

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

Minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on
07 January 2021 commencing at 9.45am

Due to the COVID-19 social distancing restrictions, the meeting of the Planning Committee was held virtually via Zoom, in accordance with the Coronavirus Act 2020, clause 78(2).

Present: Cllr M Brown
Cllr Mrs Brammer
Cllr Mrs Clucas
Cllr Mrs Connell
Cllr F Cottee
Cllr M Manley

In attendance: Mrs Alison de Jager, Parish Clerk

1. Apologies for absence

Cllr J Scott, technical difficulties. The apology and reason were accepted. PROPOSED: Cllr Mrs Brammer SECONDED: Cllr M Manley

2. Declarations of Interest

None

3. Previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 03 December 2020 were AGREED and will be signed when the committee meets in person.

4. Applications

SE/20/03595/LDCEX: Land South of Beechcroft Farm Industries, Chapel Wood Road Confirmation that for the use of land as a contractors yard, including the cutting, splitting and sale of the logs and for the storage of tools and machinery by an agricultural and maintenance for contractor is lawful.

Cllr M Manley PROPOSED that the Parish Council has no information to contradict this application. SECONDED: Cllr M Brown and AGREED

SE/20/03020: 25 Bowes Wood, New Ash Green, DA3 8QJ – Installation of a down pipe to the existing sewer system to replace saniflo system.

Cllr Mrs Clucas PROPOSED that the Parish Council has no objection to this application as long as it does not conflict with local planning policy. The bricked in option would be preferable as it is more amenable to the street scene SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Connell and AGREED.

SE/20/03637: Bluebell Paddock, Gravesend Road, Wrotham, TN15 7JS – Demolish existing caravan, portacabin and two sheds and erect a one bedroom dwelling. Cllr F Cottee PROPOSED that the Parish Council strongly objections to this application. The proposed dwelling is within the Metropolitan Green Belt, where development is by definition harmful. This area is particularly important in maintaining the twin objectives of retaining the openness of the Green Belt and in preventing the merger of conurbations. It is key to preventing the further erosion of the Green Belt by uncontrolled ribbon development along the A227. No Very Special Circumstances have been put forward that would outweigh the harm done to the Green Belt by allowing this development.

The proposed house and garden would border an area of Ancient Woodland. The proposed development would therefore further harm the character and appearance of the area. SECONDED: Cllr Mrs Brammer and AGREED.

5. Other Matters for Discussion

The meeting closed at 10.16 am.

Signed: Date: