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Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held at Rusper Village Hall on Tuesday 18th February 2025 at 7.00 pm

Present: Cllrs G. Sallows (Chairman), M. Cooke, R. Gatt. G. Hussey, M. Fenton, Cllr D. Matthews and Cllr S. White, Cllr G. Fleming.

Apologies: M. Fillmore, F. Maitland-Smith.

Clerk: Lisa Wilcock

There was 1 member of the public.

Meeting commenced 1902hrs

PC036-24/25 Apologies for Absence

It was **resolved** to **accept** apologies in advance of the meeting from Cllrs M. Fillmore, F. Maitland-Smith.

PC037-24/25 Chairmans Announcements

It is with immense sadness that the parish council learnt of the passing of our dear District Councillor, villager and friend Elizabeth Kitchen (Liz) who passed away at Royal Marsden Hospital on 10th February 2025. Liz was first elected to the council in 1987, representing Colgate and Rusper for the Conservatives. She served as district council leader between 2001 and 2009 and was chairman in 2000. She had also served on the county council and parish council as well as serving 25 years on New Horizons Committee in aid of St Catherines Hospice. Liz was a resident and Rusper treasure and there will be a huge hole left upon her passing. The parish council extends their sympathy to Liz's family and friends.

We have also lost Alan Rice former Chairman of Rusper Parish Council passed away on 11th February 2025, Alan spent a lot of time working on Keep Rusper Green and the Gatwick airport extension.

PC038-24/25 Approval of the Minutes of the last meeting

It was **resolved** to approve the minutes of the Planning Committee on 21st January 2025. Chairman signed the minutes.

PC039-24/25 Declaration of Interests

No declarations were made.

PC040-24/25 Land to the north side of East Street, Rusper

Presentation received from Luke Eldridge Head of Land and Planning Devine Homes PLC. ([Document 1](#))

Thanked council for the opportunity to present plans to build 18 new homes on the land to the north side of East Street Rusper. Devine Homes is a private owned developer. Drawing handed out to the

council and is attached to the minutes. Councillor asked questions on the highways access, the recent felling of trees and pedestrian access to and from the site. Noted there is no rainwater harvesting, 4 visitor parking spaces a substation and not footpath connection between the development and the local amenities.

MOP left the meeting

PC041-24/25 Open Forum

No questions.

PC042-24/25 Climate Crisis

To **acknowledge** that there is currently a climate crisis, and to ensure that all decisions made within the meeting have consideration to this.

PC043-24/25 Agree responses to the following planning applications: Planning log

"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."

i) DC/24/1934 Rusper Village Hall Horsham Road Rusper West Sussex RH12 4PR

Erection of a single storey front extension with new ramp to the front of the building and a new ramp to the side to facilitate disabled access. *Deadline is 13th February 2025, Clerk requested Councillors make representations via email and an agreed response of support was submitted prior to the meeting. It was accepted that the response was made.*

PC044-24/25 Agree responses to planning applications received since publication of the Agenda

i) DC/25/0172 - Land South of The Mount Farm The Mount Ifield West Sussex

Erection of Agricultural barn and Sand School.

The council **agreed** to respond at the ordinary council meeting.

ii) DC/25/0125 - Land North of Prestwood Lane Ifield Crawley West Sussex RH11 0LA

Excavation works to adjacent to riverbank and formation of a separate pond associated with creation of a habitat bank.

It was RESOLVED no comment.

PC045-24/25 Appeals and Amendments

None.

PC046-24/25 Update on planning compliance cases

EN/25/0049 14/02/2025 Westons House Wimland Road Rusper Horsham West Sussex RH12 4QU

Alleged: Change of use to a residential dwelling without planning permission, following the refusal of DC/24/1818 Officer: Jo Hopkins-Brown. Item noted.

PC047-24/25 Road Naming Request - Mowbray Development (Land North of Horsham) – to

agree on a new road name for the new houses within the Parish of Rusper. It was RESOLVED that the road should be named in connection to District Councillor Liz Kitchen. Clerk to enquire if this is possible and report back.

PC048-24/25 Developer meetings

Millfields/Stonebond – meeting was at 6pm on 18th February 2025, notes are attached. It was confirmed during that meeting that the Clerk had written to HDC Planning to advise them of the Parish Councils resolution to request first option on the open space.

- i) It was RESOLVED that the Clerk and Cllr Simon White would work on the TRO to reduce speed to 20mph. Noted that it may negate the need for a speed table at the pedestrian access along Horsham Road.
- ii) It was RESOLVED that the Clerk and Cllr Geoff Hussey will research playground options for the green open space within the Millfields development.
- iii) It was RESOLVED that the portion of open space at the northern was requested to be added to the first option on open space. Area marked on the drawing attached to the minute book. [\(Document\)](#)

PC049-24/25 Horsham Local Plan Update

There is no firm update on the Local Plan but HDC are still working with the inspector.

PC050-24/25 Reports from Informal Meetings

No informal meetings.

Next planning committee on meeting is 18th March 2025.

2039 hrs

Signed.....Dated.....