Minutes of a meeting of the **PLANNING and GENERAL PURPOSES** Committee held on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2020 at 9am in The Dunn Village Hall, Rushlake Green

PRESENT: Cllrs Roy Iremonger (Chairman), Andy Long, David Powell,

Pauline Velten, Chris Wells, Mike Smythe, Bryan Whitton and

Steve Williamson

Linda Butcher – Locum Clerk

## **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

**00029** Cllr Celia Davies – work commitment

Cllr Karen Cook – attending a course

Cllr Richard Reading - work commitment

#### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Chris Wells declared a Personal Interest in application WD/2019/2467/F as he does business with the applicant.

### **MINUTES**

Planning and General Purposes 12.11.2019

**00030 RESOLVED** to adopt the minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2019.

Planning and General Purposes 21.01.2020

**00031 RESOLVED** to adopt the minutes of the meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2020.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** - There were no members of the public present

#### PLANNING APPLICATIONS

**RESOLVED** that the observations below be submitted to the Planning Authority for consideration.

WD/2019/2467/F - Land adjacent to 1 Willowgrove Cottages, Foords Lane, Vines Cross TN21 9HB.

Demolition of existing stable and store building and construction of a barn to accommodate a tractor and other garden equipment and machinery to service and maintain the land within the domestic curtilage and the land in the adjoining holding.

#### **OBSERVATIONS - Recommend Refusal**

The Parish Council comments that due to the size, scale and mass of this development it is overly dominant within this street scene and the size is not commensurate with land in the applicants' ownership.

The Parish Council wishes to bring to the Planning Authority's attention that the height is not advised.

#### **DECISION NOTICES**

WD/2019/1692/F Lower Sandhills Farm, Sandhill Lane, Warbleton BN27 4QU APPROVED

The Parish Council supported this application so is pleased to note the District Council's approval.

#### **GENERAL PURPOSES**

## Officer's Report re. Timing of Planning Meetings

Further to the Officer's Report the Locum Clerk explained that the 7.45pm timing that had been originally suggested because of other users of the Hall had been overturned. The Dunn Village Hall Management Committee is prepared to allow the Council to have a key for direct access to the small room so could attend without disturbing the other users of the Hall.

**RESOLVED** in principle to change the timing of the Planning meetings to early evenings subject to negotiations with the two Village Halls' Management Committees to ascertain if all Planning meets could be held during the early evening.

# Officer's Report re. Responsibilities of Committee

The Officer's Report had been submitted to all Members with the agenda and at this point the Locum Clerk answered questions about the example responsibilities of a Finance and General Purposes Committee. Concern was expressed about the added responsibilities that the Chairman of a new F and G.P. Committee would face but the Locum Clerk explained that the items listed were just examples and that it would be for the Council to agree the exact responsibilities. She went on to explain that, in her role as undertaking the health check she envisaged the Council working with three main committees, i.e. Planning, Finance and General Purposes, and Environment. She confirmed she would be submitting a full interim report in time for the next Council meeting.

**O0034 RESOLVED** in principle to accept the Officer's Report and **RECOMMEND** to Council for further consideration.

## **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

To note that the date of the next meeting is 18<sup>th</sup> February 2020, time to be confirmed.

The meeting closed at 9.55am