



**Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning and Environment Committee
held at the Billingshurst Centre
on Thursday 12 January 2023 at 7.30pm**

Present

Cllrs Edna Bengler, Caroline Beresford Pratt, Dave Homer, James Marchant, Steve Thomas and Doug Waller (Chairman)

In attendance

Jo Booth, Assistant Clerk

The Chairman wished members a happy New Year. He reminded those present that the meeting was being streamed on the internet and asked members to raise their hands if they wished to speak and to speak loudly and clearly.

01/23 Apologies for Absence.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Garry Commins (work commitment) and Sarah Wilson (prior commitment). On the proposal of Cllr Dave Homer, seconded by Cllr Caroline Beresford Pratt, **RESOLVED** that the apologies and the reasons given be accepted.

02/23 Declarations of interest and notification of change to members' interests.

None.

03/23 Approval of the minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee meeting held on 1 December 2022, previously circulated. On the proposal of Cllr Caroline Beresford Pratt, seconded by Cllr Steve Thomas, **RESOLVED** that the minutes be accepted and signed as a correct record accordingly.

04/23 Approval of the minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee meeting held on 20 December 2022, previously circulated. On the proposal of Cllr Caroline Beresford Pratt, seconded by Cllr Steve Thomas, **RESOLVED** that the minutes be accepted and signed as a correct record accordingly.

05/23 Matters Arising.

None.

06/23 Public Session.

There were no members of the public in attendance.

07/23 Planning Applications.

- i. **DC/22/2246 & DC/22/2249** Demolition of existing rear extension and erection of a part two-storey, part single storey rear and side extension (Householder and Listed Building Consent). **THE OLD COTTAGE, ANDREWS HILL, BILLINGSHURST.** On the proposal of Cllr Doug Waller, seconded by Cllr James Marchant, **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council does not object to this application but asks that construction and deliveries traffic be accommodated within the site and does not obstruct the highway.
- ii. **DC/22/2279** Conversion of a detached garage into habitable accommodation with works including external alterations to north-west elevation of garage building, including addition of glazing, French doors, window and 2no. rooflights. Addition of a door to the south-east elevation. **SHERLOCKS, OKEHURST LANE, BILLINGSHURST.** On the proposal of Cllr Dave Homer, seconded by Cllr Steve Thomas, **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council does not object to this application.
- iii. **DC/22/2357** Surgery to 1x Bay (Works to Trees in a Conservation Area). **VINE COTTAGE, 55 EAST STREET, BILLINGSHURST.** On the proposal of Cllr Steve Thomas, seconded by Cllr Caroline Beresford Pratt, **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council does not object to this application.
- iv. **DC/22/1800 AMENDED PLAN** Conversion of existing attached garage to form habitable space with associated external alterations. Installation of 5no. rooflights to the main roof. Erection of a detached 3-bay garage and electronic gates to the north of the site. **MARRINGDEAN BARN, MARRINGDEAN ROAD, BILLINGSHURST.** On the proposal of Cllr Dave Homer, seconded by Cllr James Marchant, **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council does not object to this application.

08/23 Horsham District Council Planning Decisions.

PLAN NO	DESCRIPTION	PARISH COUNCIL RESPONSE	HDC DECISION
DC/22/2004	Erection of a first floor side extension and addition of new pitched roof over existing rear extension 13 CHERRY TREE CLOSE, BILLINGSHURST	No objection 1.12.2022	Permitted 14.12.2022
DC/22/1689	Creation of new access and track CHANTRY FARM, WEST CHILTINGTON LANE, CONEYHURST, BILLINGSHURST	No objection 6.10.2022	Permitted 14.12.2022
DC/22/1394	Extension and conversion of existing "Therapy Classroom" into ancillary residential accommodation KETTLESBRIDGE FARM, WEST CHILTINGTON LANE, CONEYHURST, BILLINGSHURST	No objection 6.10.2022 & 1.12.2022	Permitted 14.12.2022

PLAN NO	DESCRIPTION	PARISH COUNCIL RESPONSE	HDC DECISION
DC/22/1578	Demolition of conservatory and erection of a two-storey rear extension and associated alterations including upgrading of rear elevation windows 39 MORRIS DRIVE, BILLINGSHURST	No objection 6.10.2022	Permitted 19.12.2022
DC/22/2024	Fell 1x Goat Willow (Works to Trees in a Conservation Area) ARUNDEL HOUSE, NEWSTEAD HALL, LORDINGS ROAD, ADVERSANE, BILLINGSHURST	No objection 1.12.2022	Permitted 22.12.2022
DC/22/1965	Surgery to 1x Oak BLACKTHORNE, HIGH SEAT COPSE, HIGH STREET, BILLINGSHURST	No objection 1.12.2022	Permitted 22.12.2022
DC/22/1971	Erection of a single storey side and rear extension and associated works 3 LORDINGS COTTAGES, LORDINGS ROAD, ADVERSANE, BILLINGSHURST	No objection 1.12.2023	Withdrawn 3.1.2023

09/23 Appeals and Appeal Decisions.

- i. **DC/21/0748 Billingshurst Trade and Business Park.** The appeal hearing took place in December and the Inspector's decision is awaited. There is a post-hearing remarks email on Public Access from HDC to the Planning Inspector in which mention is made of the arrival of The Range and a pet store rather than employment uses. The Assistant Clerk will contact Alex Marshall of Dunmoore Group and ascertain whether there is any substance to this comment.
- ii. **DC/20/2607 Land at Duckmoor, East of Billingshurst.** New documents in relation to the appeal are available to view on Public Access. The Inspector's decision is awaited.

10/23 Planning Compliance Update.

- i. Land West of Furze View – laying of tarmac on existing gravel track for use in a Christmas tree business.
- ii. Crawfords, Newbridge Road – signage not in accordance with approved plan.
- iii. Four Seasons Fuel – there are 3 complaints – breach of condition with regard to opening hours and times of delivery, unauthorised display of externally illuminated large advertisement on building and planning permission required for existing site.
- iv. 1 The Cedars, Parbrook – works to garden area including erection of fencing and removal of trees where Permitted Development rights have been removed.

11/23 Any other matters for information only.

- i. Jane Easton, Chief Executive of HDC has advised that *“Senior Councillors have voted to pause the development of the Local Plan until later in the year.”* As a result of this decision, Jonathan Chowen has resigned as Leader of the Council. In an interview with the County Times, Mr Chowen said that he was concerned that this decision might *“allow*

the return of unsustainable large-scale sites such as Adversane...". (The full interview can be read here:-

<https://www.sussexexpress.co.uk/news/politics/third-conservative-council-leader-quits-at-horsham-district-council-within-last-20-months-3981361>)

12/23 Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 2 February 2023 at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 8.25pm.

Chairman

Date