

**Chiddingly Parish Council**

**Planning Committee**

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Members of Chiddingly Parish Council are summoned to the Planning Committee Meeting to be held on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at 7.30 p.m. in Chiddingly Village Hall, to discuss the Planning Applications received from Wealden District Council to date, as well as any that are published from the publication of this agenda to the meeting date.

Signed: Claudine Feltham (Clerk to Chiddingly Parish Council).

**Agenda**

- 1. Apologies and Reasons for absence**
- 2. The Chairman will invite Councillors to declare any interest they may have in the following agenda items.**
- 3. Minutes of 19<sup>th</sup> September 2017 Planning Committee Meeting to be agreed and signed as a true record.**
- 4. Clerk and Councillor reports arising from the minutes of 19<sup>th</sup> September 2017 not covered elsewhere in the agenda.**

*The meeting is then suspended for up to 10 minutes if required for the Public to express a view or ask a question about any item on the following agenda*

- 5. Glebe Field. To discuss the response from Doug Moss, WDC Planning, with regards to the use of part of Glebe Field as a skate park.**
- 6. To discuss any planning applications received from Wealden District Council after the publication of the agenda that are available on the District Planning website.**

**6.1 Planning application: [WD/2017/2434/F](#)**

**Location: Vert House, Broomham Lane, Whitesmith, BN8 6JQ.**

**Description: Single storey side extension.**

**7 Planning & Enforcement Updates, for information only:**

**7.1 Planning Application – [WD/2017/1642/FR](#)**

**Location: Plot 2 Friths Farm, Highlands Lane, Chiddingly.**

**Description:** Retrospective application for conversion of redundant farm buildings to residential with rear single storey extension (amendments to approval WD/2015/1894)

**Response from Wealden District Council:** Approved

## **7.2 Planning Application – WD/2017/1590/F**

**Location:** Nash Farm Cottage, Golden Cross, Chiddingly, BN27 4AH.

**Description:** Extension of residential curtilage for construction of new vehicular access to property off of Nash Street and formation of parking/turning area. Replanting of hedgerow.

**Response from Wealden District Council:** REFUSED. Response to Parish Council: The site lies beyond any development boundary as defined in the local plan, and within the low weald landscape. Having regard to the surrounding rural character, the extension to the domestic curtilage including the hardcore re-surfacing, is an unjustified, deleterious, urbanising development causing substantial by eroding the character of the low weald landscape where the prime aim is to conserve and enhance the landscape quality. The proposed access point from Nash Street does not make provision for adequate visibility in both directions at the junction of the access with the public highway. It has not been adequately demonstrated that a reduced visibility would not be severely detrimental to highway safety. In terms of visual impact, the removal of a hedgerow to provide the new access would have demonstrable impact that would erode the leafy character of this rural lane. Also, in addition to the existing access from the A22 and the new parking/turning area provided within the increased curtilage, the new proposed access road leading from Nash Street will lead to an increased urbanisation of the landscape character. The proposed location of the replacement hedgerow is not considered to be appropriate. The new location does not re-establish connectivity to the wider green infrastructure and ends abruptly, leading to a fracture of the wider hedgerow network. Overall, the proposed development is contrary to the local and national plan policies. The recommendation is therefore refusal.

## **8 Planning Application considered at the parish council meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> October – due to the deadline set by WDC: [WD/2017/2088/MAJ](#)**

**Location:** Hale Farm, Hale Green, Chiddingly, BN8 6HQ

**Description:** Permanent retention of existing 40 pitch eco-campsite and its existing associated amenities.

**Planning Application for consultation – [WD/2017/2088/MAJ](#)**

**Location:** Hale Farm, Hale Green, Chiddingly, BN8 6HQ

**Description:** Permanent retention of existing 40 pitch eco-campsite and its existing associated amenities.

Response from Chiddingly Parish Council to Wealden District Council: Chiddingly Parish Council discussed this planning application at length. The site is currently on a three-year licence, and this application is to turn the site into a permanent one. WDC approached the owners to put the application in now. The parish council considered the additional traffic movements that this site may cause as well as the facilities for use of the campers / waste etc. There are composting toilets on site, and these would continue to be used. General waste is removed by a contractor. There will be no increase to the number of pitches, and no intention for caravans to use the site. Cllr

Goss, the Clerk and WDC Cllr Watts have also visited the site and felt that it was kept in very good order, and not at all over crowded.

The parish council reached a unanimous decision to **recommend approval** for this application.

- The next Parish Council meeting will take place on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2017 at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall, Chiddingly.
- The next Planning meeting will take place on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2017 at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall, Chiddingly.