

Minutes of a meeting of the **PLANNING and DEVELOPMENT**
Committee held in the Council Offices, Pine Grove, Crowborough
on Monday 5th June 2023 at 7.30pm

Present	Councillors	Suzanne Dixon Martyn Everitt Martyn Garrett Richard Jury Kay Moss Matthew Street Alan Penney Natalie Whittle	Chairman Vice – Chairman
Also present		Caroline Miles	Town Clerk
		1 x member of the public.	

*Denotes non-attendance

APOLOGIES

None

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held on the 16th and 22nd May 2023

- 10134** **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 16th May and the 22nd May 2023 as confirmed are ratified by the Chairman.

NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- 10135** **RESOLVED** that the observations on planning and licencing issues below be submitted to the Planning & Licensing Authority for consideration.

Application No. WD/2023/1263/RM Application Type: Reserved Matters

Location: SOUTHBROOK, GREEN LANE, CROWBOROUGH, TN6 2XB.

Description: RESERVED MATTERS PURSUANT TO OUTLINE APPLICATION WD/2022/0177/O SCALE, DESIGN, APPEARANCE, LAYOUT, ACCESS, LANDSCAPING, TIME FOR COMMENCEMENT.

Observations: Recommend approval on the condition that the work must commence within one year as opposed to three.

Town Council Comments: Members noted that a period of three years before the commencement of work on the property would be unfair on neighbouring properties, particularly as outline permission was granted in 2022.

The trees and hedges around the boundary of the property should be retained.

Application No. WD/2023/1309/F Application Type: Major Application - Full

Location: KIRNAN, MYRTLE ROAD, CROWBOROUGH, TN6 1EY.

Description: DEMOLITION OF EXISTING ATTACHED GARAGE. PROPOSED SINGLE-STOREY SIDE EXTENSION TO FORM RESIDENTIAL ANNEXE.

Observations: Recommend approval on the condition that the residential annexe must not become divisible from the existing property.

Town Council Comments: The Town Council has no comment.

Application No. WD/2023/1267/FR Application Type: Type: Full - Retrospective

Location: GREENWOOD HOUSE, WALSHES ROAD, CROWBOROUGH, TN6 3RE.

Description: PART RETROSPECTIVE APPLICATION FOR THE CONVERSION OF GARAGE TO LIVING ACCOMMODATION, DETACHED DOUBLE GARAGE, SOLAR PANELS.

Observations: Recommend approval

Town Council Comments: The Town Council has no comment.

Application No. WD/2023/1268/F Application Type: Full

Location: ASH TREE HOUSE, WALSHES ROAD, CROWBOROUGH, TN6 3RE.

Description: CONVERSION OF GARAGE INCLUDING REMOVAL OF GARAGE DOOR AND SIDE DOOR AND ADDITION OF 2NO WINDOWS. DETACHED DOUBLE GARAGE. SOLAR PANELS.

Observations: Recommend approval.

Town Council Comments: The Town Council has no comment.

DECISION NOTICES (attached to agenda)

Noted.

STREET NAMING CONSULTATION

To consider street names for the development at Palesgate Lane

Members noted the report and considered the Council's list of approved street names.

- 10136 RESOLVED** that the following street names are submitted for consideration for the development of land at Palesgate Lane and Green Lane Steel Cross.

Broadstone
Churlwood
Duddleswell
Hindleap
Hollies
Lintons
Pippingford
Vachery

It was noted that some of the names currently on the approved list are too close to current street names and would therefore be refused by Wealden District Council.

Members agreed that the following should be removed from the Council's approved street names.

Birds of Ashdown Forest

Blackcap
Bullfinch
Cuckoo
Goldfinch
Goldcrest
Fieldfare
Linnet
Stone chat

It was also agreed to remove Woodpecker as it has been used.

Car parks of Ashdown Forest

Blackhill
King's Standing
Quarry
Shadow
Shepherds
Stonehill
Twyford

Connections to the Ashdown Forest

It was agreed to remove Heather as it has been used.

Historical Connections

It was noted the names of the 9 Canadian soldiers killed by a flying bomb in Crowborough had been used and therefore should be deleted from the list.

It was noted that the surname Brookbank was too close to another Crowborough street name and therefore should be deleted. However, it was agreed to leave the name on the list pending a decision that the council use the name elsewhere.

It was suggested that a list of Sussex Castles and Sussex beaches are added to the list. It was agreed that CTC's approved street names list should be included in the next agenda and that the list of castle and beach names should be submitted to the clerk for inclusion with the agenda.

CONSERVATION AREA RESTRICTIONS

To discuss conservation area restrictions and agree any further action

Standing Orders were suspended to allow a member of the public to speak.

A member of the public spoke about Wealden District Council's listing of Crowborough's Conservation area.

Standing orders were re-instated.

It was noted that the current conservation area did not include notable buildings such as the Almshouses or the Community Church because the buildings were juxtaposed with modern buildings. It was agreed that in view of the recent, seemingly minor, planning approvals in the high street, that there was a creeping encroachment which would culminate in changes to the conservation area and the street scene.

It was agreed that the Wealden District Council should be lobbied in order to protect the area for future generations.

10137 RESOLVED that the clerk write to the Head of WDC planning to express the committee's concern regarding the encroachment of the conservation area in Crowborough.

It was noted that Crowborough's conservation area should be listed on the Town Council website.

It was agreed that listed buildings of note should be protected in Crowborough and that they would be included in the Council's vision document to try and protect Crowborough's heritage. The Vision Document produced in 2010 was adopted by WDC.

A member noted that by adopting a neighbourhood plan the council would be able to preserve areas and buildings that were important to the town.

It was noted that a neighbourhood plan can take up to three years to complete and as Wealden District Council's local plan is nearing fruition the Council's Vision Document would be better placed to protect those assets.

A motion was made that a proposal should be made to Full Council to adopt a Neighbourhood plan.

The motion was seconded.

3 voted for the motion, five against.

The motion was not carried.

URGENT MATTERS AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIRMAN FOR NOTING.

It was noted that an application had been made to close Palesgate Lane due to development works taking place. It was further noted that permission to undertake the works had been given on the understanding that access was available.

DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING.

The date of the next meeting is Monday 26th June 2023 at 19:30hrs.

The meeting closed at 20:40 hrs.