

**SHOREHAM
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COUNCIL**

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PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

4th September at Shoreham Village Hall from 7:30pm

Present: A Hibbins (in the Chair)
R Boyle, M Cockburn, J Histed, B Jeffery and M S Parkes

Also Present: 32 members of the public
District Councillor Irene Roy

Clerk: Sarah Moon

1. Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Blamey and Cllr Sheward.
2. The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 7th August 2019 (copy circulated separately) were received and authorised by the Chairman.
3. There were no disclosures of interest from Members in respect of items of business included on the agenda for the meeting.
4. To consider planning applications received by the day before the meeting (if any).
 - a) SE/19/02214/FUL – Land Known as St Georges Stables, Rock Hill, Orpington
Development : The change of use of land to 1 Gypsy pitch with associated works including one mobile home, one touring caravan and replacement of stable block with a dayroom.
Comments due by 18th September 2019.
RESOLVED that Sevenoaks District Council be informed that Shoreham Parish has no objection and no comment to make in regard to this application.
5. Romney Street
Cllr Jeffery provided an update on the redevelopment of the Romney Street caravan site, which is now known as Kingsdown Meadow. There have been many complaints by local residents regarding the hours of work, noise, disruption and lack of consideration for neighbouring properties. Some of these have been resolved although there were still instances of contractors working during the August Bank Holiday weekend, despite being told they could not. They did cease work however, once approached.

The main outstanding problem is still the siting of three large mobile homes on the site of the former car park. These homes severely impact the privacy of the neighbouring properties and much legal wrangling is taking place to try and get these homes removed. This could be achieved by altering the caravan site licence, which was issued by SDC. The licence stipulates the size, position and number of mobile homes allowed on the site and when issued, careful consideration to the siting of the homes should have been given in order not to have had a negative impact on adjacent properties.

District Cllr Irene Roy also stated that there may have been an opportunity to alter the original licence when a new one was issued to Serenity Homes. This was not done but as caravan sites fall under permitted development, it is difficult to enforce changes to these types

of developments. That said, SDC have written to Serenity Homes regarding the siting of these three mobile homes but are still awaiting a response. Cllr Roy is hopeful that she will soon be able to deliver some positive news in relation to this matter.

6. Correspondence/Information

- a) SE/19/01530/FUL – The Quadrangle, Shoreham Road, Shoreham
Change of use from a residential use (C3) to a mixed use comprising business (B1), training centre (C2), residential (C3) and educational (D1) and associated works and facilities.
GRANTED
- b) SE/19/01351/HOUSE– Barnfield House, Romney Street, Knatts Valley
Development : Erection of a new section of timber fence and gate.
GRANTED
- c) SE/19/02075/HOUSE – Clock Cottage, Shoreham Place, Shoreham
Development : Removal of existing conservatory roof and side frames and replacement with a new orangery.
GRANTED
- d) SE/19/02041/HOUSE – Wells Cottage, 2 Pump Lane Orpington
Development : Demolition of existing garage, removal of hedges, new forecourt, new sideway garage and planting.
REFUSED

The meeting closed at 7.48pm

Public Question Time

- A member of the Planning Committee asked whether any action had been taken in regard to its request to SDC to make the Quadrangle a listed building. The Clerk replied that she had not heard anything despite including this request in the consultation response but could instead write directly to English Heritage requesting the same.
- A member of the public stated that KCC are now getting legal advice in order to pursue the diversion of SR22. That same member of the public has put in an FOI request to find out how much they are spending to get this diversion through.
- A member of the public pointed out that several hedges had been removed from the Romney Street development site in order to allow access for the new mobile homes. These hedges must be put back and the Parish Council should therefore monitor the situation to ensure this happens.

Date of next meeting: **Wednesday 18th September 2019 at Shoreham Village Hall (if required)**

Sarah Moon, Clerk to Shoreham Parish Council