



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

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY, 3RD DECEMBER 2024 IN THE PARISH COUNCIL ROOM AT ROTHERFIELD VILLAGE HALL AT 7:30 PM

PRESENT

Cllr D Hiles (Chair)
Cllr P Kember (Vice-Chair)
Cllr J Gosney

Cllr E Holmes-Cutting
Cllr B Johnstone
Cllr P Snelling

Cllr R Harris
Cllr P Beach

COUNCILLORS ABSENT

None.

ALSO PRESENT

Adam Hardy (Parish Clerk & RFO)

1. TO RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING: -

a) Public Forum:

None.

b) Apologies for absence (LGA 1972 s85):

None.

Cllr Kember gave his apologies for the next meeting of this Committee on Tuesday 7th January 2025.

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 19th November 2024 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 they were signed by the Chair.

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

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- a) **WD/2024/2453/FR** - The Old Apple Orchard Farm, Gillridge Lane, Crowborough, TN6 1UR
Retrospective planning application for the agricultural bund constructed to support viniculture. **Reconsultation requested as amended plans received 20/11/2024.**

It was **RESOLVED** to recommend to Wealden District Council that this application be **REFUSED**. The Councillors felt that based on their local knowledge of the site, works requiring Planning Permission have taken place outside of the revised site plan and application site boundary. Therefore, its objections regarding proximity to the Ancient Woodland remain. The Committee also felt that insufficient supporting documentation had been submitted to support the introduction of viniculture on this site.

- b) **WD/2024/2585/F** - Renby Stables, Forge Road, Eridge, TN3 9LG
Demolition of detached metal barn and erection of single storey extension.

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

3. TO CONSIDER AND MAKE RECOMMENDATION ON A PREMISES LICENCE APPLICATION, **Application 31921:** Wildwine Ltd, Coes Farm, Dewlands Hill. Rotherfield, Crowborough, TN6 3RU **Applicant:** Wildwine Ltd, 8th Floor, 167 Fleet Street, London, EC4A 2EA

It was **RESOLVED** to make **NO COMMENT** on this licence application.

4. TO RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING FROM WEALDEN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

i. Decision Notices.

- **WD/2024/2235/LB** – Salters, Station Road, Rotherfield, TN6 3HR
Sympathetic repair and replacement of decayed sections of timber frame and where required infill panels.

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

- **WD/2024/2037/FR** - Hastingford Fishery, Hastingford Lane, Hadlow Down, TN22 4DY
Retrospective application for the change of use of land to dog walking/training fields with associated fencing.

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

ii. Planning correspondence.

None.

iii. Any enforcement, conservation or appeal matters.

Enforcement:

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None.

Conservation:

None.

Appeals:

- **Appeal Ref: APP/C1435/W/24/3339566**
Fairfields Farm, Tunbridge Wells Road, Rotherfield, East Sussex TN6 3QH
The development proposed is demolition of barn and erection of 5 No. detached houses with garages.

Recommend for **REFUSAL** by this Committee and **REFUSED** by Wealden District Council. The appeal was **DISMISSED**.

5. DISCUSS AND CONSIDER RESPONSE TO PETITION EMAIL RECEIVED REGARDING THE FUTURE OF ROTHERFIELD AND TOWN ROW.

The Committee agreed that the Clerk would make a response acknowledging receipt of the petition and covering the following points:

- At some stage in the future, the Council will be considering neighbourhood planning, but this will not be until the completion of the New Wealden Local Plan.
- The Council has a watching brief to look for ways to ease the parking problems in the Village of Rotherfield this includes looking for possible car parking sites.
- When the DRAFT of the New Wealden Local Plan comes back to the Council, we will consult residents for their views in the form of a public meeting.

Clerk to reply to the petitioner.

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

Tuesday 7th January 2025 at 7:30 pm in the Parish Council Room at Rotherfield Village Hall.

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

- The Clerk asked for the following application to be considered under delegated powers:

WD/2024/2600/LDE - Green Hedges Stud And Racing, Danegate, Mark Cross, TN6 3PA
The residential storage building was converted into separate self-contained residential accommodation, known as a stud cottage, in January 2018 and has been used continuously as a residential dwelling since the 9th of August 2018, 4 years up to 25 April 2024 and continuously to the date of this application.

It was **RESOLVED** to make **NO COMMENT** on this application.

The Chair declared the formal business of the meeting closed at: **[20:05]**

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

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