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Planning Committee

Minutes of the Meeting held at 7.30pm on Thursday 28th September 2023

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

In Attendance: Sam Heynes (Clerk) & Noemi Ripert (Communications & Admin Officer)

Public Question Time: None present

PL069 To receive apologies for absence

None

PL070 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

PL071 To approve the minutes of the committee meeting held on 7th September 2023

The minutes of the meeting held on 7th September 2023 were noted and approved.

PL072 To note the Planning Action List

Noted

PL073 To consider the following Planning Applications:

a) DM/23/2278: 2 Chilton House Whitemans Green

T1 Maple and T2 Silver Birch - crown reduce by 1.5 meters

Comment: No objection

b) DM/23/2184: 5-8 Cherry Trees Whitemans Green

Ash trees x 3 adjacent to boundary, reduce crowns by 2-3 metres

Comment: No objection

c) DM/23/2311: Well Cottage Ockenden Lane

T1 Beech - Reduce crown by up to 4m and thin by 15%

Comment: No objection

d) DM/23/2353: 25 Buttinghill Drive

Ash Tree (T1) Reduce back overhanging branches by 2-3 meters

Comment: No objection

e) DM/23/2299: 2 Ivy Cottages Tollgate Lane Whitemans Green

Replace existing rear door and side window with new rear double doors. Install new

Cuckfield Parish Council confirmed their eligibility to hold the General Power of Competence on 18th May 2023, all decisions made during this meeting are done so using this power.

flat rooflight

Comment: No objection

PL074 To review the final build of the Wealden Stores site and receive any update from MSDC regarding the changes made to the redevelopment plans.

No further updates were received and the committee resolved that no further actions were to be taken. This item was to be removed from the planning agenda in the future.

PL075 To receive an update regarding the Public Open Space and Landscape Plans at the Bylanes/Buttinghill Drive development.

The committee discussed alternative name suggestions for this site and resolved to provide a short list of 5 names and open up these suggestions to members of the public with a public consultation. The Parish Clerk was asked to prepare a survey using Microsoft Forms to share the 5 name options with the Cuckfield residents and receive their feedback.

PL076 To receive an update regarding the proposed 'Cuck-Stye' development to the south of Cuckfield

Cllr Domer attended the recent "Cuck-Stye" consultation organised by Fairfax. Visitors were asked to answer a poll as they came in ("for", "against" or "maybe"). The results were interesting to note and "Cuck-Stye" would provide a report following this. The consultation turned out to be a positive event and reinvigorated opposition to the development.

PL077 To receive an update regarding the review of the Neighbourhood Plan

Councillors reviewed the request from Mid Sussex District Council to provide suggestions for Local Community Infrastructure services and facilities related to Cuckfield for consideration as part of future S106 allocations. The committee was asked to consider community infrastructure improvements, and to review this section of the Neighbourhood Plan as it needed updating. Initial suggestions were to install pelican crossings on Ardingly Road and the rebuild of Cuckfield Village Hall. All councillors were asked to consider this and share suggestions with the Clerk by Tuesday 3rd October 2023.

PL078 To note any planning and/or appeal decisions received from Mid Sussex District Council

a) DM/23/1913: Broad Street House Broad Street

Holly T3 - Fell

CPC: No objection

MSDC: Permission granted

b) DM/23/1174: Haywards Heath Rugby Football Club Sports Pavilion Whitemans Green

Replacement clubhouse and new storage facility following the demolition of the existing premises. The proposal also includes amendments to the vehicular access via Whitemans Green (some of which have been carried out previously by West Sussex County Council), and additional car parking and servicing arrangements.

CPC: No objection

MSDC: Permission granted

c) DM/23/0008: The Old Cottage Whitemans Green

Retrospective Approval sought for roller shutter doors to provide secure parking to an existing Car Barn.

CPC: The committee decided to defer to the guidance of the heritage officer.

MSDC: Permission granted

d) DM/23/1877: Marshalls High Street

Discharge of conditions 2 and 3 relating to planning DM/22/3113.

CPC: No comment

MSDC: Permission granted

e) DM/23/2037: The Old Clergy House Church Platt

(T1) Yew - fell. (T2) Weeping Ash - fell

CPC: No objection – Although the committee noted that there was no arboricultural report to support this application and trust that this would be reviewed by the tree officer.

MSDC: Permission granted

PL079 To consider impacts on Neighbourhood Plan monitoring indicators and targets from MSDC decisions, and to update CPC monitoring data

None.

PL080 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

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