

Burwash Parish Council Planning Meeting

Minutes of the Planning Meeting

Held on the 20th March 2024, at 19.00 at the Parish Rooms

Members Present: Cllr. T. Johns, Cllr. B. Pickering, Cllr. C. Chapman and Cllr. K. Lloyd, Cllr. B. Newman.

Also Present: Cllr. J. Barnes

The meeting started at 19.00.

There was 1 member of the public present.

1. Public Time.

None requested.

2. Apologies for Absence.

Cllr. T. Freedman.

3. Disclosures of Interest.

None.

4. Minutes for the previous meeting.

The Committee noted that the minutes of 15-02-24 were adopted at the Full Council meeting held on 13-03-24.

5. Planning Applications.

- a. RR/2024/275/P: Kestrels, Witherenden Hill, Witherenden, Burwash Alterations to house including extension works, internal alterations and fenestration changes. Amendments to associated residential barn. Landscaping and driveway amendments.

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

- Support for this application is subject to the final decisions made by the listed building representatives and their agreement on the proposed alterations and extension.
- Councillors would like to request that if there isn't already a condition in place, Rother District Council tie the barn section of the property to the main residents either through a condition of permission or through a section 106 agreement.
- The applicant is requested to adhere to the Dark Skies policy as outlined in the Burwash Neighbourhood Plan when considering external lighting and light pollution from additional glazing to protect the wildlife that rely on the dark skies environment to thrive. Simple window coverings or specialist dark skies compliant glass are available to ensure this important environment.

Completed: OWPC44941.

- b. RR/2024/276/L: Kestrels, Witherenden Hill, Witherenden, Burwash Alterations to house including extension works, internal alterations and fenestration changes. Amendments to associated residential barn. Landscaping and driveway amendments.

Please see above comments for item 5.a.

- c. RR/2024/239/P: Glebe House, Etchingham Road, Burwash Renovation, extension and restoration of Glebe House to include the construction of a detached 3-bay garage.

Councillors voted to provide a *general comment* for this application:

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- Councillors are encouraged that the applicants are looking to improve and preserve this important building and recognise that changes to the building are necessary in order to make it habitable for the 21st century.
- Councillors noted their concern that a number of the documents, namely from Historic England and the ESCC County Archeologist cited issues with the proposed plans with a view to preserving some important historical elements of the original building.
- Councillors would urge the applicants to review the relevant documents carefully, get additional advice and ensure that they are following the correct process to conserve and preserve the relevant elements to the Grade II* listed building and surrounding land.
- Care also needs to be taken when introducing mass glazing in areas that currently have the status of being Dark Skies. In line with the Burwash Neighbourhood Plan, Dark Skies are an important policy that has been adopted to preserve and conserve wildlife that relies on the Dark Skies to thrive. Window coverings or specialist glass can be used to mitigate the risk to the species effected.

Completed: OWPC44942.

- d. RR/2024/240/L: Glebe House, Etchingam Road, Burwash Renovation, extension and restoration of Glebe House to include the construction of a detached 3-bay garage. Please see above comments for item 5.c.
- e. RR/2024/128/P: Little Dawes, Spring Lane, Burwash, TN19 7HU. Single storey rear extension. Councillors voted to *support* this application with no additional comment.

Completed: OWPC44940.

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 is now open to Councillors to provide a written representation. Councillors **RESOLVED** to submit a written representation to the inspectorate reiterating the concerns written for the original application with the removal of the sentence about the twitten / footpath.
Action: Clerk to provide the written representation as above.

Completed: Reference 1005686.

8. Enforcement.

- a. Councillors noted the most recent enforcement list included Mottynsden Oast, Spring Lane and **RESOLVED** to request that the Clerk include this on the planning agenda for the next meeting.
- b. Update on the following cases:
The Clerk noted that no update could be given on any of the enforcement issues on the agenda due to no response from the enforcement team.
Councillors **RESOLVED** to request that the Clerk write to the Kemi Erifevieme and Ben Hook to request updates.

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Cllr. Barnes reported that a new task force at RDC looking at enforcement was now in place so all comments should also include them.

9. Government Consultation on Planning.

Councillors discussed the consultation on planning and how it might affect Burwash and the wider parishes. Further reading and understanding needs to be conducted to assess the effects of the consultation. Clerk to place this on the next planning committee agenda.

10. Standards & Procedural Complaints Update.

The Clerk updated the Committee on the status of the complaint.

11. Information for noting on a future agenda.

Cllr. Lloyd noted a conversation with the new owner of the green space next to the BP Garage and advised that all discussions need to go through the Clerk in order to come directly to the Planning Committee.

12. Date of next meeting.

Thursday 4th April 2024 – Burwash Parish Rooms.

Meeting ended: 20.04

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Cllr. Keith Lloyd
Chair Planning Committee

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