

Minutes of a meeting of the **PLANNING and DEVELOPMENT**
Committee held in the Council Offices, Pine Grove, Crowborough
on Monday 6th November 2023 at 7.30pm

Present	Councillors	Suzanne Dixon Martyn Everitt Martyn Garrett David Hedges Richard Jury Kay Moss Matthew Street Alan Penney Simon Ryder* Natalie Whittle	Chairman Vice – Chairman
Also present		Tracie White	Minute Taking Administrator
		Three members of the public in the chamber	

*Denotes non-attendance

APOLOGIES

Cllr Simon Ryder

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held on the 16th October 2023

- 10303 RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 16th October 2023 as confirmed be ratified by the Chairman.

NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- 10304 RESOLVED** that the observations on planning and licencing issues below be submitted to the Planning & Licensing Authority for consideration.

The Chairman moved to hear Item 4.7, 4.5 and 4.5 first due to members of public present with an interest in the items.

A member of the public spoke in support of Application WD/2023/2470/F. As the owner of the property, she stated that when the original fence had been erected, they had been unaware that planning permission was required. The original retrospective application had been rejected by Wealden District Council (WDC) due to the height of the fence. She said that they have since removed the trellis from the top of the fencing and it now measures 1.2metres in height. They have erected the fence to obtain more privacy from the neighbouring property.

Application No. WD/2023/2470/F Application Type: Full

Location: 22 SIMONS CLOSE, CROWBOROUGH, TN6 2XU

Description: ERECTION OF FENCE.

Observations: Recommends Approval

Town Council Comments: The town council has no comment.

Two members of public left the chamber at 19:32 hrs.

Application No. WD/2023/2443/F Application Type: Full

Location: FERNLEA, BEACON ROAD, CROWBOROUGH, TN6 1UL

Description: INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL REFURBISHMENT AND RESTORATION WORKS INCLUDING REPLACEMENT WINDOWS, NEW PORCH, REPAIRS TO RENDER AND CHANGES TO GROUND LEVELS AROUND THE PERIMETER OF THE HOUSE.

Observations: Recommends Approval

Town Council Comments: Approval is recommended with the caveat that the unique window feature remains.

Application No. WD/2023/2444/LB Application Type: Listed Building Consent

Location: FERNLEA, BEACON ROAD, CROWBOROUGH, TN6 1UL

Description: INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL REFURBISHMENT AND RESTORATION WORKS INCLUDING REPLACEMENT WINDOWS, NEW PORCH, REPAIRS TO RENDER AND CHANGES TO GROUND LEVELS AROUND THE PERIMETER OF THE HOUSE.

Observations: Recommends Approval

Town Council Comments: Approval is recommended with the caveat that the unique window feature remains.

A member of public left the chamber at 19:34 hrs.

Application No. WD/2023/0178/LB Application Type: Listed Building Consent

Location: REDBRIDGE FARM, REDBRIDGE LANE, CROWBOROUGH, TN6 3SR

Description: ROOF OVERHAUL AND REPAIR WORKS.

Observations: Recommends Approval

Town Council Comments: The town council has no comment.

Application No. WD/2023/2407/FR Application Type: Full - Retrospective

Location: 7 SEFTON WAY, CROWBOROUGH, TN6 2TE

Description: RETROSPECTIVE PERMISSION FOR ALTERATIONS TO EXISTING DRIVE INCLUDING REDUCING GROUND LEVEL AND PROVISION OF RETAINING WALL AND 1.8M CLOSE BOARD FENCE. DETACHED STORE BUILDING TO FRONT DRIVE.

Observations: Recommends Refusal

Town Council Comments: Refusal recommended due to the excessive height of the fencing on the retaining wall, the negative impact on the street scene due to the fence height, the domineering height of the outbuilding which is also out of keeping with the area and other houses in the close. The council also has some concern that surface water run-off may cause flooding due to the loss of permeable surface area.

