

Burwash Parish Council Planning Meeting

Minutes of the Planning Meeting

Held on the 25th January 2024, at 19.00 at the Parish Rooms

Members Present: Cllr. K. Lloyd (Chair), Cllr. R. Franklin. Cllr. T. Johns, Cllr. B. Pickering, Cllr. B. Newman and Cllr. T. Freedman.

Also Present: Cllr. J. Barnes.

The meeting started at 19.00.

There were 0 members of the public present.

1. Public Time.

- No members of the public were present.

2. Apologies for Absence.

Cllr. E. Kirby-Green and Cllr. C. Chapman.

3. Disclosures of Interest.

None.

4. Minutes for the previous meeting.

The Committee noted that the minutes of 04-01-24 were adopted at the Full Council meeting held on 09-01-24.

5. Planning Applications.

- a. RR/2023/2605/P: Celandine Cottage, Heathfield Road, Burwash, Demolish existing dilapidated conservatory. Construction of single storey extension to rear elevation. Alter existing rear dormer window and addition of window to bathroom.

Councillors voted to *support* this application with the following comments:

- Councillors would like to bring to the attention of the applicants the importance of the Dark Skies policy as adopted in the Burwash Neighbourhood Plan. This policy protects wildlife and species that rely on the dark skies within the parish to migrate, breed or feed. Any additional or large expanse of glass can increase light pollution that has the potential to jeopardise the species survival and, therefore, the Parish Council request that applicants respect this protected environment by either exploring specialised dark skies compliant glass or commit to fitting blinds / coverings to the glass.

Completed: OWPC44097.

- b. RR/2023/2622/P: Fieldcote, Vicarage Lane, Burwash Common, Burwash Proposed two storey side extension, single storey rear extension and loft conversion.

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exploring specialised dark skies compliant glass or commit to fitting blinds / coverings to the glass.

Completed: OWPC44098.

- c. RR/2022/840/P: Demolition of storage building and roadway. Construction of carbon negative live work unit, parking and restricted curtilage. Addition of landscape and biodiversity enhancements to the wider site and new access to the B2244. Stopping up of access to the northern boundary of the site.

Councillors voted to *object* to this application for the following reasons:

- BPC believe that the applicant is attempting to alter the interpretation of paragraph 84e (was 80e) of the NPPF to no longer be exceptional but to include standard housing.
- This application is outside of the development boundary.
- This application is a greenfield site within the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB).
- This application isn't cited in the Seddlescombe Neighbourhood Development Plan.
- A live / work unit has been identified as not being permissible when looking at paragraph 84e.
- The proposed design is not in keeping with its surrounding area.
- There is no support, comment or opinion given by the High Weald AONB Unit, despite claims otherwise.
- The design is factory built, easily replicable and does not reach the high level of paragraph 84e homes leaving it open to the rule of consistency in planning decisions and therefore replicable across the AONB. 9). Carbon efficiency credentials alone does not reach the high bar needed to evoke paragraph 84e.

Completed: OWPC44094.

- d. RR/2022/2690/P: Demolition of storage building and roadway. Construction of carbon negative live work unit, parking and restricted curtilage. Addition of landscape and biodiversity enhancements to the wider site and new access to the B2244. Stopping up access to the northern boundary of the site. Councillors to review additional documents on the portal.

Councillors voted to *object* to this application for the following reasons:

- Duplicate application to RR/2022/840/P. Waste of Council's resources & time.
- Objection already on portal.

6. Planning Results Received.

Councillors noted the planning results received.

7. Planning Appeals.

- a. RR/2023/569/PIP. Linkway appeal number [2973](#). The Clerk confirmed that this appeal has still not been allocated a case on the planning inspectorate portal: [Planning Inspectorate](#)

8. Enforcement.

- a. Councillors noted the most recent enforcement list.
- b. Clerk to pursue transport license information for Riverdell Farm. No update on Swan Inn Cottage or Burnt House Farm Vineyard.

9. Standards & Procedural Complaints Update.

The Clerk updated the Committee on recent correspondence received. Cllr. Franklin to update Full Council at the next meeting.

10. Information for noting on a future agenda.

None.

11. Date of next meeting.

Thursday 15th February 2024 – Burwash Parish Rooms.

Meeting ended: 19.55

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Cllr. Keith Lloyd

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