

FLETCHING PARISH COUNCIL

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ORDINARY MEETING OF FLETCHING PARISH COUNCIL - Monday 6th September 2021

To Members of the Fletching Parish Council: You are requested to attend a meeting of Fletching Parish Council on Monday 6th September 2021, 7.30pm at Fletching Village Hall .

Signed: *Lorna Thwaites*, Clerk and RFO, Fletching Parish Council

Members of the public and press may join the meeting - please contact the Clerk if you wish to do so.

Questions from the Public will be received by the Clerk, no later than 3 working days in advance of the meeting.

Please note that this meeting will be recorded.

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence as reported at the meeting.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To RECEIVE Declarations of Interest in respect of items on the agenda, as required by the Members Code of Conduct.

3. MINUTES

To RESOLVE that the minutes of the ordinary meeting of Fletching Parish Council held on 6th July 2021 and the extra-ordinary meeting of 20th August are confirmed as correct records and signed by the Chair.

4. REPORTS

i. To RECEIVE a report from the District and County Councillor Roy Galley.

ii. To RECEIVE a report from PCSO Matt Jarvis and to discuss any issues facing the Parish of Fletching.

5. WORKING GROUPS AND COMMITTEES

i. To RECEIVE interest from volunteers wishing to join the Parking Working Group.

ii. To RESOLVE to appoint councillors and members to the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group.

6. MATTERS ARISING

i. Cllr Kerwood to sign the Code of Conduct in the presence of the Council.

ii. To RECEIVE the letter to MPs sharing concerns about the development of housing in the local area from Cllr Rothery.

iii. To RECEIVE an update on the defibrillator grant for Fletching Football Club.

iv. To RECEIVE an update on the meeting with Mr T Randle regarding potential development to the Farm building next to the Recreation Ground - Cllr Rothery.

v. To discuss potential plans for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee 3rd June 2022 - Cllr Kerwood/Cllr Rothery/Cllr Collum.

vi. Issues raised in Splaynes Green: phone box, grass cutting and wooden bollards - Cllr Constantinou.

vii. Central West Parish Cluster Meeting - Cllr Rothery.

7. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

To RECEIVE and AGREE any actions for the following correspondence and any other correspondence received before the meeting:

i. Plant a tree for the Jubilee.

ii. Timber harvesting at Forestry England Parkwood.

iii. LANTRA Basic Tree Survey and Inspection Course - Tuesday 21st Sept 2021.

iv. High Street Bin.

v. Griffin Inn.

vi. Uckfield Cluster Community Action Safety Group.

vii. Call for Evidence - National Resilience Strategy.

viii. Sustainability Settlement Strategy - response date of 20th Sept 2021.

ix. NALC and the environment event - 27th October 2021.

x. Abandoned vehicles in Fletching Car Park.

8. GRANT APPLICATIONS

To RECEIVE grant applications requesting awards from Fletching Parish Council:

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i. Wealden Citizens Advice.

9. FINANCE

i. To AUTHORISE payments for September and RECEIVE the bank reconciliation.

10. BURIAL GROUND

i. To NOTE the Burial Ground Regulation regarding price increases taking effect from 01 April.

ii. To RECEIVE revised rates and AGREE the Burial Ground Fees for 2022/23.

iii. To RECEIVE an update on the Badger deterrent work.

iv. To RECEIVE an update on the Cemetery of the Year application.

v. To APPROVE any requests or permits for the Burial Ground.

11. PLANNING ENFORCEMENT

i. Lighting at the Griffin

ii. Barkham Manor works to trees

12. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

1. To RECEIVE comments for applications reviewed by Cllrs with delegated planning responsibility and at the extra-ordinary meeting of 20th August 2021:

i. **WD/2021/1513/FA BARKHAM FARM, GOLDBRIDGE ROAD, PILTDOWN, TN22 3XL** (expiry for comments 26 July 2021) VARIATION OF CONDITION 20 OF WD/2018/0818/F (DEMOLITION OF EXISTING CANADIAN STEEL BARN AND CONSTRUCTION OF REPLACEMENT DWELLING, ACCESS, PARKING AND RESIDENTIAL CURTILAGE (SUBSEQUENT TO PRIOR NOTIFICATION CONSENTS WD/2016/1028/PO4 AND WD/2018/2701/PO4 FOR CHANGE OF USE OF AGRICULTURAL BUILDING TO CLASS C3 DWELLING), TO REFLECT REVISED PLANS FOR PROPOSED ELEVATIONAL CHANGES

Comments AGREED by FPC: Permission has already been granted for conversion of the barn to a house. This application is for an alteration to the fenestration. The proposed windows are extremely large and the glass is very visible and intrusive on the landscape and will shine across the valley to Fletching. DC 8 (4) states that the curtilage should not be intrusive on the landscape and we feel that these windows will be very intrusive. The Council has AGREED to REFUSE the application.

ii. **WD/2021/0310/F 3 STONE CROFT COTTAGES, GOLDBRIDGE ROAD, PILTDOWN, TN22 3XN** (Expiry for comments: 9 Aug 2021) REMOVE EXISTING GATE AND REPLACE WITH A NEW VEHICLE ACCESS FOR A PROPOSED DRIVEWAY TO THE FRONT GARDEN FOR 2/3 CARS.

