

Burwash Parish Council Planning Committee

Minutes of the Planning Committee

Held on the 22nd October 2019, at 7pm in Parish Room (Internet Room), Bear Car Park

Chair Cllr N. Moore, Vice-Chair Ian Rees, Cllr. Caulkin, Cllr. Franklin and Cllr Wraight

Public Time

- There was 1 member of the public present.

1) **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr McBride

2) **Disclosures of Interest**

None received.

3) **Correspondence to the Clerk**

- a. Court Lodge Farm. The Clerk had received a letter from the Agent, via Robert Banks, stating that the Planning Application for the animal incinerator at Court Lodge Farm had been withdrawn. However, nothing official has to date been received from Rother.
- b. RR/2018/1971/P Slutswell (Conversion holiday units). An email had been received from Matthew Worsley, Principle Planning Officer, in response to our comments, stating he could not advise of the time scale as the application had been reallocated to another officer.

4) **Proposed Dates Planning Meetings to July 2020.**

It was agreed that the Planning Meetings would be held on the following dates:

26th November 2019
17th December 2019
28th January 2019
25th February 2020
24th March 2020
28th April 2020
26th May 2020
23rd June 2020

However, it was acknowledged that, as the Weekly Planning Lists from Rother allow 21 days for comments, additional meetings may be necessary. Cllr. Wraight advised that she would be unable to attend on the dates for February and April 2020.

5) **Accuracy of the minutes of the previous meeting**

RESOLVED – The minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 7/10/19 were agreed, however as a copy of the minutes were not to hand, they would be signed as a correct record at the next meeting.

6) **Planning Applications**

(List No. 40 dated 8.10.19)

a. RR/2019/2047/P BURWASH

*110 Shrub Lane, Wild Thyme, Burwash TN19 7EB
Stable block.*

SUPPORT APPROVAL

The Members considered the development was suitable to the location.

b. RR/2019/2193/P BURWASH

DEL *British Red Cross Society Centre, Highfields, Burwash TN19 7HE
Removal of an old timber structure and replacement with two
semidetached small dwellings.*

SUPPORT REFUSAL

The members queried whether it should require change of use, as a Commercial use had previously been considered, and the Members maintained a policy of protecting commercial sites. It was in a prominent position and overbearing – it would invade the privacy of the neighbouring properties; there was also a question of whether any existing covenants would restrict this planned development. It was considered to be an overdevelopment, and outside the current development boundary. The design was considered to be out of keeping for this rural area.

c. RR/2019/2240/P BURWASH

DEL *Oakdown House, Swing Gate Hill, Burwash Common,
Burwash TN197JR
New therapy pool and enclosure building (alternative to planning
permission RR/2018/852/P).*

SUPPORT APPROVAL

(List No 41 dated 15.10.19)

d. RR/2019/2292/P BURWASH

DEL *Bough Farm Annex, Heathfield Road, Burwash Weald, Burwash TN19
7LQ
Removal of condition 3 imposed on RR/2010/338/P.*

SUPPORT REFUSAL.

The members were mindful of the conditions that had been attached to the original Planning Approval, that allowed this development to be used for family and restricted use for friends and did not believe that there was sufficient evidence that the circumstances had changed.

7) Information for noting or including on a future agenda

Nothing had been advised.

8) Enforcement Items – Strand Meadow.

An email had been received from Mark Bright, Rother Planning Enforcement Officer, regarding the Parish Council's complaint about the prominent advertisements displayed on the hoardings by Park Lane Group. He advised that there were no restrictions regarding height and colour under HSE requirements for the hoardings. However, in view of the residents' concerns, Mrs Shepherd, Senior Planning Officer, was in contact with the Park Lane Group towards perhaps changing the colour or height overall. He then advised that the Enforcement Complaint Case would be closed.

The Members were very concerned that Mr. Bright had closed the case. The advertisements are overpowering and an eyesore for the residents and it was understood that safety hoardings around a site should not be used for advertisements. Cllr. Newson had previously quoted this extract from Rother : 'If your hoarding is to be situated in any National Park, Area of

Outstanding Natural Beauty, Conservation Area, the Broads, or an Area of Special Control of Advertisements, you'll need to apply for express consent from the local authority.' Burwash is in an area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

ACTION: The Clerk to write to Senior Planning Officer Sarah Shepherd, pointing out that as Burwash is in the AONB then Planning consent is required for advertisements on hoardings, and that the Enforcement Complaint case should be reopened, and Burwash Parish Council should be kept updated on the negotiations.

9) Any Planning Results Received.

RR/2019/1683/P Rockhurst, Heathfield Road, Burwash.

Proposed erection first floor rear extension, rear ground floor conservatory and new first floor side window.

APPROVED

RR/2019/1872/P Furnace House, Heathfield Road, Burwash.

Erection garden outbuilding, associated landscaping and retaining walls.

APPROVED

10) Planning Training.

Cllrs. N. Moore and I. Rees had attended a Planning Training session that afternoon at Battle. They reported that it had been a very useful, but quite intense PowerPoint presentation, and that slides from the presentation would be sent out to the attendees, and they would share these slides with the members at the next meeting.

Meeting closed at 7.50pm.