



**Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning and Environment Committee  
held at the Billingshurst Centre,  
on Wednesday 18 March 2020 at 7.00pm**

**Present**

Cllrs Dave Homer (Chairman), Graeme Acraman, Edna Bengner, Jon Perks and Sarah Wilson.

**In attendance**

J Booth, Assistant Clerk

**055/20** **Apologies for Absence.** Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Garry Commins (work commitment), Sue Kingston (unwell) and Sue Rogers (unwell). On the proposal of Cllr Dave Homer, seconded by Cllr Graeme Acraman, **RESOLVED** that these apologies and the reasons given be approved.

**056/20** **Declarations of Interest and notification of changes to members' interests.** There were no declarations of interest or notification of changes to members' interests.

**057/20** **Public Session.** There were no members of the public present.

**058/20** **Planning Applications.**

- i. **DC/19/2356** Demolition of existing single storey rear extension and erection of a two-storey side extension and erection of a rear dormer to existing dwelling. **1 DAUX ROAD, BILLINGSHURST.** This application has been permitted by HDC.
- ii. **DC/20/0448** Approval of all remaining reserved matters (i.e. appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) in relation to plot 14 within phase 2. **LAND NORTH OF HILLAND FARM, STANE STREET, 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 like to make the following comments:-
  - there are 20 parking spaces and two electric vehicle charging points which is the appropriate ratio but, for resilience reasons, more will be required in the future and it might be appropriate to install them now;
  - the road drainage gullies proposed are of a type which HGVs can cause to subside over time and they loosen and are noisy as vehicles pass over them. Can thought be given to providing the type of gully which is set back into the kerb instead?
  - in the surface water drainage statement it is proposed to restrict surface water discharge from the site at a rate of 42.6l/s. Given the amount of rainfall experienced this winter, maybe this should be re-examined and reassessed.

- iii. **DC/20/0469** Partial conversion of an existing detached double garage with first floor store room to form a single garage. **CEDARS BYRE, PARBROOK, BILLINGSHURST**. On the proposal of Cllr Sarah Wilson, seconded by Cllr Edna Bengler, **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council does not object to this application.
- iv. **DC/19/2396** Erection of 1 detached two storey dwelling and 2 semi-detached two storey dwellings with associated parking. **LAND ADJACENT TO NUMBER 81 ROMAN WAY, BILLINGSHURST**. On the proposal of Cllr Jon Perks, seconded by Cllr Sarah Wilson, **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council maintains its strong objection to this application. The amendment has not addressed any of the points previously made and, in fact, it was very difficult to understand what the changes were. Given that this is a Horsham District Council (HDC) application, they should be setting the standard and there should have been some sort of statement explaining what the changes are. Additionally, members would like to add that there does not appear to be a disabled vehicle parking place allocated to the accessible house. This would also have to be wider than the current provision to allow for doors opening wide.
- v. **DC/20/0500** Fell 1 x Tree (Works to Trees in a Conservation Area). **13 ROSEHILL, BILLINGSHURST**. On the proposal of Cllr Sarah Wilson, seconded by Cllrs Graeme Acraman, **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council would prefer that the tree had some surgery if that might be an option. If not, could a replacement tree (of a native species) be planted?

**059/20** **Update from the Local Plan Working Party.**

Cllr Jon Perks reported on the progress to date in compiling the Parish Council's response to the Draft Local Plan. Members and officers have been carrying out site assessments and policy reviews which can then be passed on to the Planning Consultant to inform the final response. An Extraordinary Main Council meeting will take place on 23 March to agree the response.

The Assistant Clerk had asked Glen Chipp, CEO, HDC if an extension on the deadline of 30 March might be granted in view of the current Covid-19 pandemic and the associated difficulty in Parish Councils meeting in public. HDC has said that no extension will be allowed.

**060/20** **Date of Next Meeting:** **Thursday 2 April 2020 at 7.30pm.**

The meeting closed at 7.30pm.

**Chairman**

**Date**