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Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held at Rusper Village Hall on Tuesday 19th March 2024 at 7.00 pm

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

Apologies: G. Adams, G. Hussey, M Fenton.

There were 2 members of the public.

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 Council noted the minutes of the combined meeting on 27th February 2024 approval of the minutes will be at the full Parish Council meeting.

3 Declaration of Interests

None.

4 Open Forum

No comments made.

5 Climate emergency

Members were reminded that there is a climate emergency 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 Agree 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/24/0392 - Hyders Farmhouse Bonnetts Lane Ifield RH11 0NY

Erection of a building to cover existing sand school.

It was RESOLVED no objection to this application.

Noted DC/24/0191 Heath Cottage Rusper Road Ifield West Sussex RH11 0LR Surgery to 1x Oak – Permitted.

- 7 **Agree responses to planning applications received since publication of the Agenda.**
None.

- 8 **Millfields/Stonebond – to discuss the proposed Millfields development and to agree on the next steps following public consultation on 5th March 2024.**

The Council discussed the meeting with Millfield on Tuesday 5th March 2024 and **agreed** to respond to the Consultation. The Council confirmed during the session that they would be likely to support the application if it was restricted to the brownfield site and used the current access point. The issue of water neutrality would have to be addressed as part of it. It was **proposed** that a response would be issued to recommend a development in line with the made Neighbourhood Plan – to be restricted to the brownfield area with access from Horsham Road only. The Parish Council does not support the access point onto Rusper Road as there are concerns as to the amount of traffic currently using the highway and the development proposed opposite the proposed entrance. Noted this site has already been rejected by the Neighbourhood Plan process. It was **RESOLVED** that a written response is to be issued by the Clerk. It was **agreed** that County Councillor Katie Nagle would be asked if a full study on traffic movement at the proposed entrance can be organised with WSCC Highways.

- 9 **Update on the progress of the Neighbourhood Plan**

Noted that the Neighbourhood Plan process is on hold now while the proposed Local Plan is going through. In future, the NPSG will meet after the Planning meeting in the Village Hall. Noted that Homes England Hybrid Planning application for the proposed road infrastructure and a secondary school is expected in June, and it was expected the NPSG would meet to put together response. **Action** Clerk to email District Councillors and Strategic Planning and Cllr John Milne to ask for early notification.

- 10 **Update on planning decisions.**

The planning log was distributed in advance of the meeting and the updates were noted.

- 11 **Update on planning compliance cases**

- a) Noted that there were three new enforcement enquiries were noted. Park House, Rusper Road – single storey rear extension - no breach of planning.
- b) The Clerk noted a complaint from a resident about antisocial behaviour at Simon's Field, Lambs Green. It was **agreed** that the Council cannot uphold a breach of noise unless the resident provides the Council with a full witness statement. Upon receipt of this the Planning Committee will progress the issue further on behalf of the resident.

Next meeting 30th April 2024

Meeting closed 2120hrs