



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 4<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2023  
IN THE PARISH COUNCIL ROOM AT ROTHERFIELD VILLAGE HALL AT 19:30**

**PRESENT**

Cllr D Hiles (Chair)  
Cllr R Harris  
Cllr J Kitchenham

Cllr B Johnstone  
Cllr N Wickenden

Cllr A Martin  
Cllr P Snelling

**COUNCILLORS ABSENT**

None

**ALSO PRESENT**

Adam Hardy (Parish Clerk)

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

**a) Public Forum:**

None

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

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr G Watson-Smith & Cllr P Kember.

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

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

Cllr Wickenden declared a personal interest in item 2a as he is the applicant.

**d) To resolve that the Minutes of the meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2023 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/2023/0623/F - Highfield Farm, New Road, Rotherfield, TN6 3JS  
2no Dormers In Roof And Loft Conversion.**

Clerk reminded Councillors that as the applicant is a fellow Councillor they must approach the application with an open mind.

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/2023/0628/F - Saxonbury Tower, Eridge Green, TN3 9JA**

Remove 3no. Antennas within grp shroud at a maximum height of 21.5m to be replaced with 3no. Antennas fixed within retained grp shroud at a maximum height of 21.5m together with ancillary development thereto.

The Committee noted the application and **AGREED** to make **NO COMMENT**.

**c) WD/2023/0629/LB - Saxonbury Tower, Eridge Green, TN3 9JA**

Remove 3no. Antennas within grp shroud at a maximum height of 21.5m to be replaced with 3no. Antennas fixed within retained grp shroud at a maximum height of 21.5m together with ancillary development thereto.

The Committee noted the application and **AGREED** to make **NO COMMENT**.

**d) WD/2023/0465/F - Mistral, Clackhams Lane, Jarvis Brook, Crowborough TN6 3RN**

New fenestrated dormer roof extension to eastern elevation and rooflight to northern elevation. Demolition of existing conservatories and replacement with two new extensions to the rear. Changes to fenestration. (amendment to WD/2022/0276/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/2023/0722/F - Bramley Cottage, Town Row Green, Rotherfield, TN6 3QU**

Construction of a garden room.

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

**f) WD/2023/0778/F - Swirrell Edge, Church Road, Rotherfield, TN6 3LA**

Extensions To Existing Outbuildings/Garage to Create 2-Bedroomed Residential Annexe To Main Dwelling.

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

- 9) **WD/2023/0793/F** - Goose Eye, Castle Hill, Rotherfield, TN6 3RR  
Refurbishment of existing 1970s house, uprating insulation and services. Conversion of the existing garage (31sq.metres) to form an en-suite bathroom, living room and utility space. Replacing existing windows with double-glazed units in metal frames, some openings to be slightly enlarged.

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

- h) **WD/2023/0816/F** - Yew Tree Farm, Yew Tree Lane, Rotherfield, TN6 3QP  
Widening and first floor extension of the rear wing as well as other alterations including the reinstatement of the oast cowl.

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

- i) **WD/2023/0572/F** - High Cross House, Bicycle Arms Road, High Cross, Rotherfield, TN6 3QE  
Single storey extension.

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

### 3. TO RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING FROM WEALDEN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

#### i. Decision notices.

- **WD/2023/0261/F** - ALDWICK COTTAGE, BOARS HEAD ROAD, BOARS HEAD, TN6 3GR  
Single storey extension and garage and re-pitching of existing front porch roof.

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

- **WD/2023/0122/F** - 3 Forge Cottages, Boars Head Road, Boars Head, TN6 3GR  
Proposed roof alterations to consist new dormer structure, new cabrio rooflight and gable end window.

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

- **WD/2023/0075/F** - Yew Tree Cottage, Yew Tree Lane, Rotherfield, TN6 3QP  
Change of use of first floor storage area in barn to use as a home office.

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

- **WD/2023/0387/FA** - Sycamore, Rotherfield Road, Crowborough, TN6 3HH Variation of condition 3 of WD/2022/1971/F (partial demolition and extension of existing bungalow and ancillary/ outbuildings, amended detached car barn/ on site parking & new vehicular access) to provide first floor bedroom and bathrooms.

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

**ii. Planning correspondence.**

None

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

- **APP/C1435/W/21/3288132** - Land to rear of Boars Head Filling Station, Eridge Road, Boars Head TN6 3HD  
The development proposed is a new detached dwelling.

Recommended for **REFUSAL** by this Committee and **REFUSED** by Wealden District Council. The Appeal is **DISMISSED**.

- Clerk reported that he had chased Wealden Enforcement for an update on Milk Lodge/Bluebell Farm. The mobile homes have been moved but the hedge has not be reinstated.
- Clerk reported that the retrospective application as a result of enforcement on 3 North Street had been withdrawn. The Clerk had written to enforcement for clarification.

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

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2023 in the Parish Council Room at Rotherfield Village Hall.

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

- Clerk presented Cllr Robert Harris & Cllr Beverley Johnstone with a certificate for completion of their Tree Warden training.
- Clerk reported that serious safety issues had been raised regarding the two Horse Chestnut trees next to Rotherfield Scout Hut. A meeting with Tom Woodgate had taken place and it had been agreed to reduce the trees. This would take place in late May to allow birds nesting in the tree to fledge.

Chair declared the formal business of the meeting closed at: **20:17**

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

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