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Planning Committee

Minutes of the Meeting held at 7.30pm on Thursday 6th January 2022

Present: Mr S Oversby-Powell (Chairman), Mr A Burton, Mr P Ceccherini, Mrs A King, Mr M Sheldon and Mrs J White

In Attendance: Mr J Dickie and Mrs S Heynes (Clerk)

Public Question Time: No members of public were present.

PL104 To receive apologies for absence

Cllr Podmore offered his apologies which were accepted.

PL105 To receive declarations of interest from Members in respect of any matter on the agenda. (The disclosure must include the nature of the interest. If you become aware, during the meeting, of an interest that has not been disclosed under this item you must immediately disclose it)

None.

PL106 To approve the minutes of the committee meeting held on 16th December 2021

The minutes of the meeting held on 16th December 2021 were noted and approved.

PL107 To note the Planning Action List

Noted.

PL108 To consider the following Planning Applications:

a) DM/21/3297: The Old Cottage, Whitemans Green

Replacement of existing northern boundary fence with a wall and associated railings as well as a replacement wrought iron gate. (Revised plans received 06.12.2021 and 09.12.2021) (Revised description agreed 09.12.2021).

Comment: No objection

b) DM/21/3303: The Old Cottage, Whitemans Green

Replacement of existing northern boundary fence with a wall and associated railings as well as a replacement wrought iron gate. (Revised plans received 06.12.2021 and 09.12.2021) (Revised description agreed 09.12.2021).

Comment: No objection

7.56pm Cllr Dickie joined the meeting.

c) DM/21/4290: The Limes, Courtmead Road

Construction of a new veranda to the front porch with oak posts and a tiled pitched roof, new brick shed to the east side of the property, new boundary wall at the rear of the property and new timber screening to existing first floor terrace.

Cuckfield Parish Council confirmed their eligibility to hold the General Power of Competence on 4th May 2021, all decisions made during this meeting are done so using this power.

Comment: No objection

d) DM/21/4314: 4 Denning Place

Retrospective application for construction of domestic outbuilding, ridge height not to exceed 4.5m.

Comment: No objection

PL109 To receive an update regarding the Public Open Space and Landscape Plans at the Bylanes/Buttinghill Drive development

Cllr Burton visited the site and made the following observations:

- Taylor Wimpey did not appear to have done any work over the past 2 years.
- The raising of the western embankment height still had not extended to the outfall structure, as proposed on their plan. This rendered the work undertaken as somewhat pointless, as any overtopping would still occur, meaning the capacity of the pond had not been increased in line with requirements.
- The banks still looked to be slipping compared to photos taken 2 years ago. It was difficult to see with the level of vegetation now grown.
- The trees and shrubs that were planted to try and stabilise the banks had not been maintained and were now mostly dead
- There was clearly an issue with the pond leaking under the western bank down the slope (likely related to the groundwater issue which caused the bank slippages in the first instance). This was starting to erode the area and over time could destabilise the embankment.
- In general the area had become very overgrown in places as nothing had been cut back.

The Clerk was instructed to draft a letter to Mims Davies MP to raise concerns about the lack of action taken by Taylor Wimpey to leave the site as had been designed and approved, and that MSDC had no interest in holding Taylor Wimpey to account for this despite the previous enforcement notice issued. The taxpayer was at risk of becoming liable for significant costs in future due to the incompetence and neglect from the developers.

Finally, the commuted sum should be increased in line with inflation over the past 7 years.

PL110 To receive an update regarding the application for S106 monies and the Community Highway Scheme application for the proposed development at Court Meadow School

The Clerk would submit a request to support the parking area proposed for the Village Hall on London Lane for these S106 monies and progress the proposal to convert the zebra crossings to pelican crossings on Ardingly Road separately.

PL111 To note any planning and/or appeal decisions received from Mid Sussex District Council

a) DM/21/3865: Orchard Lodge, Hanlye Lane

Demolition of existing conservatory and installation of single storey extension to the rear including associated works.

CPC: No objection

MSDC: Permission granted

b) DM/21/3867: Orchard House, Hanlye Lane

Demolition of existing timber cabins and installation of a single storey extension to the west and a part single/part two storey extension to south of the building including associated works.

CPC: No objection

MSDC: Permission granted

c) DM/21/3679: Lychgate, Holy Trinity Church

Repairs are required to the Horsham Stone roof of the lychgate.

CPC: No comment

MSDC: Application withdrawn

PL112 To consider impacts on Neighbourhood Plan monitoring indicators and targets from MSDC decisions, and to update CPC monitoring data

None.

PL113 To note items arising after the preparation of this agenda which the Chairman agrees to take as urgent. Such matters will be for noting only or deferral to a future meeting only

None.

Meeting Closed at 8.20pm

Signed _____

Next Planning Meeting:

27th January 2022