



EAST FARLEIGH PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 1st August 2017 at the Old School Hall, Lower Road, East Farleigh

Present: Cllrs Glyn Charlton (GC)(Chairman), Peter Beasley (PB), David Hussein (DH), Perry O'Callaghan (POC) and John Wilson (JW).

In attendance: S O'Callaghan (Clerk), Borough Councillors Brian Mortimer (BM) and Richard Webb (RW)

Five members of the public and Matthew Garvey from DHA were present.

No members of the press were present.

95. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Borough Councillor Emily Fermor (work) and from Cllr Jackie King (JK) after the meeting (confusion over need to attend).

The Committee agreed to accept the apologies with reasons given.

96. RECORDING OF PROCEEDINGS

No one present intended to film, photograph or record any items on the agenda.

97. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND LOBBYING

Cllr PB declared an interest in the Allotments/JBLC and the Recreation Ground Charity (Trustee).

98. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

The Committee agreed that no items required this.

99. MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 4TH JULY 2017

99.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 4TH JULY 2017 were approved and signed as a correct record.

99.2 Matters arising: none.

100. PLANNING

100.1 To consider the following planning applications:

17/503220 Pepinbury, Wilsons Lane

Erection of a carport attached to existing detached garage.

The Committee wished to see this application APPROVED. (Unanimous)

17/503462 Land Rear of Barker Cottages, New Cut, Dean St, ME15 0HR

Change of use of land to residential purposes and the erection of a single dwelling, amenity space, and conversion of an outbuilding to provide garaging and storage.

The Committee wished to see this application REFUSED and, if necessary, to go to Planning Committee (unanimous) on the grounds that it does not conform to ENV28 of the Local Plan in that it harms the character of the local area, the site is within a Conservation Area and it does not meet the requirement of preserving or enhancing the historic character of the area, the scale of the house (especially its height) is too great for the site and there will be increased parking/traffic issues in the already congested New Cut area.

- 100.2 To receive notifications of any planning decisions made by Maidstone Borough Council since the last meeting:
15/502938 Former Pumping Station, Dean Street, East Farleigh, Kent
Side and rear extension to an existing unused pumping station building to form a single dwelling.
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- 100.3 To receive notification of any enforcement issues since the last meeting:
The Clerk had received notification that there had been no breach in connection with the activity in Lower Road.
- 100.4 Other planning matters:
- 100.4.1 **Planning Annual Refresher Training:** the Parish Council had been invited to send two members to Planning Training at MBC on the evening of Wednesday 13th September on Planning Policies & Guidance, Legislation, Planning Conditions, Refusal of Planning Applications, and Section 106 Agreements 18:30-20:30 at Maidstone Town Hall. It was agreed that Cllrs PB and POC would attend on the evening of 13th September, though if Cllr Jackie King wished to go, Cllr PB would give his place to her.
- 100.4.2 **16/506605 Land North of The Victoria Inn, Heath Road**
Construction of eight open market 1 and 3 bedroom homes, construction of five affordable 1, 2 and 3 bedroom homes, construction of access road, parking bays and car ports, installation of new landscaping and ecology enhancements.
An Appeal had been lodged.
The Committee agreed to make NO COMMENT, as it had done for the original application (3 in favour, 1 against and 1 abstention).

101. FORTHCOMING ABSENCES

These were noted.

102. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 5th September 2017, at 6.45pm in the Old School Hall, Lower Road.

The meeting was closed at 7.25 pm.