



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 29TH MARCH 2022
IN THE PARISH COUNCIL ROOM AT ROTHERFIELD VILLAGE HALL AT 19:30**

PRESENT

Cllr D Hiles (Chair)

Cllr P Kember (Vice Chair)

Cllr G Watson-Smith

Cllr R Harris

Cllr N Wickenden

Cllr L Henrick

Cllr P Beach

COUNCILLORS ABSENT

Cllr J Kitchenham

ALSO PRESENT

Adam Hardy (Parish Clerk) & one member of the public.

1. TO RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING: -

a) Public Forum:

None

b) Apologies for absence (LGA 1972 s85):

Apologies had been received from: Cllr B Johnstone & Cllr A Martin

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

Cllr Kitchenham submitted retrospective apologies accepted by the Chair.

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

All councillors declared a personal interest in item 2a) as it is the house of a Rotherfield Parish Councillor who does not sit on this committee.

d) To resolve that the Minutes of the meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday 8th March 2022 be taken as read, confirmed as a correct record, and signed by the Chair.

It was **RESOLVED** that these minutes represented a true record and were signed by the Chair.

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

a) WD/2022/0148/F - Foxgloves, Yew Tree Lane, Rotherfield, TN6 3JB

Alteration of location of driveway entrance to the highway including erection of boundary wall.

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

- b) **WD/2022/0274/F** - 8 The Forstal, Eridge Green, TN3 9JX
Single storey rear extension, incorporating the existing outbuilding and internal remodelling.

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

- c) **WD/2022/0357/F** - Chevet, Bletchinglye Lane, Rotherfield, TN6 3NN
Replacing existing concrete outbuilding/garage and wood store with a garden room building.

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

- d) **WD/2022/0276/F** - Mistral, Clackhams Lane, Jarvis Brook, TN6 3RN
New fenestrated dormer roof extensions added to southern and eastern elevations. Demolition of existing conservatories with two new extensions to the rear. Minor modifications to the windows. (resubmission of WD/2021/1944/F)

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

- e) **WD/2022/0454/F** - Spring Cottage, Eridge Road, Crowborough, TN6 2XA
Erection of a pole barn.

It was **RESOLVED** that the committee would **COMMENT** on the application. The committee are unable to make recommendation on this application as it is not clear where the access to the proposed building is located.

3. TO RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING FROM WEALDEN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

i. Decision notices.

- **WD/2022/0031/F** – The Spinney, High Cross, Rotherfield, TN6 3PX
New residential car port.

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

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

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

- **WD/2021/2898/F** - Bramley Cottage, Town Row Green, Rotherfield, TN6 3QU

two storey side extension and a single storey rear extension to existing dwelling, alterations to garage, construction of two bay carport and store, widening of existing vehicular access, replacement of existing gate and proposed vehicular gates.

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

- **WD/2021/2873/F** - Rendlye Farm, Sandhill Lane, Boars Head, TN3 9LP new vehicle access.

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

- **WD/2022/0210/F** - Highwell House, Steep Road, Crowborough, TN6 3RX construction of outdoor pool.

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

ii. Planning correspondence.

- Clerk reported that Cllr Obbard (Wealden District Council) had raised concerns about WD/2022/7007/AD in Gillridge Lane. A copy of his correspondence had been shared with councillors.
- Clerk reported that he had received notification that application: WD/2021/2402/F - Land Opposite Ashley Lodge, Ashley Road, Town Row, Rotherfield, TN6 3PW had been called in and will be discussed at the Wealden Planning Committee North on 31st March 2022.
- **WD/2022/0383/LDE** - The Oast House, Hourne Lane, Eridge Road, Crowborough, TN6 2DZ
Existing use as an independent c3 residential dwelling house.

The committee **AGREED** that they could offer no evidence on the application for a Lawful Development Certificate.

iii. Any Enforcement, Conservation or appeal matters

- Clerk reported that concerns about tree felling at Little Lotmans Farm had been investigated but as the trees are not located within the conservation area of have any preservation orders their felling would not constitute a breach of planning control.
- Clerk had received a copy of a parishioner's complainant response, regarding multiple enforcement matters, from Wealden District Council. This has been shared with councillors.

It was **RESOLVED** that the council would contact Wealden District council regarding our concerns of enforcement at Kingsbury Lodge. The conditions set out in the retrospective planning application have not been adhered to, tree felling and landscaping of the site continues. **Clerk** to write to Wealden Enforcement.

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- Clerk reported that he had asked Wealden Enforcement for information regarding: Land South East Of Redgate Mill Sewage Works, Rotherfield. This was following an email from a resident expressing concerns about development that has no planning permission.
- Clerk reported that he had received notification of an appeal against Wealden District Council's refusal of: WD/2020/1691/O – Land North of Catts Hill, Town Row, Rotherfield. Erection of four x 3-bed dwellings and two x 4-bed dwellings accessed off Catts Hill together with parking and landscaping.

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

Tuesday 19th April 2022 in the Parish Council Room at Rotherfield Village Hall.

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

- Cllr Wickenden reported that the trees at Saxonbury overhanging the A267 are very dangerous and in danger of falling into the Highway. **Clerk** to report to East Sussex Highways for urgent attention.
- Cllr Watson-Smith & Cllr Wickenden confirmed that they would carry out a review of all trees on parish council land during the summer.
- Cllr Harris, Cllr Beach & Clerk reported that the waste bins at the Village Hall had been left out on the road outside the Village Hall. It was agreed that we should explore ending the contract with Direct 365 and contracting with Biffa directly. **Clerk** to send contract to Cllr Beach for review.
- Cllr Watson-Smith requested that we get an update on introducing a possible byelaw on the Recreation Ground for dog fouling. **Clerk** will provide an update to councillors.

Chair declared the formal business of the meeting closed at: **20:11**

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