Comments AGREED by FPC:

Members of Fletching Parish Council planning group visited this property and have considerable sympathy for their desire to have an exit onto the A272. However, walking down the road and looking at the situation at length councillors felt that to have another exit onto the A272 would be dangerous. The Council understands permission was granted in 1996 which obviously has now lapsed, but traffic on the A272 has increased considerably in volume and speed and the Council feels that an extra exit should be resisted. Fletching Parish Council therefore recommend refusal of this application.

iii. **WD/2021/1409/F DENNIKER FARM SHOP, RUSTON BRIDGE ROAD, FLETCHING, TN22 3SH** (Expiry date comments: 11 Aug 2021) PROPOSED SINGLE STOREY EXTENSION TO EXISTING FARM SHOP AND ERECTION OF BUILDING TO BE USED AS A COVERED EXTERNAL SEATING AREA.

Comments AGREED by FPC:

There are concerns over the extension of the development site by the construction of a substantial open barn as a covered external seating area in the adjoining green field paddock. Fletching Parish Council (FPC) would prefer this to be kept within the existing curtilage. It is noted that there has been no assessment of the impact of potential for increased traffic through Fletching Village in consequence of the development. Fletching High Street is at times highly congested. FPC would prefer a traffic assessment is carried out. If Wealden District Council is minded to grant consent, FPC would like to see conditions imposed (i) to maintain the shop/café as a single unit (ii) to restrict uses within Class E (iii) to restrict site opening hours to normal opening hours (8am to 6pm).

The Council RESOLVED to SUPPORT this application.

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iii. **WD/2021/1664/F LITTLE FERRERS, BATTS BRIDGE ROAD, PILTDOWN, TN22 3XR**
(Expiry for comments: 24 August 21) CONSTRUCTION OF TIMBER FRAME 3 CAR GARAGE
Comments AGREED by FPC:

The application has had prior approval by WDC and the only addition seems to be 3 velux windows which would cause a problem if it was overlooked but it is not. Therefore Fletching Parish Council would recommend approval of the application but the permission should be subject to the same conditions as were imposed on the previous consent: WD/2021/0541/F.

2. To AGREE comments for the following applications and any others that arrive before the meeting:

- i. **WD/2021/1602/F 2 NASEBY COTTAGES, HIGH STREET, FLETCHING, TN22 3TB** (Expiry for comments: 7 Sept 2021) FIRST FLOOR REAR EXTENSION AND PROPOSED SWIMMING POOL
- ii. **WD/2021/1398/FR WOOLPACK FARM, BELL LANE, FLETCHING, TN22 3YB** (expiry for comments 7th Sept) RETROSPECTIVE APPLICATION FOR CHANGE OF USE OF EXISTING RESIDENTIAL OUTBUILDING (USE CLASS C3) TO HAT HIRE BUSINESS (USE CLASS E).

13. PLANNING DECISIONS

To RECEIVE planning decisions from Wealden District Council

- i. **WD/2021/1332/F THE RED COTTAGE, NEWICK HILL, FLETCHING COMMON, NEWICK, BN8 4QS** SINGLE STOREY TIMBER ORANGERY TO REPLACE EXISTING EXTENSION - APPROVED on 16 July 2021.
- ii. **WD/2021/0965/F LITTLE FERRERS, BATTS BRIDGE ROAD, PILTDOWN, TN22 3XR** - TWO STOREY SIDE EXTENSION WITH ATTACHED 2 CAR GARAGE
- iii. **WD/2021/0885/LB SNUG COTTAGE, DOWN STREET, NUTLEY, TN22 3EH** REPLACE ON A LIKE FOR LIKE BASIS TWO SEVERELY DEGRADED WINDOWS AT THE FRONT OF THE PROPERTY (WF1 AND WG1). REPLACE DEGRADED WEATHERBOARDING PLANKS ON ALL ELEVATIONS WHERE THEY CANNOT BE REPAIRED. PAINT THE WEATHERBOARDING ON THE NEWER EXTENSION BLACK TO MATCH THE ORIGINAL HOUSE AND ADJOINING PROPERTY "PAX COTTAGE" PAINT ALL EXTERNAL WINDOW TIMBER "FARROW & BALL FRENCH GREY NO. 18 EGG SHELL" TO MATCH ADJOINING PROPERTY "PAX COTTAGE" - REFUSED by WDC on 23rd July 2021.

14. PROJECTS

1. LAND REGISTRATION

- i. To RECEIVE an update from Cllr Greenish on the progress of the land registration work.
- ii. To AGREE any actions for the registration of land.

2. PARISHES IN BLOOM

- i. To RECEIVE an update from Cllr Minch.

3. FINGERPOSTS

- i. To RECEIVE an update on quotes for the work required to the brickwork surrounding the Fingerpost at Splaynes Green: Cllr Constantinou.
- ii. To RESOLVE the next Fingerposts for refurbishment and to apply for match-funding from ESCC.

4. PARISH WALKS

- i. To RECEIVE an update from Cllr Minch.

5. PUMP HOUSE

- i. To RECEIVE an update on grant applications: Cllrs Minch and Shaw.

15. TO AGREE ITEMS FOR THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MAGAZINE

16. TO PROPOSE AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT ORDINARY MEETING OF FLETCHING PARISH COUNCIL

17. TO RECEIVE THE TIME AND DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF FLETCHING PARISH COUNCIL

18. TO CLOSE THE MEETING