



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

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLANNING AND BUILDING COMMITTEE  
HELD ON TUESDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER AT ROTHERFIELD VILLAGE HALL AT 19:30**

**PRESENT**

Cllr P Kember (Vice Chair)  
Cllr G Watson-Smith  
Cllr B Johnstone

Cllr P Beach  
Cllr N Wickenden  
Cllr R Harris

Cllr A Martin  
Cllr J Kitchenham  
Cllr L Henrick

**COUNCILLORS ABSENT**

**ALSO PRESENT**

Adam Hardy (Deputy Clerk) & nine members of the public.

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

**a) Public Forum:**

Three members of the public explained they were here to observe the meeting.

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

Apologies had been received from Cllr D Hiles.

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

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

None

**2. AGREE APPOINTMENT OF CLLR BEVERLEY JOHNSTONE TO THIS COMMITTEE**

It was **RESOLVED** to appoint Cllr Johnstone to this committee.

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

- a) WD/2021/2402/F** - Land Opposite Ashley Lodge, Ashley Road, Town Row, Rotherfield, TN6 3PW  
Demolition of existing stables and store, erection of a detached dwellinghouse with associated access and landscaping.

Two members of the public addressed the committee speaking against the application.

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

**REASONS:**

- The proposed development is in a rural setting and non-sustainable.

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- Outside of the development boundary.
- Access to the site is unsuitable and the committee has concerns about the increase in traffic and parking for existing properties.
- Do not believe this site is a brownfield site

- b) **WD/2021/2509/F** - Hole Wood Farm, Gillridge Lane, Crowborough, TN6 1UR  
Proposed single storey side addition proposed first floor balcony on side elevation.

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

- c) **WD/2021/2700/F** - Little Lotmans Farm, Burnt Oak Road, Crowborough, TN6 3SD  
Proposal for the erection of a detached agricultural dwelling and associated landscaping with change of use of land to residential curtilage.

Two members of the public addressed the committee speaking in favour of the application.

On a vote of 8/1 it was **RESOLVED** to recommend to Wealden District Council that this application be **APPROVED**.

Cllr Martin wished it recorded that he voted against the recommendation for approval.

- d) **WK/202109294** - Herons Lea, Yew Tree Lane, Rotherfield, East Sussex, TN6 3QP  
Premises Licence  
**Applicant:** The Sussex Colourful Garden Company Limited, Ward Mackenzie, Thatcher House, 12 Mount Ephraim, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN4 8AS

The committee agreed that further information is required before any comment could be made. An item will be placed on a future agenda for consideration.

**Standing Orders were suspended at 19:56**

**Standing Order were resumed at 20:26**

#### **4. TO RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING FROM WEALDEN DISTRICT COUNCIL.**

##### **i. Decision notices.**

- **WD/2021/1232/MFA** - Boars Head Golf Club, Eridge Road, Boars Head, TN6 3HD

Minor material amendment to WD/2018/2320/MAJ (demolition of driving range and associated infrastructure; erection of new building for use as events space (class d2 use) with managers flat (in lieu of that permitted as part of WD/2010/0306/FE; landscaping and access together with retention of the golf course and retained clubhouse building on a private hire basis only by those hiring the proposed conference and events centre) variation of condition 23 in order to change the external materials and detailing

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

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- **WD/2021/1663/F** - 4 Brecon Terrace, Church Road, Rotherfield, TN6 3LE  
Demolition of existing rear garden room and replace with slightly larger garden room.  
Recommended for **APPROVAL** by this committee and **APPROVED** by Wealden District Council.
- **WD/2021/1753/O** - 5 Deilsfoot Cottages, Tunbridge Wells Road, Mark Cross, TN6 3PH  
Proposed self-build home.  
Recommend for **REFUSAL** by this committee and **REFUSED** by Wealden District Council.
- **WD/2021/0181/F** - Boars Head Golf Club, Eridge Road, Boars Head, TN6 3HD  
Proposed greenkeeping store and access track.  
Recommended for **APPROVAL** by this committee but **REFUSED** by Wealden District Council.
- **WD/2021/1704/F** - Holme Park, Bicycle Arms Road, High Cross, Rotherfield, TN6 3QE  
Internal alterations, creation of entrance canopy/porch to northern elevation and amendments to car parking area and landscaping.  
Recommended for **APPROVAL** by this committee and **APPROVED** by Wealden District Council.
- **WD/2021/1705/LB** - Holme Park, Bicycle Arms Road, High Cross, Rotherfield, TN6 3QE  
Internal alterations, creation of entrance canopy/porch to northern elevation and amendments to car parking area and landscaping.  
Recommended for **APPROVAL** by this committee and **APPROVED** by Wealden District Council.

## ii. Planning correspondence.

- The Deputy Clerk reported that an invitation had been received to a presentation by Dr Stephen Hall entitled "Roads, Floods & Sewage – The Future of our Village". This will be held on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November at 8:00pm in Rotherfield Village Hall.

## iii. Any Enforcement, Conservation or appeal matters

The Deputy Clerk reported that he had received no further updates on enforcement matters. It was agreed that Cllr Dixon be asked to provide an update at the next Parish Council Meeting. **Deputy Clerk** to contact Cllr Dixon.

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

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December at Mark Cross Community Centre

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

- Cllr Harris informed the committee that he will attend the Extraordinary Meeting of the Rotherfield Memorial Institute to discuss the possible merger with Rotherfield St Martin. However, after taking advice from AiRS, he will not take up his position on the management committee as this could open him up to liability. It was agreed that the Council will make written representation to the Charity Commission to express their views on the merger.
- Cllr Henrick informed the committee that the proposed location for the World in Need Clothing Bin was not practical as the bin was too large. A site meeting will be held
- Cllr Johnstone suggested that the council could apply for a TPO on the land at Treblers Road as there is an ancient oak on the site where the caravan has recently been placed. **Deputy Clerk** to add an item to the November Parish Council Meeting.
- Cllr Wickenden reported that he had been approached by the Kings Arms regarding footpath 31a. The timber edging is deteriorating and a more permanent edging is required. **Clerk** to contact East Sussex Rights of Way and see if a site meeting with Cllr Wickenden is possible.
- Cllr Wickenden also reported that the Kings Arms landlord would like to end people exiting the Millennium Green Car Park and crossing their land. They would like the fence around the car park extended so no cut through is possible. **Clerk** to contact Wealden District Council and discuss options.
- The Deputy Clerk reminded the committee that the final content for the newsletter is still required and it should be sent in the next 48 hours in order for it to be included.
- The Deputy Clerk reported that he had received notification that a full application has been sent for the Land Behind St Peter's Meade. It increases the housing units from 9 to 10.

Chair declared the formal business of the meeting closed at: **21:10**

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