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Planning Committee

Minutes of the Meeting held at 7.30pm on Thursday 15th December 2022

Present: Mr M Sheldon (Chairman), Mrs A King, Mr A Podmore and Mrs J White

In Attendance: Mrs S Heynes (Parish Clerk), Mr A Symonds

Public Question Time: None

PL093 To receive apologies for absence

Cllrs Burton, Ceccherini and Oversby-Powell offered their apologies.

PL094 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.

PL095 To approve the minutes of the committee meeting held on 24th November 2022

The minutes of the meeting held on 24th November 2022 were noted and approved.

PL096 To note the Planning Action List

Noted.

PL097 To consider the following Planning Applications:

a) DM/22/3497: 53 Glebe Road

(Additional Plan received 30.11.2022) Demolition of existing rear conservatory and erect a new rear single storey extension with roof lights with new deck to rear

Comment: No objection

b) DM/22/3543: Mercers, High Street

T1 cherry tree – fell. T2 beech tree – crown thinned by up to 25%, and any branches in undesirable proximity to our neighbours' roofs reduced

Comment: No objection

c) DM/22/3591: 3 The Brambles

Loft conversion with rear dormer

Comment: No objection

d) DM/22/3619: 11 Ruthven Close

Front Store and side extension

Comment: No objection

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.

e) DM/22/3613: Chownesmead Cottage, Chownes Mead Lane

Implementation of extant planning permission DM/19/4164 dated 11 December 2019 has occurred on site by way of the discharge of all pre-commencement planning conditions, by the submission and approval (by the issue of a Building Control Completion Certificate) of a Full Plans Building Regulations application and by the excavation of partial foundations on site and the pouring of concrete to the same, to the satisfaction of Building Control, PRIOR to the permission expiry date of end 10 December 2022

Comment: No comment

f) DM/22/2459: Lerinda, Ardingly Road

Proposed single storey rear extension to existing house, following demolition of existing conservatory

Comment: No objection

g) DM/21/2107: The White House, Whitemans Green

Dropped kerb (amended description and plans 28.11.2022)

Comment: No objection

7.51pm Cllr Oversby-Powell joined the meeting.

h) DM/22/2624: Courtmead House, Courtmead Road

Replacement of existing car port with single storey side and rear extension, provision of a stand alone garage and replacement fence. (Revised plans received 02.12.2022. Amended description agreed 06.12.2022)

Comment: No objection

i) DM/22/3705: Little Shaw, Copyhold Lane

Proposed loft conversion with 3 no. new dormers. Small single storey link extension at front, small single storey link extension at rear

Comment: No objection

7.59pm Cllr Podmore joined the meeting.

j) DM/22/3494: 6 Burrell Cottages, Whitemans Green

Proposed first floor rear extension and internal modification work

Comment: No objection

PL098 To receive an update regarding the Public Open Space and Landscape Plans at the Bylanes/Buttinghill Drive development

Communication received from Taylor Wimpey to advise they had appointed a contractor to visit the site and carry out a landscaping tidy up which should address any issues that have come to light since the summer.

Furthermore, they had carried out a survey of the pond which had revealed two areas along the northern edge that required additional build up. They have gone out to contractors to get quotes for completing these works. Further updates to follow in the new year.

PL099 To receive an update regarding the proposed 'Cuck-Stye' development to the south of Cuckfield

Local residents were being encouraged to write to MSDC with their concerns relating to this development potentially being reintroduced into the District Plan.

PL100 To consider Tony Fullwood's draft response to the Regulation 18 Mid Sussex District Plan 2021-2029 Consultation

The response covered both the excessive housing numbers that the District Plan was looking to provide, with solid evidence to support the reduction of these numbers

The report also emphasised the many reasons why the proposed Cuckstye site was not appropriate for development.

Sugworth Farm had been included in the draft District Plan which was unexpected as the approval of the Penland Farm site had been done on the implied basis that Sugworth Farm would not be developed.

The Committee resolved to submit the report to MSDC in response to their consultation, including a covering letter from Cllr Burton.

PL101 To note any planning and/or appeal decisions received from Mid Sussex District Council

a) DM/22/2759: Land to The Front Of 2 Buttinghill Drive

T19, T18 - fell - dead trees (species unknown).

CPC: No objection

MSDC: Permission granted

b) DM/22/2873: The Limes, Courtmead Road

Acoustic 2.4m fence to rear boundary with soft landscaping behind. Updated plan received 19.10.2022 to include existing elevation.

CPC: No further comments from the committee

MSDC: Permission refused

c) DM/22/3316: 1 Cherry Trees, Whitemans Green

T1 Field Maple - reduce height by 3 metres. T2 Sycamore - reduce height and lateral spread by 3-4 metres.

CPC: No objection

MSDC: Permission granted

d) DM/22/3441: Mead Lodge, Courtmead Road

Oak (T1) - Reduce the overall dimensions of the tree by pruning the vertical branch length (tree height) by up to a maximum of 1.5 metres and the lateral branch length (tree radius) by up to a maximum of 2.5 metres. Prune in any other remaining branches to shape.

CPC: No objection

MSDC: Permission granted

e) DM/22/3441: Holly Oaks, Courtmead Road

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CPC: No objection

MSDC: Permission granted

f) DM/22/3297: The Old Cottage, Whitemans Green

Discharge of conditions 3, 4 and 5 of application DM/21/3297. (Revised supporting statement received 31.08.2022).

CPC: No comment
MSDC: Permission granted

g) DM/22/3303: The Old Cottage, Whitemans Green

Discharge of conditions 2, 3 and 4 of application DM/21/3303 (revised supporting statement received 31.08.2022)

CPC: No comment
MSDC: Permission granted

PL102 To consider impacts on Neighbourhood Plan monitoring indicators and targets from MSDC decisions, and to update CPC monitoring data

None.

PL103 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 8.13pm

Signed _____

Next Planning Meeting: 5th January 2023