



**Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning and Environment Committee
held at the Billingshurst Centre,
on Wednesday 20 February 2019 at 7.00pm**

Present

Cllrs D Homer (Chairman), G Commins, Miss S Kingston, J Perks, B Spicer and Mrs S Wilson.

In attendance

J Booth, Assistant Clerk

- 026/19** **Apologies for Absence** Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Leaney (prior commitment) and Cllr Pearson (prior commitment). On the proposal of Cllr Commins, seconded by Cllr Miss Kingston, **RESOLVED** that these apologies and the reasons given be approved.
- 027/19** **Declarations of Interest and notification of changes to members' interests.**
There were no declarations of interest or notification of changes to members' interests.
- 028/19** **Public Session** There were no members of the public present.
- 029/19** **Planning Applications**
- i. **DC/19/0212** Conversion of a barn to form two 2 bedroom dwellings. **CHALK FARM, OKEHURST LANE, BILLINGSHURST.** On the proposal of Cllr Perks, seconded by Cllr Commins, **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council objects to this application. It is not stated on the application form how surface water is to be disposed of and foul sewage disposal is marked "unknown". There is insufficient information on potential land contamination. The proposal is not in line with HDPF 26 and is unsustainable development in an isolated location. Occupiers of the dwellings would be reliant on private vehicles – there is no footway to the bus stops on the A29. The proposal is overdevelopment of the site.
- ii. **DC/19/0234** Erection of a single storey rear extension. **11 HILLVIEW, HIGH STREET, BILLINGSHURST.** On the proposal of Cllr Commins, seconded by Cllr Perks, **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council does not object to this application.
- iii. **DC/19/0271** Surgery 1 x Cherry Laurel (Work to Trees in a Conservation Area). **CHIME COTTAGE, 14 EAST STREET, BILLINGSHURST.** On the proposal of Cllr Homer, seconded by Cllr Commins, **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council does not object to this application.
- iv. **DC/18/2579** Erection of a two storey side and single storey rear extension. **2 COOMBE HILL, BILLINGSHURST.** On the proposal of Cllr Miss Kingston, seconded by Cllr Mrs Wilson, **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council continues to

object to this application. The amendment to the original plan is so slight that it makes no material difference. Councillors, although sympathetic to the desire to extend the property, are concerned about the impact within the locality, as previously stated. The proposal will contravene Appendix 1 of the Design Statement for Billingshurst which states that views of the church from locations around the village are “worthy of protection by preventing new buildings obscuring the line of sight to the church spire wherever possible”.

030/19 Any Other Matters

- i. The Chairman and Assistant Clerk attended the Planning Committee (South) Meeting at Parkside on 19 February at which the Menzies Wood Farm (Universal Trailers) application was considered. The application was permitted with an amendment to exclude HGVs from accessing the site, as suggested by the Parish Council.

031/19 Date of Next Meeting: **Thursday 7 March 2019 at 7.30pm. Barbara Childs, Director of Place, Horsham District Council will be in attendance.**

The meeting closed at 7.25pm.

Chairman

Date