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Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held at Rusper Village Hall on Tuesday 28th May 2024 at 7.00 pm

Present: Cllrs G. Sallows (Chairman), M. Cooke, S. White, F. Maitland-Smith, S. White, R. Gatt. G. Hussey.

Also present: PCSO Chrissie Symonds.

Apologies: G Fleming, M. Fillmore, M Fenton.

There were 3 members of the public. *PCSO Chrissie introduced herself to Council prior to the meeting. 1 member of the public left after the public session. 1 member of the public left during the Millfields application discussion.*

Meeting commenced 1900hrs

1 Apologies for absence

Cllrs Geoff Hussey, Marion Fenton, Gary Adams.

2 To note the Minutes of the last meeting Combined Parish and Planning Meeting.

The planning committee noted the minutes of the combined meeting on 30th April 2024 minutes were approved on 14th May 2024.

3 Declaration of Interests

None.

4 Open Forum

A member of the public wrote to the committee in advance of the meeting regarding the traffic assessment in the North Horsham development. The planning committee discussed that the figures were challenged at the time, but it was agreed that it would be the wrong time to challenge it now and it would be counterproductive at this stage however the committee did recognise that it is a WSCC Highways query rather than a District Council matter. The committee would look at challenging the figures later in the Local Plan process.

5 Climate crisis

Members were reminded that there is a climate crisis and that all decisions should be made bearing this in mind. This is a critical aspect of planning and should be considered in all applications. Issue with water neutrality to also be considered.

6 The planning committee considered responses to the following planning applications:

"In the event that the officers are minded to propose the acceptance of this application, Rusper Parish Council would ask for it to go to full committee and that the Parish Council is allowed to speak to their objections at the meeting."

DC/24/0720 Lower Prestwood Farm Prestwood Lane Ifield West Sussex RH11 0LA Replacement of sash casements on front elevation

DC/24/0719 Lower Prestwood Farm Prestwood Lane Ifield West Sussex RH11 0LA Replacement of sash casements on front elevation

These applications were considered together. It was RESOLVED no objection to the application.

DC/24/0686 Parkhouse Rusper Road Ifield West Sussex RH11 0LQ
Erection of a single storey rear extension (Retrospective)

It was RESOLVED there was no objection to this application.

DC/24/0699 Millfields, Millfields Farm Horsham Road Rusper West Sussex RH12 4PR
Demolition of existing structures and erection of 43no. dwellings (Use Class C3), creation of a new access and provision of public open space, alongside associated landscaping and other works.
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It was RESOLVED to strongly object to this application. The Council had already attended the public consultation and highlighted its previous concerns with the site which are reflected within the made NP. Noted that DC/23/1422 Bonnets Lane - there were comments on that application that were for a similar site. It was agreed that a full response would be written and submitted after the meeting. The objection will address the points raised that the view has already been altered which is not correct from the site and to refer to the comments made on the previous appeal decision. Noted that the water neutrality statement is confusing and does not have billing supporting the statements made regarding previous farm usage and comment towards offsetting. Noted that the access road was objected to and noted that traffic calming measures are mentioned but not detailed. It was **agreed** that WSCC should visit the area and uphold their desktop study.

DC/24/0771 Dial Post Farm, Unit 5 Dial Post Park Horsham Road Rusper West Sussex RH12 4QX.
Prior notification for the installation of solar panels on one elevation of existing roof.

It was RESOLVED the Council will support this application.

7. Agree responses to planning applications received since publication of the Agenda

No further planning applications notes.

8. Correspondence

It was agreed to respond to email re North Horsham as noted in the public session.

9. Update on planning compliance cases

Cllr G Hussey to speak to Enforcement about as possible planning breach and report back to the Clerk for further action.

Flytipping at Rusper Sports field was reported, the Clerk is receiving a following up from the Enforcement Officer in attendance.

10. To receive any update on Local Plan Regulation 19

An email was circulated in advance of the meeting but it was discussed during the General Election period civil servants are adhering to the pre-election period. Noted Cllr John Milne standing for election will that impact the LP. Noted that planning should not stop because of an election.

Next meeting 30th April 2024

Meeting closed 2120hrs