

# ☞Rotherfield Parish Council☞

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## MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLANNING & BUILDING COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> JANUARY 2012 AT 19:30 IN ROTHERFIELD VILLAGE HALL

### COUNCILLORS PRESENT

Cllr. N. Wickenden (Chair)	Cllr. Miss N. Bolton	Cllr. R. Jaques
Cllr. D. Thomas (Vice Chair)	Cllr. C. Clibbens	Cllr. L. Pike
Cllr. Mrs P. Halse Adamson	Cllr. M. Hall	Cllr. Mrs. A. Watson

**ALSO ATTENDING:** the Parish Clerk, Trevor Thorpe, and 2 members of the public.

**1. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (LGA 1972 s 85).**

None.

**2. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.**

Cllr. Pike declared a personal interest in respect of item 4 g) as the applicant owns the golf club of which he is a member.

**3. TO RECEIVE MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 15<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2011.  
& MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES.**

It was RESOLVED that these minutes be adopted and that there were no matters arising. Clerk apologised that he had omitted to bring the minutes and they will be signed at the next meeting.

**4. TO CONSIDER AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE FOLLOWING PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND OTHER PLANNING MATTERS.**

**a) WD/2011/2444/F 1 Warren Farm Cottages, Warren Farm Lane, Eridge**

Two-storey extension to existing dwelling and detached double garage with ancillary accommodation above.

The Parish Council RESOLVED to recommend that this application be REFUSED on the grounds that this is an overdevelopment and will upset the visual balance of the two cottages.

**b) WD/2011/2581/F Cowford House, Blackdon Hill, Eridge Green, Tunbridge Wells, TN3 9HX**  
Repairs, alteration and extensions (amendments to WD/2011/1584/F)

The Parish Council RESOLVED to recommend that this application be APPROVED subject to consultation with the Conservation Officer.

**c) WD/2011/2582/LB Cowford House, Blackdon Hill, Eridge Green, Tunbridge Wells, TN3 9HX**  
Repairs, alteration and extensions (amendments to WD/2011/1584/F)

The Parish Council RESOLVED to recommend that this application be APPROVED subject to consultation with the Conservation Officer.

**d) WD/2011/2589/F 2 Hamsell Manor Cottages, Eridge, Tunbridge Wells, TN3 9JB**

Replacement of existing conservatory and kitchen wing with sunroom.

The Parish Council RESOLVED to recommend that this application be APPROVED subject to consultation with the Conservation Officer. It should be a condition of the approval that the new sunroom is built of stone to match the existing property and that the glasswork should be of a standard commensurate with the listed status of the cottage.

**e) WD/2011/2590/LB 2 Hamsell Manor Cottages, Eridge, Tunbridge Wells, TN3 9JB**

Replacement of existing conservatory and kitchen wing with sunroom. Removal of existing and erection of new dwarf garden wall and step.

The Parish Council RESOLVED to recommend that this application be APPROVED subject to consultation with the Conservation Officer. It should be a condition of the approval that the new sunroom is built of stone to match the existing property and that the glasswork should be of a standard commensurate with the listed status of the cottage. Approval is also recommended for the removal of the existing garden wall and replacement with a new dwarf garden wall

**f) WD/2011/2651/F Kings, Eridge Green, TN3 9LH**

Two storey rear extension to the dwelling. Change of use of agricultural land to residential to provide new access from the private road to a relocated entrance. Removal of the existing lean-to garage.

The applicants were present and the application was moved to the beginning of the Agenda. The Chair allowed them to address the meeting. Applicants advised that the plans for the property

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have been drawn up with close reference to WDC advice to ensure that they were in keeping with the site.

The Parish Council RESOLVED to recommend that this application be APPROVED as it will enhance the facilities of the property and site and will improve the safety for vehicle access.

- g) **WD/2011/2683/F** Boar's Head Farm, Boar's Head Road, Boar's Head, Crowborough, TN6 3GR  
Conversion of former granary and farm buildings to a single dwelling

The Parish Council RESOLVED to recommend that this application be APPROVED subject to a section 106 agreement tying the conversion to the existing agricultural property.

- h) **WD/2011/2742/F** Heybrook, New Road, Rotherfield, TN6 3JR

Extension of garage, extension of metalled driveway, erection of replacement shed/studio.

The Parish Council RESOLVED to recommend that this application be APPROVED. The new driveway will improved the safety for egress and ingress to the property from New Road.

