



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 8TH AUGUST 2023
IN THE UPPER HALL OF ROTHERFIELD MEMORIAL INSTITUTE AT 19:30**

PRESENT

Cllr D Hiles (Chair)

Cllr P Snelling

Cllr B Johnstone

Cllr P Kember (Vice-Chair)

Cllr J Kitchenham

Cllr A Martin

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 had been received from Cllr Harris.

It was **RESOLVED** that the reason 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.

None

d) To resolve that the Minutes of the meeting of this Committee held on Tuesday 27th June 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/2023/1795/F- Willow Bank, Yew Tree Lane, Rotherfield, TN6 3JB

2 storey side extension to north elevation, first floor extension to south elevation, rear single storey extension, demolition of existing conservatory, new cladding to first floor.

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/2022/3055/F** - Renby Lake Barn, Land North-East of Forge Road, Eridge, TN3 9LG
Erection of a caretaker's house for necessary full-time security and maintenance of fishing lakes and landscape, and associated garage/store and pond with solar panels.

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

REASONS:

- The site is prominent within the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.
- The Committee does not believe that the applicant has necessary justification for the development.
- The access to the site is inadequate and the committee have safety concerns for vehicles driving to and from the site.

- c) **WD/2023/1823/F** - Bird View, Steep Road, Crowborough, TN6 3RX
Erection of amended garden store in alternative position to that approved under WD/2021/1524/F

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/2023/1653/F** - The Old Beech, Mayfield Road, Rotherfield, TN6 3LS
Conservatory roof replacement.

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/2023/0565/F** - Land Adjoining Hourne Farm, Eridge Road, Crowborough, TN6 2DZ
Construction of a building for storage use to replace existing storm damaged building.

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/2023/1165/F**– Bletchinglye Farm, Bletchinglye Lane, Rotherfield, TN6 3NN

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Replacement of 1no woodburning stove including stainless steel flexible flue liner and cowl and installation of 2no additional wood burning stoves including stainless steel flexible flue liner.

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

- **WD/2023/1166/LB** - Bletchinglye Farm, Bletchinglye Lane, Rotherfield, TN6 3NN
Replacement of 1no woodburning stove including stainless steel flexible flue liner and cowl and installation of 2no additional wood burning stoves including stainless steel flexible flue liner.

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

- **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.

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

- **WD/2023/1523/F**- The Old Cottage, Tunbridge Wells Road, Mark Cross, TN6 3PP
Summerhouse

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

- **WD/2023/1457/OH**- Land At Inchreed Farm, The Granary & Doggetts, Hadlow Down Road, Crowborough, TN6 3SA
To install low and high voltage underground cable across land at doggetts, the granary & inchreed to allow removal of low and high voltage overhead line spans. To install terminal hv pole support for the existing overhead line and install a compact substation site.

NO COMMENT was made by this committee and the application was **APPROVED** by Wealden District Council.

- **WD/2023/1450/F** - Bramley Cottage, Town Row Green, Rotherfield, TN6 3QU
Construction of a single storey rear lobby/porch and the construction of a garden wall.

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

- **WD/2023/1387/F** - Farthings, Yew Tree Lane, Rotherfield, TN6 3QP
Single storey front, side and rear extensions and associated works. Change of external materials. Proposed entrance gates.

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

- **WD/2023/1256/FR** - Sycamore, Clackhams Lane, Crowborough, TH6 3HH

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Replacement ancillary building and 2m close boarded fence along boundary with Rotherfield road.

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

- **WD/2023/1106/F** - Foxlees, North Street, Rotherfield, TN6 3LX
Erection of single storey rear extension.

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

- **WD/2023/1000/F** - Old Apple Orchard Farm, Gillridge Lane, Crowborough, TN6 1UR
Extension to existing agricultural storage barn.

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

- **WD/2022/2942/F** - Land Adjoining 24 Court Meadow Close, Rotherfield, Crowborough, TN6 3LW
Construction of two new dwellings.

Recommended for **REFUSAL** by this Committee and the application was **WITHDRAWN**.

- **WD/2023/1144/F** - Lynne's Organic Farm, Limekiln Forest Road, Rotherfield, TN3 9LQ
Proposed dwelling for seasonal worker accommodation/holiday let.

Recommended for **REFUSAL** by this Committee and **REFUSED** by Wealden District Council.

- **WD/2023/1359/FR** - Lone Oak, Yew Tree Lane, Rotherfield, TN6 3QP
Retrospective application for siting of a lodge for temporary accommodation.

Recommended for **REFUSAL** by this Committee and **REFUSED** by Wealden District Council.

- **WD/2023/1091/F** - Marsons Croft, Station Road, Rotherfield, TN6 3HU
Single storey rear extension to replace 1930's extension.

Recommended for **APPROVAL** by this Committee but **REFUSED** by Wealden District Council.

- **WD/2023/1116/LB** - Marsons Croft, Station Road, Rotherfield, TN6 3HU
Single storey rear extension to replace 1930's extension.

Recommended for **APPROVAL** by this Committee but **REFUSED** by Wealden District Council.

ii. Planning correspondence.

None.

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

APP/C1435/W/22/3298288 - 2 Warren Farm Cottages, Warren Farm Lane, Eridge
TN3 9JR

Retrospective change of use of annexe currently used as garage/workshop and art studio
to separate self-contained dwelling.

The appeal is dismissed.

The application was originally recommended for **REFUSAL** by this Committee and
REFUSED by Wealden District Council.

4. TO DISCUSS AND RESOLVE THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE HONEY PRODUCED BY THE PARISH COUNCIL BEES.

Documents had been circulated to Councillors ahead of the meeting.

It was **RESOLVED** to sell the honey produced by the Parish Council bees on a not-for-profit basis. All money generated will go back into the maintenance of the bees. **Clerk** to set up cost code in the accounts under Recreation & Burial. The honey would be available for purchase from the Parish Council Office.

It was **RESOLVED** to approach a local artist to design the jar labels. **Clerk** to make contact and discuss the possibility of designing bee labels with the required statutory information. It was **AGREED** that the honey would be called Rotherfield Bees Honey from St Denys' Burial Ground.

It was **AGREED** that Cllr Snelling would work with a local bee expert to manage the bees. **Cllr Harris** to arrange a meeting with Cllr Snelling and the local bee expert.

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

Tuesday 29th August 2023 in the Parish Council Room at Rotherfield Village Hall.

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

- Cllr Martin asked for an update on the new SID batteries. The Clerk confirmed that these had been delivered. **Deputy Clerk** to drop off batteries at Rotherfield Memorial Institute. Once SID is running Cllr Martin will complete the transfer of this responsibility to Cllr Snelling as previously resolved.

Chair declared the formal business of the meeting closed at: **20:09**

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

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