



**Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning and Environment Committee
held at the Billingshurst Centre,
on Wednesday 22 January 2020 at 7.00pm**

Present

Cllrs Dave Homer (Chairman), Graeme Acraman, Edna Benger, Garry Commins, Sue Kingston, Jon Perks and Sarah Wilson.

In attendance

J Booth, Assistant Clerk

014/20 Apologies for Absence. An apology for absence was received from Cllr Sue Rogers (work commitment). On the proposal of Cllr Jon Perks, seconded by Cllr Sarah Wilson, **RESOLVED** that this apology and the reason given be approved.

015/20 Declarations of Interest and notification of changes to members' interests. There were no declarations of interest or notification of changes to members' interests.

016/20 Public Session. There were no members of the public present.

017/20 Planning Applications.

- i. **DC/19/2587** Demolition of existing conservatory and rear store. Erection of a single storey side extension with a pitched roof. **30 DAUX AVENUE, BILLINGSHURST.** On the proposal of Cllr Jon Perks, seconded by Cllr Dave Homer, **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council does not object to this application but would ask that contractor vehicles park off-road if the application is permitted and the works carried out.
- ii. **DC/19/2560** Demolition of existing 3-bay garage and erection of a double garage. **GENTIAN, WEST CHILTINGTON LANE, CONEYHURST.** On the proposal of Cllr Sue Kingston, seconded by Cllr Graeme Acraman, **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council does not object to this application.

Cllr Garry Commins arrived.

- iii. **DC/19/2274** Erection of a modular extension to side elevation on brick plinth with prefabricated insulated wall, metal roof deck and metal door. **TESCO EXPRESS, 2-4 LOWER STATION ROAD, BILLINGSHURST.** On the proposal of Cllr Jon Perks, seconded by Cllr Sarah Wilson, **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council does not object to this amended application but makes an additional comment. There was another incidence of the level crossing barrier coming down on a lorry which had not cleared the crossing last week. As Network Rail are already aware, car parking in

the vicinity of Tesco Express is often a contributing factor in cases like this as lorries are unable to negotiate the turn into Daux Road. In its response of 18 December 2019, the Committee strongly recommended that Horsham District Council (HDC) consults Network Rail and would like to reiterate that recommendation. Councillors would like to offer an informative note for both Tesco and the Local Planning Authority suggesting that Tesco look for a larger building within the vicinity, with car parking, in order to take pressure off the level crossing.

- iv. **DC/20/0007** Surgery to 83 x Poplars. **MULBERRY HOUSE, MARRINGDEAN ROAD, BILLINGSHURST**. On the proposal of Cllr Garry Commins, seconded by Cllr Edna Bengel, **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council does not object to this application.
- v. **DC/20/0066 & 0067** Installation of new radiators, reopening blocked access door, replacement of broken UPVC guttering with cast iron downpipes and replacement of window (Householder and Listed Building Consent). **HAMMONDS BARN, 57 EAST STREET, BILLINGSHURST**. On the proposal of Cllr Jon Perks, seconded by Cllr Edna Bengel, **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council supports this application.

018/20 **To consider retention of the red telephone box at Station Road Gardens via the BT "Adopt a Kiosk" Programme.** BT has listed the telephone box for decommissioning and removal due to lack of use and has offered the Parish Council the opportunity to "adopt" it for another use. On the proposal of Cllr Jon Perks, seconded by Cllr Sue Kingston, **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council declines the offer and that this Committee makes a recommendation to the Property Committee that a general waste bin and a recycle bin be installed in the location once the box has been removed.

019/20 **Any Other Matters**

- i. HDC's Cabinet are to meet on 30 January 2020 to receive a report on the Local Plan Review Regulation 18 consultation. The report is available on the HDC website:-

<https://horsham.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CIId=132&MIId=1668>

020/20 **Date of Next Meeting:** **Thursday 6 February 2020 at 7.00pm**. David McFarlane of SP Broadway will be in attendance to give an update on the Hilland Farm development.

The meeting closed at 7.30pm.

Chairman

Date