



**Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Planning and Environment Committee
held at the Billingshurst Centre
on Wednesday 15 February 2023 at 7.00pm**

Present

Cllrs Edna Bengier, James Marchant, Dave Homer, Steve Thomas, Doug Waller (Chairman), and Sarah Wilson.

In attendance

Jo Booth, Assistant Clerk

1 member of the public

The Chairman reminded those present that the meeting was being streamed to the internet and asked them to raise their hands if they wished to speak, and to speak loudly and clearly.

24/23 Apologies for Absence.

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

25/23 Declarations of interest and notification of change to members' interests.

There were no declarations of interest or notifications of changes to members' interests.

26/23 Public Session.

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

27/23 Planning Applications.

With the agreement of members, the Chairman brought forward the next item.

- i. **DC/22/2350** Erection of private stables, a storage barn, horse walker and sandschool. **LITTLE FARM STUDIO, WEST CHILTINGTON LANE, CONEYHURST, BILLINGSHURST.** Councillors raised queries with regard to removal of hedges to widen the splay to the entrance track, the width of the track and the depth of the gate to allow a vehicle with horsebox or a lorry to be clear of the road when accessing the site. There was no water neutrality statement included with the supporting documents. The applicant introduced himself to members and explained that the family owns 4 horses and that the manège and walker will be used to exercise them during the winter when it is not possible to ride. Although the development will necessitate the loss of some trees, the current proposed location allows maximum grazing for the horses. With regard to the access track, the applicant confirmed that the width of the track is sufficient for domestic use and that the family owns only 1 lorry, therefore, there will not be a situation whereby

- two vehicles are in conflict. In respect of water neutrality and other eco features, the applicant said that it is his intention to harvest the rainwater and would like to fit solar panels in due course. On the proposal of Cllr Dave Homer, seconded by Cllr Steve Thomas, **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council does not object to this application. Members would like comments regarding rainwater harvesting, solar panels and the depth of the gated access track to form part of the response to Horsham District Council (HDC).
- ii. **DC/23/0094** Demolition of an existing timber shed and erection of a detached single storey outbuilding. (Part Retrospective). **LITTLE ACRES, ADVERSANE LANE, ADVERSANE, BILLINGSHURST.** Cllrs noted that it is not clear which part of the development has already been carried out, however, the neighbour has made comments concerning the altered ground levels. It is also noted that the neighbours have requested that future use of the building be subject to condition. On the proposal of Cllr James Marchant, seconded by Cllr Sarah Wilson, **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council does not object to this application but endorses the neighbours' comments in the response to HDC.
- iii. **DC/23/0043** Demolition of conservatory and erection of a single storey side/rear extension. **46 BROOMFIELD DRIVE, BILLINGSHURST.** On the proposal of Cllr Dave Homer, seconded by Cllr Sarah Wilson, **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council does not object to this application.
- iv. **DC/23/0066** Erection of a two-storey rear extension. Conversion of garage to form habitable space, with creation of pitched roof over, enclosing of front porch and associated external alterations. **58 SILVER LANE, BILLINGSHURST.** On the proposal of Cllr Doug Waller, seconded by Cllr Sarah Wilson, **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council does not object to this application.
- v. **DC/23/0124** Surgery to 1x Sycamore (TPO), 1x Yew (Conservation Area Only). **GRATWICKE COTTAGE, 16A EAST STREET, BILLINGSHURST.** On the proposal of Cllr Dave Homer, seconded by Cllr Sarah Wilson, **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council does not object to this application.
- vi. **DC/22/2312** Replacement of 3no rooflights and 2no French doors. **2 MANOR CLOSE, HIGH 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.
- vii. **DC/23/0029** Erection of a single storey detached workshop/garage building. **MAPLE COTTAGE, CONEYHURST ROAD, CONEYHURST, BILLINGSHURST.** On the proposal of Cllr Sarah Wilson, seconded by Cllr Dave Homer, **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council does not object to this application.

28/23 Any Other Matters – for information only.

None.

29/23 Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 2 March 2023 at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 7.28 pm.

Chairman

Date