



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 30<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2021 AT 19:30**

**PRESENT**

Cllr D Hiles (Chair)

Cllr P Kember (Vice Chair)

Cllr N Glynn

Cllr N Wickenden

Cllr L Henrick

Cllr A Martin

Cllr J Kitchenham

**COUNCILLORS ABSENT**

Cllr G Watson-Smith

**ALSO PRESENT**

One member of the public and Adam Hardy (Assistant Clerk)

**1. TO RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING: -**

**a) Public Forum:**

None

**b) Apologies for absence (LGA 1972 s85):**

Apologies received from Cllr R Harris.

It was **RESOLVED** that these be accepted.

**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 9<sup>th</sup> March 2021 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/2020/1329/F - Loft Cottage, New Road, Rotherfield, TN6 3JP**

Part single, part two-storey rear extension and façade alterations. Amended plans received 02/3/21

It was **RESOLVED** to recommend to Wealden District Council that this application be **APPROVED**. The committee has no comments on the application.

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- b) **WD/2021/0384/F** - Warren Farm, Warren Farm Lane, Eridge Green, TN3 9JG  
Full planning application for the demolition of the modern farm buildings and conversion of the curtilage listed buildings to provide 6 no. Dwellings with parking provision and soft landscaping.

Cllr Kember declared an interest in the application as he had accepted an invitation to view the site as a parishioner, but this had not been able to take place due to Covid-19.

One member of the public addressed the committee speaking in favour of the application.

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

**REASONS:**

- Reasonable way of converting existing valuable farm buildings.
- Retain the character of the existing associated agricultural buildings.

- c) **WD/2021/0385/LB** - Warren Farm, Warren Farm Lane, Eridge Green, TN3 9JG  
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**3. TO RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING FROM WEALDEN DISTRICT COUNCIL.**

i. **Decision notices.**

- a. **WD/2020/2405/F** - Highbanks, Catts Hill, Town Row, Rotherfield, TN6 3NL  
Detached garden room.

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

***Response to Parish Council:** The Parish Councils comments are acknowledged, however there is no statutory requirement to show all development permitted on a site within an application. The onus would be on the planning officer and any interested parties to view previous approved application(s) online if required and for the planning officer to view any developments on the site when making a site visit.*

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*On this occasion, the proposed garden room would be considered an appropriate form of development. The control of buildings permitted on the site can be addressed via condition such that the current application can be approved.*

- b. **WD/2020/2520/F** - Pleasant View Cottage, High Cross, Rotherfield, TN6 3QB  
Yoga and exercise studio in garden for ancillary use to the main dwelling.

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

- c. **WD/2020/2636/F** - 28 Court Meadow Close, Rotherfield, TN6 3LW  
Loft extension.

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

- d. **WD/2020/2655/F** - The Willows, Clackhams Lane, Jarvis Brook, TN6 3RN  
Single storey side extension to existing dwelling and extension to rear patio.

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. RECONSIDERATION OF COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATION TO APPLICATION:**

**WD/2020/1907/FR** - Kingsbury Lodge, Five Ashes Road, Rotherfield, TN6 3RS  
Retrospective access track.

In accordance with Standing Orders, Cllr's Glynn, Martin & Kember had requested that this application be called in for reconsideration of the committee's recommendation to Wealden District Council.

In the light of the recently received Ancient Woodland Management plan conducted by Barry Holdsworth Ltd Horticultural Consultancy (WD-2020-1907-FR\_Report\_Ancient Woodland Management at Kingsbury Lodge Rotherfield), the committee agreed to change their recommendation to Wealden District Council.

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

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**REASONS:**

- The absence of a satisfactory landscaping scheme to restore as far as possible the ancient semi natural woodland that was found there before the damage was done by the installation of the driveway.
- A landscaping scheme should be considered first by Wealden District Council and if considered satisfactory a legal agreement should be put in place for the landscaping scheme to be completed within one year from the date of issue.

**5. CONSIDER RESPONSE TO THE ROTHERFIELD DRAFT CONSERVATION AREA CHARACTER APPRAISAL**

It was agreed that the full council would respond to the official consultation when it opens.

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

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2021 to be held via Zoom.

**7. 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: **20:18**

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