Application No. WD/2023/2415/F Application Type: Full

Location: THE WHITE HOUSE, REDBRIDGE LANE, CROWBOROUGH, TN6 3SR

Description: INSTALLATION OF SOLAR ARRAY AND SHED.

Observations: Recommends Approval

Town Council Comments: Approval recommended on the basis that the hedge remain at a sufficient height to screen the panels from the road.

Application No. WD/2023/2469/FR Application Type: Full - Retrospective

Location: 40 BROOKLANDS AVENUE, CROWBOROUGH, TN6 3BP

Description: RETROSPECTIVE CHANGE OF USE OF GARAGE (C3) TO A DOG GROOMING PARLOUR (SUI GENERIS).

Observations: Recommends Approval

Town Council Comments: The town council has no comment.

Application No. WD/2023/2503/F Application Type: Full

Location: 2 SEFTON CHASE, CROWBOROUGH, TN6 2TG

Description: REAR EXTENSION AND FIRST FLOOR FRONT EXTENSION.

Observations: Recommends Refusal

Town Council Comments: Refusal recommended on the basis that the plans are limited and incomplete.

Application No. WD/2023/2531/F Application Type: Full

Location: MAPLE COTTAGE, FERMOR ROAD, CROWBOROUGH, TN6 3AW

Description: CONVERSION OF GARAGE INCLUDING REMOVAL OF GARAGE DOOR AND REPLACEMENT WITH WINDOW AND DOOR.

Observations: Recommends Approval

Town Council Comments: Approval recommended on the basis that the conversion remain part of the main property and not be sub divided into a separate dwelling in the future.

Application No. WD/2023/2535/F Application Type: Full

Location: FOREST HILLS, GLENMORE ROAD, CROWBOROUGH, TN6 1TN

Description: PROPOSED SINGLE STOREY SIDE EXTENSION.

Observations: Recommends Approval

Town Council Comments: The town council has no comment.

Application No. WD/2023/2542/F Application Type: Full

Location: 8 WINDSOR PLACE, JARVIS BROOK, TN6 2HU

Description: REMOVAL OF EXISTING PORCH AND REPLACED WITH A LARGER PORCH AND SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION.

Observations: Recommends Approval

Town Council Comments: The town council has no comment.

Application No. WD/2023/2572/F Application Type: Full

Location: 17 FOREST RISE, JARVIS BROOK, TN6 2EP

Description: DEMOLITION OF EXISTING SIDE PORCH AND ERECTION OF TWO STOREY SIDE EXTENSION.

Observations: Recommends Approval

Town Council Comments: The town council has no comment.

Application No. WD/2023/2602/F Application Type: Full

Location: FERN COTTAGE, ERIDGE ROAD, STEEL CROSS, CROWBOROUGH, TN6 2SS

Description: NEW RESIDENTIAL ACCESS.

Observations: Recommends Refusal

Town Council Comments: Refusal recommended due to the loss of mature hedge, the additional access point onto a busy road, the application being detrimental to the fabric of a listed building and the fact that there is no application form registered which renders the application incomplete.

Application for Lawful Development

Application No. WD/2023/2404/LDE Application Type: Lawful Development

Location: SHORNBROOK COTTAGE, GREEN LANE, CROWBOROUGH, TN6 2XB

Description: APPLICATION IS TO SEEK A LAWFUL DEVELOPMENT CERTIFICATE FOR GARDEN SUMMERHOUSE (CONSTRUCTED AND COMPLETED IN APRIL 2016) DEEMED LEGITIMATE BY TIME.

Town Council Comments: The town council has no evidence to offer.

DECISION NOTICES (attached to agenda)

The decision notices were noted.

URGENT MATTERS AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIRMAN FOR NOTING.

The chairman notified members that Wealden District Council appears to have amended its listed building process. Listed Building applications will not always have a standard application supporting them going forward.

DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING.

The date of the next meeting is Monday 27th November 2023 at 19:30hrs.

The meeting closed at 20:20 hrs.