

**ASH-CUM-RIDLEY PARISH COUNCIL  
PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on  
02 February 2023 at Ash Green Sports Centre commencing at 10.10am

Present: Cllr Mrs Clucas  
Cllr Mrs Connell  
Cllr F Cottee  
Cllr Mrs Howie  
Cllr I MacLeod  
Cllr M Manley

In attendance: Miss Karen Law – Assistant Clerk

In the absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, Cllr Mrs Clucas PROPOSED that Cllr F Cottee is elected Chairman of the meeting. SECONDED: Cllr M Manley and AGREED.

**1. Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr M Brown and Cllr R Brammer.

**2. Declarations of Interest**

None.

**3. Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 05 January 2023 were AGREED and signed as a true record.

**4. Applications**

**SE/22/03483: Attwood Place Farm, The Street, TN15 7HB** – Amendment to 18/02850. Cllr M Manley PROPOSED that the Parish Council does not object to this application as long as it does not conflict with local planning policy. However, we would like it NOTED that this takes the bulk over 50% of the original property and would ask that permitted development rights be withdrawn. SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Clucas and AGREED.

**SE/23/00014: Copperfield , The Street, Ash, TN15 7HB** – Demolition of existing single storey extension and erection of replacement single storey extension to side elevation. Cllr F Cottee PROPOSED the following response:

1. There is no information on the Planning Portal regarding the original size of this property, but examination of aerial photographs show it to have been approximately doubled in size since the original 1950s building. In addition there is a building to the South of the house which was granted planning permission as a Family Annexe in 2019. Therefore any additional extension of the property would be inappropriate development and detrimental to the openness of the Green Belt.
2. There may be Very Special Circumstances behind this application, but they are not mentioned, and indeed the plan for the large clinical suite in the extension

is simply labelled as a “Sketch Concept”. We therefore feel that we have insufficient information to provide a formal response.

3. We are also concerned that by its nature the proposed development is ephemeral and there exists the potential for three separate houses on the site. As a precaution we would therefore request that Permitted Development Rights are withdrawn, whatever the ultimate fate of this application. **SECONDED:** Cllr M Manley and **AGREED**.

**SE/23/00085: 26 Colt Stead, New Ash Green, DA3 8LN** – Single storey rear extension to kitchen. Cllr J Clucas **PROPOSED** that the Parish Council does not object to this application as long as it does not conflict with local planning policy. **SECONDED:** Cllr M Manley and **AGREED**.

## **5. Other matters for discussion**

Kent Communities Programme Consultation – There is a proposal to close the New Ash Green Children’s Centre and move the health visiting service to a new outreach service. The nearest centre will be Next Steps Children’s Centre in Gravesham, 8.3 miles away. The consultation closes on 26 March 2023. There is no detail as to what will happen to the building.

After some discussion it was decided that more information was needed and it should be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting. It was **PROPOSED** that Jackie West, Helen Reeves and Sarah Hobbs would be contacted to ascertain the existing demand/potential demand locally and what the alternatives could be? Cllr J Clucas also agreed to visit the clinic on Tuesday 07 February 2023.

The meeting closed at 10.57am.

Signed: ..... Date: .....