

Minutes of a meeting of the **PLANNING and DEVELOPMENT** Committee held  
remotely on Monday 11th January 2021 at 7.30pm

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Present	Councillors	Peter Bucklitsch Martyn Garrett Geoffrey Higginson* Richard Jury Chris Moss* Alan Penney Ron Reed Greg Rose Colin Stocks	Vice - Chairman  Chairman
Also present		Tracie White	Committee Clerk

\*Denotes non-attendance

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## APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr Geoffrey Higginson and Cllr Chris Moss.

## DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Alan Penney declared a prejudicial interest in Planning Application WD/2020/2031/F due to his position as Director of the company that owns Mill Drive.

## MINUTES

### Minutes of the meeting held remotely on the 26<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Following an amendment to page numbering and resolution numbering (due to the discovery of a clerical error), the Committee agreed to re-ratify the minutes from 26<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

- 9211 RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> October 2020 as confirmed be ratified by the Chairman.

### Minutes of the meeting held remotely on the 7<sup>th</sup> December 2020

It had previously been reported that CTC have created a report to be used as a framework to allow them to robustly and effectively challenge inappropriate development submission requests. Resolution number 9203 had agreed that this report be sent to WDC along with a covering letter to be signed by Chair of Planning & development, Chair of Environment and Town Mayor. A member asked for confirmation whether the covering letter and report have been circulated.

The Chair agreed to liaise with the Town Clerk to confirm.

A requirement to discuss Section 106 Agreement spending had been raised at the meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> December. It was agreed that this be added as an Agenda item for the meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> January.

- 9212**     **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2020 as confirmed be ratified by the Chairman

## **NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

- 9213**     **RESOLVED** that the observations on planning and licencing issues below be submitted to the Planning & Licensing Authority for consideration

**Application No. WD/2020/2377/F Application Type: Full**

**Location:** 11 BRIDGER WAY, CROWBOROUGH, TN6 2XD

**Description:** FIRST FLOOR SIDE AND REAR EXTENSION TO AN EXISTING PROPERTY.

**Observations: Recommends Approval**

**Town Council Comments:** The Town Council has no comment.

**Application No. WD/2019/1468/PO Application Type: Planning Obligation**

**Location:** LAND AT WALSH MANOR FARM, WALSHES ROAD, CROWBOROUGH, TN6 3RB

**Description:** MODIFICATION OF SECTION 106 AGREEMENT DATED 18 DECEMBER 2015 ATTACHED TO PLANNING PERMISSION WD/2014/1565/MEA (DEVELOPMENT OF 160 RESIDENTIAL DWELLINGS INCLUDING 56 AFFORDABLE DWELLINGS, COMPRISING 2 NO. 1 BED APARTMENTS, 31 NO. 2 BED HOUSES, 75 NO. 3 BED HOUSES AND 52 NO. 4 BED HOUSES, TOGETHER WITH ASSOCIATED ACCESS AND PARKING PROVISION, OPEN SPACE AND PLAY AREAS. PROPOSED CHANGE OF USE OF AGRICULTURAL LAND TO SUITABLE ALTERNATIVE NATURAL GREEN SPACE (SANGS) WITH PROVISION OF ASSOCIATED CAR PARKING FACILITIES) TO ENABLE THE HIGHWAY WORKS TO BE COMPLETED PRIOR TO OCCUPATION OF THE 140TH DWELLING RATHER THAN THE 1<sup>ST</sup> DWELLING.

**Observations: Recommends Refusal**

**Town Council Comments:** Crowborough Town Council (CTC) is disappointed that Wealden District Council (WDC) has granted planning permission for numerous developments along Walshes Road, all of which will create significant disruption to highway users in that area. In light of WDC's decisions to date, CTC fully expects that WDC will capitulate to the developer's unreasonable request to a further delay to the important highway works to which the developer agreed when planning permission was first granted. Nonetheless, CTC objects to this request for an additional delay, and urges WDC to enforce the original planning condition.

**Application No. WD/2020/2307/FR     Application Type: Full - Retrospective**

**Location:** 4 WINDSOR COURT, WINDSOR ROAD, CROWBOROUGH, TN6 2HT.

**Description:** PART RETROSPECTIVE APPLICATION FOR THE ERECTION OF A SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION.

