

# Wisborough Green Parish Council

## Minutes of The Planning Committee

Date: Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2017

Present: Mr N Beresford (NB), Mr A Jackson (Planning Committee Chairman), Mr M Watson (MW)

Apologies: Mr A Burbridge (AB), Mr P Drummond (PD), Mr M Newell (MN), Mr H True (HT)

Held in: The Committee Room, Village Hall

Members of Public: Nil

The Chairman opened the meeting at 8.00 pm.

1. Apologies for Absence: Apologies were received and accepted from Mr Burbridge, Mr Drummond, Mr Newell and Mr True.
2. Declaration of Members' Interests: No interests were declared.
3. Public Participation: There were no members of public present.
4. New Planning Applications: The following applications were reviewed. Application details had been circulated in advance of the meeting and were also displayed:

<p>WR/17/02775/FUL - Case Officer: - Paul Hunt - Minor Dev - All Others</p>	<p>Mr Robert Byles Lowfold Farm Fittleworth Road Wisborough Green RH14 0ES Retention of 4 no. existing metal shipping containers for the storage of fireworks. O.S. Grid Ref. 504180/124598 <u>No Objection</u></p>
<p>WR/17/03015/DOM - Case Officer: - Paul Hunt - Other Dev - Householder Developments</p>	<p>Miss Kelly Brunger 3 Butts Meadow Wisborough Green RH14 0BT Remove overgrown hedge and create off road parking. O.S. Grid Ref. 504823/126101 <u>Partial Objection</u> Wisborough Green Parish Council is pleased to see that off-street parking is being provided for this property at a busy junction where on road parking often causes access difficulties. However, this property is in a key and highly visual location in the Conservation Area and as such, the Parish Council objects to some elements of the proposal due to the visual impact from the village green.  The Parish Council has no objection to the access and off road parking, the re-positioning of the 1.8m fence and hedging to the frontage and the removal of the rear hedge. However, the Parish Council objects to the proposed 1.8m high fence on the edge of the Butts Meadow boundary as this would have a negative impact in the Conservation Area. If a fence is considered necessary for screening, the Parish Council would only support this proposal if a hedge was planted in front of the fencing to soften the impact (as has been done for the fence line opposite the playground on the other side of the road). This hedge would need to be planted at least 600mm from the pavement edge to ensure that hedge growth did not encroach over a well-used pavement and as such, the new access and sliding gate would need to be re-aligned accordingly. The Parish Council feels that this re-alignment, combined with native species hedging, would in fact improve the overall appearance of the new access and break the bulk of the fence/gate.</p>

	The Parish Council refers to the Conservation Area Character Assessment undertaken by Chichester District Council (CDC) in September 2010 and the recommendations contained within, drawing to your attention, page 12, section 4.4. Regarding boundaries, “Less appropriate are the examples, fortunately few, of modern timber boarding, such as can be seen outside Mulberry, where the curved tops to the panels are a discordant feature. Low timber palisade fencing, often left to weather down to a natural colour, or stained dark brown, is a more suitable boundary and can be seen in several locations.” The tall timber fence mentioned at Mulberry is now substantially masked by the mature and well managed hedging in front of it, softening the impact of what was a bulky and urban fence.
WR/17/03044/TCA - Case Officer: - Henry Whitby - Tree Apps (TCA's and TPA's)	Mr Peter Baynham 1 High Barn School Road Wisborough Green RH14 0DU Notification of intention to fell 1 no. Portuguese Laurel tree. O.S. Grid Ref. 505125/125940 <u>No Objection</u>
WR/17/02817/TCA - Case Officer: - Henry Whitby - Tree Apps (TCA's and TPA's)	Mrs Louise Davies, Wisborough Green Parish Council Recreation Ground A272 The Luth To Durbans Road Wisborough Green RH14 0BN Notification of intention to undertake various tree work around the Village Green and to Fell 1 no. Horse Chestnut tree (T9). O.S. Grid Ref. 504913/126030 <u>No Objection</u>
WR/17/03079/FUL - Case Officer: - Paul Hunt - <b>Other Dev - Householder Developments</b>	Miss Katherine Buxton Flat 4 Forrest Place Durbans Road Wisborough Green Replacement windows. O.S. Grid Ref. 504997/125981 <u>No Objection</u>

5. Planning Appeal – Old Helyers Farm, Kirdford Road 17/00934/FUL: The Parish Council’s previous submission was discussed and it was agreed that written representation reinforcing previous comments would be submitted. NB agreed to prepare and circulate for approval at the next Parish Council meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2017.

6. Any Other Planning Matters to Report:

- a. The Clerk gave explanation to a meeting involving the architect for the Village Hall project and CDC planning officer, and the proposed changes that had been discussed; plans were displayed. The planning officer was happy with the internal layout but was concerned about the raised roof to the west end, advising that it be reduced by 1.5m. AJ expressed concern that this might make the headroom too low and compromise the use of this new room, suggesting that this recommendation be given further thought. Clerk to feedback to the Village Hall Chairman.
- b. CDC had requested that a Neighbourhood Plan monitoring report be prepared for the last year; Clerk to prepare and approve at the next Parish Council meeting.

6. Date of Next Meeting: Parish Council meeting on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2017 at 7.45 pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.00 pm.

Signed by the Chairman: ..... Date: .....