

Minutes of a meeting of the **PLANNING and DEVELOPMENT** Committee held on Thursday 29th October 2020 at 6.30pm via Zoom video conferencing

PRESENT: Councillors Roy Iremonger, Mike Smythe, Steve Williamson, Celia Davies, Chris Wells

Also, present: 3 member of the public

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

00200 Cllr David Powell – Work commitments
Cllr Long – Work commitments
Cllr Reading – Work commitments

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

00201 Cllr Chris Wells declared a Prejudicial Interest in application WD/2020/1014/MAJ field opposite Bathurst Farm. He took no further part in the discussion of this application.

MINUTES

To **resolve** that the minutes of the Planning and Development Committee meeting held on 15th October 2020 be taken as read, confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman

00202 **RESOLVED** to adopt the minutes of the meeting held on the 15th October 2020

MATTERS ARISING - NONE

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – NONE

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

00203 **RESOLVED** that the observations below be submitted to the Planning Authority for consideration

WD/2020/1014/MAJ Field opposite Bathurst Farm and Little Bathurst Cottages, Cowbeech Road, Rushlake Green

Change of use of land from agriculture to a woodland pet cemetery with associated office and parking area and improvement of vehicular access

OBSERVATIONS – RECOMMENDED REFUSAL

Warbleton Parish Council recommended refusal of the above application. The Parish Council seeks to protect the countryside within the AONB and therefore have a reluctance to support any change of use from

agricultural land within this area, which could also set a precedent for further developments. The Parish Council also had significant concerns regarding the following:

The Qualitative Rating Report that states that soil contamination, post development would have a higher level of risk due to animal burials.

The objection raised by the Water Level Management Board regarding the flood risk.

The vehicle access and parking to the site and the increased traffic impact on the area.

The Parish Council also noted the strong objections raised by members of the community.

WD/2020/2094/OH Rose Farm, Battle Road, Heathfield, TN21 9LR

To remove an unsafe pole and install a new pole

OBSERVATIONS – RECOMMENDED APPROVAL

Warbleton Parish Council has no objection to the above application.

DECISION NOTICES – NOTED

TREE WORKS TO BE CARRIED OUT OR TPO APPLICATIONS - NONE

TO CONSIDER THE FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS IN 2021

Following a debate amongst Councillors, it was agreed, as a measure to improve the efficiency of the Parish Council regarding the use of the Clerks and Councillor's time, to recommend to Full Council that planning meetings would be held every 3 weeks for a trial period. It was noted there would need to be a balance regarding the length of the agenda and time available for Members to prepare for a meeting. Also, that the Parish Council could still meet Wealden's deadlines

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Thursday 12th November 2020

The meeting closed at 7.08pm