**Observations: Recommends Refusal**

**The Town Council comments:** Refusal recommended due to the extension being out of keeping with materials used in the surrounding area; over development of site; intrusion on neighbouring properties; the intention on creating a separate dwelling being unclear; the pollution control report being flawed in relation to drainage as it is contradictory.

**Application No. WD/2020/2376/F Application Type: Full**

**Location:** THE WELL HOUSE, LORDSWELL LANE, CROWBOROUGH, TN6 1HX

**Description:** PROPOSED DOUBLE GARAGE AND WOODEN CANOPY OVER OUTSIDE OVEN ON THE EXISTING TERRACE.

**Observations: Recommends Approval**

**Town Council Comments:** The Town Council recommends approval on the basis that the alteration not be divisible from the main property in the future.

19.59 Cllr Penney left the meeting.

**Application No. WD/2020/2031/F Application Type: Full**

**Location:** ASKEW COTTAGE, MILL DRIVE, CROWBOROUGH, TN6 2RR

**Description:** SINGLE STOREY SIDE EXTENSION TO REPLACE EXISTING GARAGE, PROVIDE DISABLED ACCESS WITH NEW FRONT AND REAR DORMER WINDOWS

**Observations: Recommends Approval**

**Town Council Comments:** The Town Council has no comment.

20:03 Cllr Penney returned to the meeting.

**Application No. WD/2020/2384/F Application Type: Full**

**Location:** CALVERLEY, CHURCH ROAD, CROWBOROUGH, TN6 1BN

**Description:** SINGLE STOREY EXTENSION TO THE RIGHT HAND SIDE OF THE PROPERTY AND TWO STOREY EXTENSION TO THE LEFT HAND SIDE.

**Observations: Recommends Approval**

**Town Council Comments:** The Town Council has no comment.

**Application No. WD/2020/2512/F Application Type: Full**

**Location:** LITTLE SWEETHAWS, SWEETHAWS LANE, CROWBOROUGH, TN6 3SS

**Description:** APPLICATION FOR RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT FOR 1 NO. DWELLING.

**Observations: Recommends Refusal**

**Town Council Comments:** Refusal recommended on the basis that the property is outside the development boundary; is within the AONB; does not meet the NPPF design and access statement for sustainable development for new builds; that there are access issues with the narrow road.

**Application No. WD/2020/1150/FR Application Type: Full - Retrospective**

**Location:** COLUMBINE, GREEN LANE, CROWBOROUGH, TN6 2BX

**Description:** PART RETROSECTIVE REAR BALCONY SERVING BI-FOLD DOORS WITH STAIRCASE LEADING TO GARDEN AREA. Balcony reduced in size with screening on both side elevations and addition of stairs leading to garden..

**Observations: Recommends Approval**

**Town Council Comments:** The Town Council has no comment.

**Application No. WD/2020/2430/F Application Type: Full**

**Location:** LAND ADJ, MERRIFIELD, AVIEMORE ROAD, CROWBOROUGH, TN6 1QX

**Description:** CONSTRUCTION OF DWELLING WITH SEPARATE CAR PORT AND ACCESS DRIVEWAY.

**Observations: Recommends Approval**

**Town Council Comments:** The Town Council has no comment.

**DECISION NOTICES** (attached to agenda)

Noted

**CONSULTATION ON 'PUBLICATION OF LOCAL PLAN – DIRECTION OF TRAVEL'**

The draft consultation report was discussed.

The Committee proposed that amendments be made to questions 24, 29, 36-40 and 61. Cllr Jury will make amendments to parts 24, 29 and 61. Questions 36-40 will adopt the responses in the report from Cllr Stocks.

- 9214** **RESOLVED** that the Direction of Travel draft report be adopted once the above-mentioned amendments have been made.

**URGENT MATTERS AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIRMAN FOR NOTING**

Cllr Bucklitsch advised that he had attended the last WDC Planning North meeting and intends to attend the next one.

**DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING.**

The date of the next remote meeting is Monday 25th January 2020 at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 20: 49