## 5. TO RECEIVE NOTICES OF DECISIONS RECEIVED FROM DISTRICT COUNCIL.

### APPROVED

- i. **WD/2011/2260/FR** Anthiha House, North Street, Rotherfield, East Sussex, TN6 3LX  
Retrospective application for conversion of the single flat above Rotherfield Stores into two separate one bedroom flats.
- ii. **WD/2011/2261/LBR** Anthiha House, North Street, Rotherfield, East Sussex, TN6 3LX  
Retrospective application for conversion of the single flat above Rotherfield Stores into two separate one bedroom flats.
- iii. **WD/2011/2306/LB** 1 Hamsell Manor Cottage, Sham Farm Road, Eridge Green, Tunbridge Wells, TN3 9JB  
Replacement timber windows on the rear elevation.
- iv. **WD/2011/2498/F** Tamar, Town Row Green, Rotherfield, Crowborough, TN6 3QZ  
Construction of porch.
- v. **WD/2011/2449/F** Sweet Meadow Farm, Eridge Lane, Rotherfield, TN6 3JU  
Erection of prefabricated wooden summerhouse in garden.

All of the above applications had previously been recommended for approval by the Parish Council.

### REFUSED.

- i. **WD/2011/0787/MAJ** Land at Court Farm, Rotherfield Road, Rotherfield  
Erection of new agricultural dwelling, barn and stables building as an alternative to that approved under **WD/2007/2984/F** with associated access, driveway and land forming/landscape proposals.
- ii. **WD/2011/2147/F** Danefield Farm, Boars Head, Crowborough TN6 3HD.  
Change of use of existing home office and garage to tourist accommodation.
- iii. **WD/2011/2279/FR** Evolene, Church Road, Rotherfield, TN6 3LG  
Satellite dish.

Applications i and iii above had previously been recommended for refusal by the Parish Council, and application ii for approval.

### WITHDRAWN.

- a) **WD/2011/2165/F** Horse Shoe Barn, Groombridge Lane, Eridge, Tunbridge Wells, TN3 9LA  
To erect a security wall attached to the dwelling to a height of 2.6 metres.
- b) **WD/2011/2166/F** Horse Shoe Barn, Groombridge Lane, Eridge, Tunbridge Wells, TN3 9LA  
To erect a pool building adjacent to the western end of the dwelling and an in-ground outdoor pool adjacent to the pool building.

## 6. TO RECEIVE INFORMATION REGARDING ANY ENFORCEMENT MATTERS.

- Clerk has viewed 2 separate sites in Hadlow Down Road where a mobile home and a caravan are situated. WDC have been given details and a reply is awaited from them as to whether there may be enforcement issues.

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- Clerk advised that notification has been received of an appeal against the refusal of permission for **WD/2011/2273/FR** Birchett's Wood, Eridge Road Eridge.

## **7. TO RECEIVE ANY PLANNING CORRESPONDENCE.**

- A Joint letter from the CPRE and NALC has been received with further information regarding on line training courses available for Councillors. CLERK to circulate links to the relevant sites.

## **8. TO RECEIVE DETAILS OF ANY URGENT ISSUES FOR NOTING OR INCLUSION ON FUTURE AGENDA.**

- Clerk requested that Councillors let him have copies of their POWB Training certificates for scanning and return. Will chase progress regarding certificates obtained at recent courses if these are not received by end of month.
- Clerk is analysing applications considered in 2011, 90 were received and WDC are being contacted for progress reports where final decisions notices have not been received.
- Information has been obtained regarding the Jubilee Oak Scheme and details will be given at the January Meeting.
- Petition received by Highways Committee Chairman from Monastery Gardens residents. They are concerned that vehicle parking in North Street close to the entrance are restricting visibility when leaving the road, there have been instances of abuse from other motorists as a result. CLERK to add to agenda of forthcoming Highways Committee meeting, the matter will also be raised at the SLR.
- Bonfire Society wishes to light the Rotherfield Beacon to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee, CLERK to add to the agenda of January meeting to seek approval of the Council.

## **9. DATE OF NEXT PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING.**

- Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2012 at 19:30 in the Parish Council meeting room, Rotherfield Village Hall.

The Chairman declared the formal business of the meeting closed at 20:35.

## **10. PUBLIC FORUM. .**

None.

.....Signed.....Date.