension and double storey rear extension. Alterations to existing fenestration.

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

- c) **WD/2020/1152/F** - Trusley, New Road, Rotherfield, TN6 3JT
Proposed single storey rear extension.

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

ii. Planning correspondence.

None

iii. Tree Notices and applications from Wealden District Council

None

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

- Cllr Glynn asked if any update had been received regarding the potential planning breach at Kingsbury Lodge.

Council Administrator to ask Cllr Dixon (WDC) for an update.

- Cllr Henrick reported on enquires regarding withdrawn application WD/2020/0861/LB - 2 Chapel Cottages, Church Road, Rotherfield, TN6 3LF.

Communications with Cllr Dixon said that the applicants could reapply and let the decision go to appeal.

It was agreed to recommend to the applicants that they apply again for Planning Permission and the committee would support the application strongly both in its recommendation and writing to members of the Wealden Planning North Committee . We would continue to support this application should it go to appeal.

Cllr Henrick to pass committees recommendation back to the applicants.

It was noted that anyone can apply for planning permission and therefore the parish council could apply for the permission.

4. LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONSULTATIONS ON REFORM OF THE PLANNING SYSTEM.

It was agreed that committee members would look at the consultation documents and pass any comments they would like to make to the Council Administrator for communication back to Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government.

5. TO RECEIVE NOTICE OF DATE OF NEXT MEETING OF THIS COMMITTEE.

Tuesday 15th September 2020 to be held virtually unless otherwise advised.

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

None

Chair declared the formal business of the meeting closed at: 20:38

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

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