

Chiddingly Parish Council
Planning Committee Minutes
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Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 23rd March 2021 via Zoom conferencing.

Present: Cllr Tolhurst (Chairman), Cllr Richards, Cllr Mikelis, Cllr Marchant, Cllr Luke, Cllr Allan, Cllr Newham and Julie O'Donnell (Clerk)

1 member of the public was present at the start of the meeting and one member of the public joined later.

Minutes

1. Apologies and Reasons for absence
Apologies received from Cllr Welsh
2. The Chairman will invite Councillors to declare any interest they may have in the following agenda items.
Cllr Richards declared a personal interest in agenda item 5.3 as the applicant is his immediate neighbour.
Cllr Newham declared a personal interest in agenda item 6.1 as the applicant is his opposite neighbour.
3. Minutes of 23rd February 2021 Planning Committee Meeting to be agreed and signed as a true record.
The draft minutes of the Planning Meeting held on the 23rd February 2021 were approved by all and will be signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.
4. Clerk and Councillor reports arising from the minutes of 23rd February 2021 not covered elsewhere in the agenda.
There was nothing to report on this occasion.

The meeting was suspended to allow the member of public to speak. They advised that they have recently moved to the village and were interested to listen to the planning meeting. They had an interest in item 5.4 as the applicant is their immediate neighbour.

5. Planning applications for consideration:

5.1. Application: [WD/2021/0093/F](#)

Location: Randalls Farm, Whitesmith, CHIDDINGLY, BN8 6JB

Description: Cattle isolation barn

Chiddingly Parish Council response: The parish council have no objection to this application however Chiddingly parish council would object to speculative development in the future at this site. The council have noted Laughton Parish Council's concerns.

5.2. Application: [WD/2021/0175/F](#)

Location: Manna Farm, Swansbrook Lane, Gun Hill, Chiddingly, TN21 OLA

Description: Change of use land to residential and to remove existing workshop and construct a new annexe for ancillary purposes.

Chiddingly Parish Council response: The council feel that they are not able to comment on this application due to the lack of information submitted. There is no design and access statement included in this application. The parish council cannot express an opinion when the information is not included. We would ask that all required and relevant documentation is included in the application before it is sent for consultee comment.

5.3. Application: [WD/2021/0441/F](#)

Location: Spring Cottage, Nash Street, Chiddingly, BN27 4AA

Description: Single storey rear/side extension

Chiddingly Parish Council response: The council feel that they are not able to comment on this application due to the lack of information submitted. There is no design and access statement included in this application. The parish council cannot express an opinion when the information is not included. We would ask that all required and relevant documentation is included in the application before it is sent for consultee comment.

5.4. Application: [WD/2021/0396/F](#)

Location: The Forge, Swansbrook Lane, Horam, TN21 0LD

Description: Conversion of workshop and store into 1 bedroom dwelling

Chiddingly Parish Council response: The parish council reached a unanimous decision to approve the application on the proviso that a change of use application was successful.

5.5. Application: [WD/2021/7007/AD](#) – **see email from applicant**

Location: Barn Farm, Parsonage Lane, Chiddingly

Description: Erection of a steel framed, timber clad building to provide facilities for staff for vineyard and sheep/land wilding work, machinery and produce storage, workshop.

Following the publication of the parish council planning agenda Wealden District Council have advised the applicant that a full planning application is required for this application. Therefore, the parish council will not discuss this application at the meeting.

5.6. Application: [WD/2021/0241/F](#)

Location: Willetts Barn and Old Dairy Barn, Willetts Farm, Muddles Green, Chiddingly, BN8 6HR.

Description: Proposed conversion of two existing traditional commercial use buildings into 2 no. Four-bedroom dwellings as previously approved under WD/2017/2958/F. Erection of two oak framed garages.

Chiddingly Parish Council response: The parish council have no objection to this application and the original comments still stand.

5.7. Application: [WD/850/CM](#)

Location: The Woodland Centre, Whitesmith, Chiddingly, BN8 6JB

Description: Variation of Condition 10 of planning permission WD/791/CM to increase the working hours on Saturdays, Sundays and Bank Holidays from 13.00hrs to 16.00hrs.

Chiddingly Parish Council response: Chiddingly parish council reached a unanimous decision to object to this application. The original planning permission was granted on restricted opening hours and the parish council feel the hours should remain unchanged.

The disruption due to noise, pollution, large vehicle and frequent traffic movement is not acceptable to the neighbouring properties.

6. Planning applications received after the publication date of the agenda for consideration.

6.1. Application: [WD/2018/2771/E](#) - **APPEAL PROCESS**

Location: Land adjoining 2 Woodside Cottages, Muddles Green, Chiddingly

Description: Pair of semi-detached two bedroom cottages with off road parking

An appeal has been received by The Planning Inspectorate from the applicant regarding the refusal of this application. Wealden District Council have asked the parish council to make further comments if required.

Chiddingly Parish Council response: The original view of the council remains unchanged. The council would also like to add that it is unprecedented for one application to receive 43 letters of objection in such a small parish. The council feel it is purely speculative development and strongly object to this application.

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

8. Planning & Enforcement Updates, for information only:

8.1. Application: WD/2020/2355/FR

Location: Nash Street Farm, Nash Street, CHIDDINGLY, BN27 4AB

Description: Retrospective application for construction of bay extension to existing agricultural building to be used for agricultural storage and associated works including cladding

WDC Decision: Approved

8.2. Application No. WD/2020/0667/F

8.3. Location: Land at Stream Farm, Dern Lane, CHIDDINGLY BN8 6HG

Description: Proposed temporary stationing of mobile home to provide accommodation for a farm manager.

WDC Decision: Approved

8.4. Application No. WD/2018/1349/F

Location: Park Farm House, Scrapers Hill, CHIDDINGLY, BN8 6HH

Description: Proposed alterations and additions to the dwelling and to an existing outbuilding to link it to the main dwelling and for its conversion to provide ancillary habitable accommodation. Updated proposals also include a new detached 2-bay timber framed garage.

WDC Decision: Approved

8.5. Application: C/2017/0476 – See documentation

Location: The Armoury, Oast House Cottage, Gun Hill, Chiddingly

An appeal has been made to the Secretary of State regarding an enforcement notice issued by WDC on 26th November 2020.

8.6. Application: WD/2021/0021/F

Location: Carters Lea, Gun Hill, Chiddingly, TN21 0JX

Description: New bay window to living room plus first floor and roof alterations

WDC Decision: Approved

9. Planning Parish Clusters and the publication of SHELAA – any updates

The Parish Cluster East met with Chris Bending, WDC last week and Cllr Tolhurst will circulate the agreed notes. The Direction of Travel summary has been published by WDC and makes an interesting read [Agenda for Local Plan Sub-Committee on Thursday, 11th March, 2021, 2.00 p.m. - Councillors Committees - Wealden District Council](#)

Cllr Tolhurst asked the council to think about what is important to Chiddingly and agree a response to be submitted to WDC.

The Parish Panel meeting has been cancelled for this month.

Enforcement is currently recruiting a Monitoring Officer which should free up more time for the Enforcement Officers to perform site visits.

Meeting end 20.25

- *Next planning meeting is 27th April 2021 at 7.30 to be held via Zoom conferencing.*
- *Next parish council meeting is 13th April 2021 at 7.30 to be held via Zoom conferencing.*