

HENFIELD PARISH COUNCIL
PLANS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting of the Plans Advisory Committee
held on Thursday 2nd July 2020 at 12.30pm via Zoom conferencing.

Present: Cllrs R Shaw, M Eastwood, A Rickard, E Goodyear, G Perry, A Donoghue and J Potts.

In attendance: Mrs R Grantham (Administrator).

It was **PROPOSED** by Cllr Eastwood, **SECONDED** by Cllr Goodyear and all agreed for Cllr Shaw to Chair this meeting.

MINUTES

1. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

None

2. APOLOGIES

None received.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 18th JUNE 2020

It was noted that Cllr Shaw was not noted as present at the previous meeting. An amended copy of the minutes to be printed for signing in the parish office at a later date.

Action Point: The administrator to amend the 18th of June 2020 minutes and re print for signing in the parish office.

4. MATTERS ARISING

The Chairman has drafted a letter of response to the resident concerned regarding the Station Stores development. This is awaiting approval by the Clerk.

Cllr Eastwood confirmed that he has submitted the Infrastructure Delivery Plan review to Horsham District Council and that he will update the Parish Council version with the information regarding the school supplied by Cllr Donoghue. The Chairman asked whether there was an order of preference for projects. Cllr Eastwood confirmed that the projects are ranked 1-10, and that this will become more important as CIL is introduced as there will be more choice given to the parish council over which projects are funded.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting.

OPEN FORUM

There were no members of the public present at the meeting.

The Chairman reconvened the meeting.

Cllr Potts joined the meeting.

5. CONSULTATION ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS

DC/20/1111

Mobile Home, Catsfold Farm, West End Lane, Henfield
Replacement farm house for owners of the agricultural holding
Mr & Mrs Williams

Objection, 5 in favour and 2 abstentions. Contrary to HDPF policies 2, 3, 20, 25, 26, 28, 28.2, 32 and 33. The committee commented that to state Henfield Parish Council and Horsham District Council are not fulfilling land supply is incorrect. Henfield have a Neighbourhood Plan ready to go to referendum and does not support development in this area. Please link this application to that submitted by Catsfold Farm DC/20/0178.

DC/20/0604

Rye Farm, Hollands Lane, Henfield

Prior approval of proposed change of use of agricultural building to a dwellinghouse (Use Class C3), and for associated operational development.

Mr & Mr Barrott

Objection, all agreed. Contrary to HDPF policies 1, 2, 4, 25, 26, 31, 33, 34 and 38. The committee commented that the ecology submission should not be given weight as it is a desktop review. Henfield Parish Council are working with other parishes and Sussex Wildlife Trust in order to establish whether this area should become a designated Local Wildlife Site.

DC/20/1043

11 Gresham Place, Henfield

Erection of a single storey rear extension

Mr J Knight

No objection, all agreed.

DC/20/1159

The Orchard, Blackgate Lane, Henfield

Fell x 1 Silver Birch

Mr J Marsh

Objection, 5 in favour and 2 abstentions. There was insufficient information provided in order to establish the need to fell the tree.

6. APPEALS

None.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

8. HORSHAM DISTRICT LOCAL PLAN

Cllr Eastwood explained that although smaller sites were narrowed down by Horsham District Council (HDC), the strategic ones were not, so it was hardly surprising to see such a large volume of responses in the Consultation. He also noted the difficulties that the Parish Council have encountered in dealing with the response to the Local Plan as well as the Infrastructure Review during the Covid 19 pandemic. He stated that he is keen to see some decisions made and for the plan to move forward as without a plan there is a risk of exposure to speculative developers. He is not in favour of a further delay and commented that this is also important for residents peace of mind as well as for the Parish Council to understand its responsibilities in support of the Local Plan. Cllr Potts confirmed that HDC are still working towards the current deadline of November. The Chairman asked whether a response or any other action is needed from the parish council. Cllr Eastwood suggested recommending we send a written response for endorsement by full Council at the meeting next week, and that this response could also be copied to the local MP. He offered to draft some bullet points to be included in the response. Cllrs Donoghue and Rickard agreed, as did Cllr Potts who also suggested that members of the Inter-Parish Group may wish to do the same. Cllr Potts also confirmed that there is likely to be a small reduction in housing numbers to 935 per annum (previously 965) across the district following a check of the formula.

Action Point: Cllr Eastwood to draft a response to HDC in the form of bullet points, to aid discussion at the Full Council meeting next Tuesday the 7th of July.

9. ANY OTHER URGENT MATTERS TO BE RAISED BY COUNCILLORS

Cllr Goodyear asked Cllr Potts whether there was any further information on how members of the public can attend planning meetings at HDC.

Action Point: Cllr Potts to email the administrator with guidance.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 16th July 2020 at 12.30pm via Zoom conferencing.

It was noted by Councillors that meetings of this committee are likely to return to 7pm in September at the earliest, or in line with when there is change in time for the full council meetings.

Meeting Closed 1.23pm.