



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 6TH OCTOBER 2020 AT 19:30**

**As permitted by the Local Authorities (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority
Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 No.392
this meeting was conducted online via "Zoom".**

PRESENT

Cllr D Hiles (Chair)
Cllr P Kember
Cllr N Glynn

Cllr L Henrick
Cllr G Watson-Smith

Cllr A Martin
Cllr R Harris
Cllr N Wickenden

COUNCILLORS ABSENT

Cllr. J. Kitchenham.

ALSO PRESENT

Trevor Thorpe (Parish Clerk).

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. The members were reminded that they should declare an interest if they became aware of one at any point in the meeting.

d) To resolve that the Minutes of the meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday 15th September 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 that they be signed once physical meetings are possible.

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

a) WD/2020/1678/F - Forge Interiors, South Street, Rotherfield, TN6 3LR

Replacement of rotting windows, doors and external cladding with double glazed units and new cladding.

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

REASON: It will allow necessary repairs to be undertaken on the property.

b) WD/2020/1635/F - Owlsbury Accident Repair Centre, Owlsbury Depot, Hadlow Down Road, Crowborough, TN6 3RG

New building for additional b2 and b8 use (vehicle repairs and storage).

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

REASON: It will support a local business creating employment in the area.

- c) **WD/2020/1623/MAJ** - Land at Forge Wood/Great Robbins Shaw, Sham Farm Road, Eridge
Permanent use of land for camping (up to 100 pitches), excluding open fires. Erection of ancillary buildings to accommodate showers, WC's, changing, washing and storage facilities, together with the retention of the existing building to provide office/reception use. Provision of on-site walking routes for use by campsite patrons. Associated works and landscaping.

It was considered that, as this was a major application, the Council's comments should be deferred until local resident's views had been expressed; it was noted that no public comments had appeared on the Wealden website. Concerns were expressed that there would be an increase in traffic movements. It was **RESOLVED** to defer a decision until local views had been expressed.

- d) **WD/2020/1660/F** - Rumsden, Steep Road, Crowborough, TN6 3RX Proposed replacement dwelling.
It was **RESOLVED** to recommend to Wealden District Council that this application be **REFUSED**.

REASON: It will be an overdevelopment, out of keeping with the site and detrimental to the area.

- e) **WD/2020/1864/F** - 27 Hornshurst Road, Rotherfield, TN6 3ND Proposed single storey rear extension and two storey side extension.
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/2020/1691/O** - Land North of Catts Hill, Town Row, Rotherfield Erection of 4 no. Four-bed detached dwellings accessed off Catts Hill together with parking and landscaping.
It was **RESOLVED** to recommend to Wealden District Council that this application be **REFUSED**.

REASON: It is outside of the development boundary and not low cost or affordable housing.

- g) **WD/2020/0586/F** - Land at St Peters Mead, St Peters Mead, Rotherfield, TN6 3TP Demolition of disused chapel building and associated car parking and erection of 2 x 3-bedroom detached chalet style dwellings and 2 x 4-bedroom dwellings with associated access, parking & land
It was **RESOLVED** to recommend to Wealden District Council that this application be **REFUSED**.

REASON: It does not provide affordable housing.

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3. TO RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING FROM WEALDEN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

i. Decision notices.

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

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

- b) WD/2020/0899/F** - 6 Catts Corner Cottages, Catts Hill, Town Row, Rotherfield, TN6 3NF
Two storey side extension and alterations to existing fenestration and external door openings.

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

- c) 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.

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.

iv. Any Enforcement, Conservation or appeal matters.

None.

4. AGREE THE PARISH COUNCIL'S RESPONSE TO THE GOVERNMENT'S "PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE" CONSULTATION THAT PROPOSES SIGNIFICANT CHANGES TO THE PLANNING PROCESS".

It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr. Hiles will compile a response highlighting the following concerns:

- The use of data, digital technology and algorithms suggested in the Consultation could reduce the important role of planning officers with local knowledge.
- The process will be come centralised and will therefore marginalise local input.

5. REVIEW THE PARISH ENTRY FOR ASSETS OF COMMUNITY VALUE; CONSIDER RENEWING AND ADDING ADDITIONAL ENTRIES.

It was **RESOLVED** to carry this item forward to the October Council meeting. This will enable Councillors to view details of the Assets of Community Value and Right to Bid process and consider if there are other Parish properties to nominate for inclusion on the list maintained by Wealden District Council. **CLERK** to note.

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

Tuesday 27th October 2020. To be held "virtually" unless otherwise advised.

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

Concerns have been expressed locally regarding the current closure of the Mark Cross Inn. The Inn permits its car park to be used by parents of children attending the school at drop off/pick up times; any changes in the use of the property could impact on this.

The meeting was declared closed at 20:20.

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