

**Minutes of The Planning Committee
of RUSTHALL PARISH COUNCIL
held at The Rackliff Centre on Monday 23rd January 2023 at 7.00pm**

Members Present: Committee members: Cllr B Edwards, Chairman; Cllr E Ellicott; Cllr C Ducklin; Cllr D Smith and Cllr D Funnell.

Officers Present: Linda Neusten – Deputy Clerk

Others and members of the public; There were nine members of the public, and the schemes developer,

present.

- 1. Enquire whether anyone present intends to film, photograph and/or record the meeting.** No one
- 2. To receive and approve apologies for absence.** None.
- 3. Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests.** None
- 4. Declarations of Lobbying.** Councillor Funnell has received emails about the application being commented on in his capacity as a Borough Councillor.

5. Minutes

Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on **13th June 2022** were agreed and it was RESOLVED that the Chairman sign them as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

5.1 Matters outstanding from these minutes (not listed as separate agenda items): None

5.2 Matters outstanding from previous minutes: None

6. Open session for questions from the public:

Various residents present asked the Parish Council to object to the application. They said it is an over development which blocks the views and light to their neighbouring properties.

7. Planning applications for discussion and decision

a) **Reference:** 22/003593/FULL

Address: 7 Rusthall High Street, Rusthall, Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN4 8RL

Proposal: Demolition of existing shed, erection of two storey dwelling on the land to the rear of the shop.

Rusthall Parish Council voted unanimously to recommend this Planning Application for Refusal on the grounds that;

i. It is an overdevelopment which is too close to the existing properties and will also result in a loss of light for those living there.

ii. The access is unsuitable – contractors will need to load and unload in a bus stop and cross a busy public footpath. There is only an alley which means the contractors will only be able to use a wheelbarrow and the dust caused by the work will impact negatively on the businesses nearby.

iii. If this is built there will be no access for the utilities or the emergency services. Bins would have to be placed at the entrance to the footpath, blocking the side entrance to the Chinese restaurant.

Meeting ended at 7.16pm

Chairman

Date