

# Burwash Parish Council Planning Meeting

Minutes of the Planning Meeting  
Held on the 25<sup>th</sup> April 2024, at 19.00 at the Parish Rooms

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**Members Present:** Cllr. T. Johns, Cllr. K. Lloyd (Chair) and Cllr. T. Freedman.

**Also Present:** Cllr. J. Barnes.

**The meeting started at 19.01.**

There was 1 member of the public present.

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## 1. Public Time.

A resident raised the importance of enforcement and the local plan as being the key issues facing Burwash in his opinion. Councillors were invited to work with the Northern Parishes group to ensure that the local plan contains policies that protect the rivers and valleys unique to the area.

Cllr. Barnes noted that the local plan should be reviewed along with the High Weald AONB management plan and should include rivers, drove ways and other features within the High Weald.

## 2. Apologies for Absence.

Cllr. E. Kirby-Green, Cllr. B. Pickering, Cllr. B. Newman and Cllr. C. Chapman.

## 3. Disclosures of Interest.

None.

## 4. Minutes for the previous meeting.

Councillors noted that the minutes of the meeting held on 04-04-24 were adopted by Full Council at the meeting held on 09-04-24.

[Meeting Paused: 19.18]

[Meeting Resumed: 19.20]

## 5. Planning Applications.

- a. RR/2024/380/P: Strand Meadow - Land to the south west of, Burwash Variation of conditions 1, 3 and 4 imposed on planning permission RR/2023/1652/P to replace Plot 30 of the approved scheme (a four bedroom detached dwelling) with a pair of 2no. 2 bedroom semi detached houses, together with associated landscaping.

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

- Concern over the increase in the overall number of houses originally allocated. The previous outline permission for 30, this would increase the allocation to 31 on what is an already very contentious development for the parish.
- Concern over the number of allocated parking spaces being reduced to 1 per property although in line with newly published ESCC guidelines doesn't address the reality of 2 cars per household. Councillors noted the changes made to the guidelines were not intended for this kind of development.
- Continued concern over the drainage issues and infrastructure remains and have not been answered by this additional application.
- Continued concern over the design of the development not being in line with the High Weald design guide and the abundance of glazing at the rear of the properties is contrary to the Burwash Neighbourhood Plan 'Dark Skies' policy.

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*Completed: OWPC45263.*

- b. RR/2024/439/L: Green Farm, Heathfield Road, Burwash.  
Repairs to clay tile roof covering; some tile hung walls; dormer window roofs and associate works including the provision of a new insulated breather membrane over the rafters/studs in lieu of existing bitumen membrane.  
Councillors voted to *support* this application with the following comments:
- Council defer to the experience of the listed building experts and this support is conditional on agreement by the listed building team.

*Completed: OWPC45264.*

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*[Meeting Resumed: 19.25]*

- c. RR/2024/594/P: Shornfield Wood House, Shrub Lane, Burwash Ground floor extension with part first floor extension above. Conversion of garage. Hard and soft landscaping.  
Councillors voted to *object* to this application with the following comments:
- Proposed development is not characteristic of the neighbouring properties.
  - Proposed development is not in keeping with the surrounding area.
  - Proposed development is overdevelopment of the plot.
  - Proposed design does not comply with the High Weald Design Guide.
  - Expanse of glass in the proposed design is contrary to the Burwash Neighbourhood Plan Dark Skies policy.

*Completed: OWPC45082.*

## 6. Planning Results Received.

Councillors noted the planning results received.

## 7. Planning Appeals.

None to note. Clerk to keep up to date with the Linkways Appeal as to deadline & inform Committee.

*[Meeting Paused: 19.32]*

*[Meeting Resumed: 19.57]*

## 8. Enforcement.

- a. Councillors noted the most recent enforcement list.
- b. Update on the following cases:
- Swan Inn House, High Street. No update from enforcement officer.
  - Burnt House Vineyard, Burwash Common. Cllr. Kirby-Green in conversation with Rother regarding possible routes to follow on clearing of the land.
  - Riverdell Farm, School Hill / Kings Hill Road, Burwash. No update from enforcement officer.
  - Bunkers Hill Farm, Peartree Hill, Burwash Weald. Clerk is working with environmental health on the reported burning of waste on site.
  - Land between Ghyll Farm and Rye Green Farm, Burwash Weald. No update from site visit from enforcement officer. Clerk has notified Rother that the lorry associated with the trespass has now been abandoned in the car park.

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**Action:** Clerk to chase updates from enforcement officers for the next meeting.

**Action:** Clerk to look into a potential barn conversion taking place on the A265 next to Dudwell St Mary nursing home.

## 9. Local Plan Regulation 18 Consultation.

Councillors **RESOLVED** to include the link to the local plan on the parish website.

Councillors **RESOLVED** to consider the overall Burwash Parish Council response and take it to the next Full Council meeting for adoption.

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[Meeting Resumed: 19.58]

**Action:** Clerk to investigate the deadline for consultation and inform Committee. *Clerk's Note – 12-week consultation started on 4<sup>th</sup> March so deadline would be week commencing 27<sup>th</sup> May 2024.*

## 10. Information for noting on a future agenda.

- Linkway appeal update.
- Neighbourhood development plan update.
- Local Plan consultation.

## 11. Date of next meeting.

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2024 – Burwash Parish Rooms.

**Meeting ended: 20.10**

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Cllr. Keith Lloyd  
Chair Planning Committee