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Planning Committee

Minutes of the Meeting held at 7.30pm on Thursday 5th January 2023

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

In Attendance: Mrs S Heynes (Parish Clerk)

Public Question Time: None

PL104 To receive apologies for absence

Cllrs Ceccherini and King offered their apologies which were noted.

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 15th December 2022

The minutes of the meeting held on 15th December 2022 were noted and approved.

PL107 To note the Planning Action List

Noted.

PL108 To consider the following Planning Applications:

a) DM/22/3759: Weydown Courtmead Road

T1 Field Maple - reduce crown by up to 1m. T2 Blue Atlas Cedar - raise crown by removing lowest branch and 3 very small lower branches. T3 Oak (neighbour) to remove 5 lower branches growing over the garden. T4 Poplar to remove 2 torn hung up branches. T5 Beech (neighbour) to reduce height by 3metres and cut back branches to the boundary.

Comment: No objection

b) AP/22/0052: Upper Sparks Farm Staplefield Road

Appeal against.

Comment: The committee expressed their disappointment at the way the previous planning applications had been represented in the appeal documentation, with just the approvals being highlighted. It was necessary to look at the case history of the applications to understand the true nature of the process, and that many applications had been severely reduced in scope in order to receive approval, and furthermore that many were retrospective after work had been completed (after being removed from applications as the applicant had been advised their plans would not be

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.

approved). Cllr Burton would contact Ansty & Staplefield Parish Council to enquire whether they would consider sharing costs to commission a report outlining why this appeal should be rejected. It was felt that the appeal report glossed over the importance of the site being in an AONB, something which was sacrosanct according to the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF).

c) DM/22/3848: 4 Brock End Cuckfield

Single Storey Oak Framed Garden Room Extension to Rear Following Demolition of Existing Conservatory.

Comment: No objection, however clarification was requested regarding the suggestion of windows in the roof; on one image it suggested there would be a window, on other images there were no windows.

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

No update.

PL110 To receive an update regarding the proposed 'Cuck-Stye' development to the south of Cuckfield

No update provided.

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

a) DM/21/2107: The White House Whitemans Green

Dropped kerb. (Amended description and plans 28.11.2022)

CPC: No objection

MSDC: Permission granted

b) DM/22/3224: Mead Lodge Courtmead Road

Proposed first floor side extension, single storey rear extension, alterations to existing rear dormer, solar PV panels located on detached garage roof

CPC: No objection

MSDC: Permission granted

c) DM/22/3106: Southease Copyhold Lane

Part retrospective application to convert existing garage to residential accommodation, side extension to create log store with secure bicycle and garden machinery store.

CPC: No objection

MSDC: Permission granted

d) DM/22/3591: 3 The Brambles

Loft conversion with rear dormer.

CPC: No objection

MSDC: Permission granted

e) DM/22/3234: 7 The Brambles

Maple- To reduce crown by 2 metres all over.

CPC: No objection

MSDC: Permission granted

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 8.05pm

Signed _____

Next Planning Meeting: 26th January 2023