



**Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Planning and Environment Committee
held at the Billingshurst Centre
on Thursday 23 September 2021 at 7.30pm**

Present

Cllrs Edna Benger, Caroline Beresford Pratt, Garry Commins, Dave Homer (Chairman), Doug Waller and Sarah Wilson.

In attendance

Jo Booth, Assistant Clerk
2 members of the public

116/21 Apologies for Absence.

An apology for absence was received from Cllr James Marchant (prior commitment). On the proposal of Cllr Dave Homer, seconded by Cllr Sarah Wilson, **RESOLVED** that the apology and the reason given be accepted.

117/21 Declarations of interest and notification of change to members' interests.

None.

118/21 Public Session.

The members of the public present did not wish to speak at this time.

119/21 Planning Applications.

- i. **DC/21/1966** Erection of a single storey rear extension. **6 COOMBE HILL, BILLINGSHURST.** On the proposal of Cllr Doug Waller, seconded by Cllr Garry Commins, **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council does not object to this application.
- ii. **DC/21/1089** Retrospective application for the installation of 2 No. security lights. **TOOLSTATION LTD, BILLINGSHURST TRADE PARK, STANE STREET, BILLINGSHURST.** On the proposal of Cllr Garry Commins, seconded by Cllr Doug Waller, **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council objects to this application. Members agreed that the lights, if they are retained, are far too high and, if there really is a need for security lighting at all, then it would be better if the lights were PIR sensor and were placed so that light intrusion does not affect neighbouring properties.
- iii. **DC/21/1676** Installation of 2 x totem signs and a total of 8 x fascia signs with a combination of illuminated and non-illuminated. **HILLAND FARM, HILLAND ROAD, BILLINGSHURST.** On the proposal of Cllr Garry Commins, seconded by Cllr Doug Waller, **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council does not object to this application.

Cllr Caroline Beresford Pratt joined the meeting.

- iv. **DC/21/1558** Erection of a roadside facility comprising a PFS, linked kiosk store and drive thru coffee unit (Sui Generis / Class E Uses). **LAND PARCEL AT 507911 125837, NEWBRIDGE ROAD, BILLINGSHURST.** The Chairman invited a member of the public to speak. The gentleman was concerned that a drive through coffee shop would draw business away from the existing cafes in the village. This view was not shared by members who agreed that the offering in the High Street is of a different kind to that of the proposed unit. On the proposal of Cllr Sarah Wilson, seconded by Cllr Doug Waller, **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council does not object to this application but would like to make the following observations for consideration by the Planning Officer:-
- pedestrian access – it is very important that the footpath and cycleway are linked to the bypass bridge to ensure pedestrian safety. Concerns remain, however, about pedestrian access from Jubilee Fields as it is likely that users of the open space and sports facilities might wish to cross the A272;
 - there is likely to be an increase of littering and the installation of a hedge/fence to prevent windblown litter fouling the bypass and other off-site areas would contain it within the site;
 - will there be a speed reduction for the part of the road from the Platts Roundabout to the entrance to Newbridge Road East?
 - Members were disappointed that there is no mention of installing solar panels and would like to suggest that they are incorporated within the build to avoid the expense of retro-fitting.
- v. **DC/21/1990** Conversion of garage into habitable living space with outdoor store and erection of a first-floor extension over garage. **17 CHESTNUT ROAD, BILLINGSHURST.** On the proposal of Cllr Doug Waller, seconded by Cllr Dave Homer, **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council does not object to this application.
- vi. **DC/21/2035** Removal of existing mobile home and erection of a single storey garage/home office building and extension of residential curtilage. **2 CHALK BARN, OKEHURST LANE, BILLINGSHURST.** On the proposal of Cllr Dave Homer, seconded by Cllr Edna Bengler, **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council does not object to this application.
- vii. **DC/21/1804** Erection of an agricultural building for the storage of equipment/machinery. **WELL FARM, ADVERSANE, BILLINGSHURST.** On the proposal of Cllr Doug Waller, seconded by Cllr Caroline Beresford Pratt, **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council does not object to this application.
- viii. **DC/21/1520** Retention of an air conditioning unit to side of property and satellite dish. **2 BOWLING LANE, BILLINGSHURST.** On the proposal of Cllr Dave Homer, seconded by Cllr Caroline Beresford Pratt, **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council does not object to this application subject to the Environment Health Officer being satisfied with the noise output once he is in receipt of the additional technical information requested.

- ix. **WSCC/039/21** Construction and operation of an alkalinity kiosk and ferric dosing kiosk. **BILLINGSHURST WASTE WATER TREATMENT WORKS, STANE STREET, BILLINGSHURST.** On the proposal of Cllr Doug Waller, seconded by Cllr Edna Bengier, **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council does not object to this application.

120/21 Any other matters for information only.
None.

121/21 Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 14 October 2021 at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Chairman

Date