Minutes of a meeting of the **PLANNING and DEVELOPMENT**Committee held in the Council Offices, Pine Grove, Crowborough on Monday 25th September 2023 at 7.30pm

Present Councillors Suzanne Dixon

Martyn Everitt Martyn Garrett David Hedges*

Richard Jury Chairman

Kay Moss Vice – Chairman

Matthew Street Alan Penney Simon Ryder Natalie Whittle

Also present Tracie White Minute Taking Administrator

One member of the public in the chamber

APOLOGIES

None.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held on the 4th September 2023

It was noted that the Agenda contained the incorrect date of 7th August. The minutes of 4th September will therefore be ratified at the Planning & Development meeting of 16th October 2023.

NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS

10259 RESOLVED that the observations on planning and licencing issues below be submitted to the Planning & Licensing Authority for consideration.

Application No. WD/2022/0556/ANR Application Type: Major Application - Retrospective Non-illuminated Advertisement

Location: MILLBROOK BUSINESS PARK, SYBRON WAY, CROWBOROUGH, TN6 3JZ

Description: RETENTION OF ADVANCE DIRECTION SIGNS.

Observations: Recommends Approval

Town Council Comments: The town council has no comment.

^{*}Denotes non-attendance

Application No. WD/2023/1157/F Application Type: Full

Location: HARLEQUIN YARD, HARLEQUIN LANE, CROWBOROUGH, TN6 1HT

Description: PROPOSED SMALL SINGLE AND TWO-STOREY PITCHED ROOF EXTENSIONS TO EXISTING BUILDING IN KEEPING WITH EXISTING BUILDING AND SURROUNDING AREA. CHANGE OF USE FROM THREE UNITS OF COMMERCIAL/BUSINESS/SERVICE TO THREE SELF-CONTAINED TWO-BEDROOM FLATS WITH AMENITY SPACES AND FACILITIES.

Observations: Recommends Refusal

Town Council Comments: Refusal recommended based on overdevelopment of the plot due to the level of occupancy/number of flats proposed. The town council believes that the long, narrow entrance with suggested parking will cause difficulties for the refuse collection services and emergency service vehicles. Additionally, there is a lack of amenity space, the turning circle for vehicles appears to be inadequate in size and the neighbouring properties will be overlooked. The town council also opposes the choice of materials used, namely astroturf, and it would like to see a more natural and permeable choice made. Finally, the recent minor amendments have not changed the council's view as stated above.

Application No. WD/2023/2015/F Application Type: Full

Location: RED TILES, QUEENS ROAD, CROWBOROUGH, TN6 1EJ

Description: SINGLE STOREY EXTENSIONS TO SIDE AND REAR. ALTERATIONS TO ROOF AND CHANGE OF ROOF COVERING AND GUTTERING, INCLUDING REMOVAL OF CHIMNEY. RENDERING AND CLADDING OF EXTERIOR, AND INSTALLATION OF REPLACEMENT WINDOWS.

Observations: Recommends Approval

Town Council Comments: The town council has no comment.

Application No. WD/2023/2129/O Application Type: Outline

Location: JOHN HARRIS MOTORCYCLES LTD, WHITEHILL ROAD, CROWBOROUGH, TN6 1JS

Description: 2 NO. DWELLINGS. **Observations: Recommends Refusal**

Town Council Comments: Refusal recommended due to overdevelopment of the plot and lack of amenity space. Additionally, the council believe that this development would impact the parking for the nearby flat conversion that has already been given planning approval as it would deprive these properties of spaces.

Application No. WD/2023/2251/F Application Type: Full

Location: WELLWOOD, ERIDGE ROAD, STEEL CROSS, CROWBOROUGH, TN6 2XA **Description:** DEMOLITION OF EXISTING GARAGE AND ERECTION OF 1NO DETACHED DWELLING.

Observations: Recommends Refusal

Town Council Comments: The proposal is over development of the plot and there are several trees close to the property boundary, the growth of which will be compromised by the development.

Additionally, the town council believe that the proposed parking is unworkable as it affects the donor property and there appears to be insufficient turning space to enable users to drive forwards from the spaces. Given that the route is both a classified road, and a bus and lorry route, reversing from the spaces is less than ideal. Furthermore, additional onstreet parking could potentially prove hazardous.

Application No. WD/2023/2252/F Application Type: Type: Full

Location: WELLWOOD, ERIDGE ROAD, STEEL CROSS, CROWBOROUGH, TN6 2XA **Description:** AMENDMENTS TO ROOF DESIGN TO PROVIDE PITCHED ROOF.

Observations: Recommends Approval

Town Council Comments: The town council has no comment.

Application No. WD/2023/1859/AN Application Type: Type: Non-Illuminated

Advertisement

Location: M AND CO LTD, THE BROADWAY, CROWBOROUGH, TN6 1BU

Description: 1 NO. FASCIA SIGN, 1NO. PROJECTING SIGN AND VINYL WINDOW GRAPHICS.

Observations: Recommends Approval

Town Council Comments: The town council has no comment.

DECISION NOTICES (attached to agenda)

The decision notices were acknowledged.

STREET NAMING DECISION

To note the report.

The report was noted. Members discussed the street naming process for future developments.

URGENT MATTERS AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIRMAN FOR NOTING.

The chairman advised members that the nail bar in the high street has changed its signage to a protruding, illuminated one without planning permission. The location of the nail bar is within the conservation area. Members discussed reporting the issue to planning enforcement.

DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING.

The date of the next meeting is Monday 16th October 2023 at 19:30hrs.

The meeting closed at 20: 13 hrs.