

**Chiddingly Parish Council**  
**Planning Committee Minutes**  
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25<sup>th</sup> October 2017

Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October in Chiddingly Village Hall.

Present; Cllr Strong (Chairman), Cllr Goss, Cllr Tolhurst, Cllr B Marchant, Cllr C Marchant, Cllr Newham, Cllr Luke, Cllr Richards and Clerk: Claudine Feltham.

Two members of the public were also present at this meeting.

**Minutes**

**1. Apologies and Reasons for absence**

Retrospective apologies were received from Cllr O'Hare.

**2. The Chairman invited Councillors to declare any interest they may have in the following agenda items.**

Cllr Luke declared a personal interest in respect of item 6.2 on this agenda, as she knows the applicant.

**3. The minutes of 19<sup>th</sup> September 2017 Planning Committee Meeting were 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.**

There were no reports.

*The meeting was not suspended as neither member of the public wished to speak with any items connected to this 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.**

*Four additional members of the public arrived at 1934 hours.*

Cllr Strong wrote to the WDC Planning Officer Doug Moss for an informal opinion on the Glebe Field being a possible location for a skate park. Cllr Strong read the letter received from Doug Moss to the members of the parish and parishioners present at the meeting.

From this, the unofficial feeling is that the Glebe Field site would not be received well by Wealden planning committee.

Those present at the meeting then went on to discuss the feasible options;

- 1) Could still proceed and submit an application for Glebe Field to WDC, but this could be costly and a waste of time.
- 2) Could approach local land owners/Mr Penrose to see if they would be willing to donate some land for the skate park – but not within 30 metres of the Grade I listed church.
- 3) Could see if Mr Penrose would consider including an area for a skate park close to the proposed Willets Farm development.
- 4) Approach the Chiddingly Cricket Club and see if there would be any land at the bottom of the cricket field where the skate park could be located.
- 5) If a location was found further away from the centre of the village then consideration for a cycle path to be put in – so that children could travel safely, off the road, to the skate park. This could also encourage people to walk to the school instead of driving, and could then alleviate some of the parking issues outside of the school.

Overall, an alternative plan needs to be considered, and this will be included on Novembers parish council agenda.

*1950 hours 5 members of public left the meeting.*

## **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.

#### **Chiddingly Parish Council response to Wealden District Council:**

The parish council viewed the plans and discussed the design of the extension. Parish council reached a unanimous decision to recommend approval for this application.

### **6.2 Planning application [WD/2017/2410/F](#)**

**Location:** Rowans, Muddles Green, BN8 6HP

**Description:** Single storey rear addition

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

## **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 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 meeting closed at 2005 hours

- 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.