

**Chiddingly Parish Council**  
**Planning Committee Minutes**  
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23<sup>rd</sup> June 2020

Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2020 via Zoom conferencing.

Present: Cllr Tolhurst (Chairman), Cllr Newham, Cllr Mikelis, Cllr Best, Cllr Marchant and Julie O'Donnell (Clerk).

No members of the public present.

**Minutes**

1. Apologies and Reasons for absence  
Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Richards, Cllr Allan and Cllr Welsh.
2. The Chairman will invite Councillors to declare any interest they may have in the following agenda items.  
No interests were declared however Cllr Tolhurst confirmed he is personal friends with the applicants of both applications 4.3 & 4.5.
3. Clerk and Councillor reports arising from the minutes of 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2020 not covered elsewhere in the agenda.  
There was nothing to report on this occasion.

*The meeting was not suspended as no members of the public were present.*

**4. Planning applications for consideration:**

**4.1 Application:** [WD/2020/0872/F](#)

Location: Golden Cross service station, Golden Cross, Chiddingly, BN27 4AW

Description: Extension, relocation of ATM, replacement shopfront, canopy raise and two new jet-wash bays.

Chiddingly Parish Council response to Wealden District Council: The council has no objection to the new modifications to the garage however we oppose the blocking of the side public access entrance from Burgh Hill Road. Furthermore the application does not provide turning space within the staff parking area and would result in vehicles reversing vehicles to or from the site onto the public highway. This would affect the flow and safety of traffic on Burgh Hill Road.

**4.2 Application:** [WD/2020/0404/F](#)

Location: Coldharbour Farm, Whitesmith Lane, Chiddingly, BN8 6HB

Description: The enclosing of two existing open bays of a redundant agricultural building with timber cladding.

Chiddingly Parish Council response to Wealden District Council: The parish council reached a unanimous decision to recommend approval.

**4.3 Application:** [WD/2019/1820/F](#)

Location: Whitesmith Farm, Whitesmith Lane, Whitesmith, BN8 6HA

Description: Conversion of existing redundant stable block, alterations and minor extension, to create a new accessible and adaptable single dwelling-house, parking and gardens. Boundary walling and entrance gates and use of existing access to Whitesmith Lane. Part demolition of existing barn and reconfiguration of its internal area and recladding where necessary and which will remain in its existing use. Revisions to proposed conversion and structural report. Documents received 26 May 2020.

Chiddingly Parish Council response to Wealden District Council: The parish council support this application but do have objection to the new proposed roof design. The previous design submitted is preferable and is more in keeping with the surrounding area.

**4.4 Application:** [WD/2020/0958/LDE](#)

Location: Hawthbush Farm, Gun Hill, Chiddingly, TN21 0JY

Description: Commencement of works on the conversion of an agricultural barn into a 3 bedroom dwelling by the digging of footings in accordance with the approved plans and with the approval of the building regulations department.

Chiddingly Parish Council response to Wealden District Council: The council have no comments to make on this application.

**4.5 Application:** [WD/2020/1013/F](#)

Location: Carrbrook Farmhouse, Stonehill, Chiddingly, BN8 6HQ

Description: Annexe to farmhouse and change of use of land to residential.

Chiddingly Parish Council response to Wealden District Council: The parish reached a unanimous decision to recommend approval.

**5.** Planning applications already considered via email consultation due to the deadline set by Wealden District Council, and the meeting schedule of Chiddingly Parish Council:

**6.** Planning & Enforcement Updates, for information only:

**6.1 Application:** [WD/2019/2455/F](#)

Location: Land adjacent to Roosters, A22, Golden Cross, Chiddingly BN8 6JE

Description: Erection of 4 no. Semi-detached dwellings with new vehicular access

Planning Inspectorate Ref: APP/C1435/W/20/3249738

Appeal requested

**6.2** Application: [WD/2017/2890/FR](#)

Location: Carewell House, Chalvington Road, Golden Cross, Chiddingly, BN27 3SS

Description: Change of use of paddock to residential curtilage. Erection of building for business use as a beauty salon and associated crossover to existing access.

Planning Inspectorate Ref: App/C1435/W/20/3252311

Appeal requested

**6.3** Application No. [WD/2020/0292/FR](#)

Location: Manna Farm. Manna Farm, Swansbrook Lane, Gun Hill, Chiddingly, TN21 0LA

Description: Retrospective application for the continued use of land as residential in association with the dwelling at Manna Farm.

WDC Approved

**7.** To discuss and respond if required to Wealden on SHELAA

This will be carried over to next months agenda when the parish council will receive representation from the Community Land Trust.

**8.** Horam linked focus group – To discuss whether the council want to continue with this group, or establish another with adjoining parishes with a more similar profile to Chiddingly, namely ones that are more rural, with less infrastructure and a lack of road and transport links.

Chiddingly parish council is currently linked within a focus group comprising of Horam, Heathfield & Waldron, Hellingly and just recently East Hoathly. Cllr Tolhurst asked the committee whether they thought Chiddingly should join up with parishes of a similar profile. He suggested Laughton, Arlington and Chalvington with Ripe.

The reason to link together is that WDC have confirmed that when developing the new Local Plan they will not approach individual parishes but groups of parishes in an area. The parishes will have more voice by teaming together.

Cllr Newham suggested Chiddingly remain in the current group with Horam but also approach the Parish councils of Laughton, Arlington and Chalvington with Ripe with a view to joining separately with these parishes too. Cllr Tolhurst will also speak to East Hoathly as they have had several large applications submitted.

The planning committee all agreed.

Meeting ended 2005

- *The next parish council meeting will take place virtually on 21<sup>st</sup> July 2020 at 7.30 pm. via Zoom conferencing*
- *The next planning meeting will take place virtually on 28<sup>th</sup> July 2020 at 7.30 pm via Zoom conferencing.*