

Burwash Parish Council Planning Committee

Minutes of the Planning Committee

Held on the 2nd November 2020, at 19.00

Due to the coronavirus crisis this meeting was held online using Zoom and was recorded.

Members Present: Chair Cllr. I Rees, Cllr. R Franklin, Cllr. A Newson,
Cllr. A. Stapylton-Smith and Cllr. B Wraight.

The meeting was opened by the Chair at 19.00

There were no members of public present.

1. Public Time.

2. Apologies for Absence.

Apologies were received from Cllr. Chapman.

3. Disclosures of Interest.

Cllr. Franklin declared a personal interest in Item 9.

4. Minutes from the previous meeting.

a) The minutes from the 19/10/20 were approved as an accurate record of the meeting.

Members **RESOLVED** to present these to Full Council for approval on the 10/11/20.

Action: Asst. Clerk to add to Full Council Agenda

b) The outstanding action point re. Oakleys Garage had been followed up and now awaiting a confirmed meeting date.

5. Planning Applications. (Standing item)

a) RR/2020/1615/P Longdown Meadow, Shrub Lane, Burwash TN19 7ED

Retrospective application for replacement of existing stabling to form residential annexe.

A site visit had taken place by Cllr Newson and Cllr Wraight with regards to the other recent retrospective planning application for a side story extension, discussed at the last meeting held on 19/10/20. Councillors had seen this annexe from the outside. It was confirmed that everything had been done tastefully and with great attention to detail.

Members **RESOLVED** to put the following comments on the portal:

Whilst disappointed to see another retrospective planning application for this property, members unanimously supported approval of the plans and noted the same high level of attention to detail as the previous application. It is the understanding of the Planning Committee that it will remain a residential annexe. Members request that the Burwash Dark Skies Policy be adhered to with regards to the installation of any external lighting.

Action: Asst. Clerk to add comments to portal – *completed 03/11/20 Ref. OWPC26095*

6. Any Planning results received (standing item)

a) RR/2020/1491/P Buxey, Hoppers Croft Lane, Burwash

Demolition of existing property to ground floor level. Extend and rebuild in accordance with approved application RR/2020/213/P Planning permission granted 20/10/20

Members noted permission had been granted.

b) RR/2020/1483/P 3 Wealden View, Shrub Lane, Burwash
Proposed detached timber framed garage. Planning Permission granted 16/10/20

Members noted permission had been granted.

7. Planning Appeals (standing item)

None

8. Enforcement (standing item)

None

9. Oakley's Garage

Cllr Rees has been in contact with Mr. Oakley to set up a meeting. With the new lockdown restrictions in place from 5/11/20 it was agreed this may have to take place via Zoom or otherwise wait for an in-person meeting after lockdown is lifted and guidelines permit a site visit. Cllr Rees will be accompanied by another councillor who will be confirmed once dates are put forward.

Action: Cllr Rees to confirm date with resident and then circulate to councillors.

10. Correspondence to the clerk (standing item)

- Parish Council was copied in correspondence to Cllr Barnes and Cllr Kirby-Green objecting to the Old Slaughterhouse application. The resident has sent their objection to Rother.
- Correspondence following up on meeting re. Oakleys which has been covered in above item 9.

11. Dark Skies policy for Planning Application Comments

A discussion was had by Members on how to incorporate the Dark Skies Policy into responses to planning applications. Members agreed the policy needed reviewing and reference was made to the Neighbourhood Plan and Environment Policy which both include reference to Dark Skies.

Pending a more detailed policy being formulated Members **RESOLVED** to include a routine reference in each planning application response to ask that the Burwash Dark Skies Policy be adhered to.

Action: Cllr Newson and Cllr Stapylton-Smith to check Environment Policy wording and report back.

Action: Councillors to research what other Parish Councils have as policy for Dark Skies and also the High Weald Unit.

Action: Asst. Clerk to add to future Agenda when more news.

12. Strand Meadow (standing item)

An application has been lodged and will feature on the next planning list due out on 3/11/20. Discussion was had on the best way of considering this application and a separate planning meeting will be organised on the 16/11/20 to enable ample discussion time.

Action: Asst. Clerk to circulate the application details and draw up the Agenda this week so residents have sufficient time to hear about the meeting and view the details on the website. All councillors are to be invited to attend this meeting.

Action: Asst. Clerk to circulate previous consultation results and Appeal report for previous application on this site.

13. Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment (HELAA)

Members agreed there were not any sites to put forward.

Action: Asst. Clerk to monitor and update Members when any further news.

14. Neighbourhood Development Plan

A brief verbal update was given of the EGM held that morning at 10am. Minutes of the EGM are available separately. A further steering group meeting is scheduled for 5/11/20.

15. Planning Consultations issued by The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government

A meeting is taking place with MP Huw Merriman and the working group set up by Save Our Fields on 6th November 2020.

NALC have now formulated their response to the government.

All consultation deadlines have now ended, and Cllr Newson was congratulated on her work in putting together the reports on behalf of Council. Credit was also given to Save Our Fields who have been very instrumental in organising a collated response from the community and involving local Parish Councils.

16. Information for noting or including on a future agenda.

- Strand Meadow

17. Date of next meeting

Next meeting dates are scheduled for:

- Mon 16 Nov 7pm – extra meeting to discuss Strand Meadow
- Mon 23 Nov 7pm
- Mon 14 Dec 7pm
- Mon 4 Jan 7pm
- Mon 25th Jan 7pm
- Mon 15th Feb 7pm
- Mon 8th March 7pm
- Mon 29th March 7pm