

HENFIELD PARISH COUNCIL
PLANS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**Notes from a meeting of the Plans Advisory Committee
held on Thursday 25th March 2021 at 7:00pm via Zoom conferencing.**

MINUTES

Present: Cllrs E Goodyear (Chairman), M Eastwood, G Perry, A Rickard and R Shaw.

In Attendance: Mrs B Samrah (Parish Administrator)

1. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

There were none.

2. APOLOGIES

Cllrs J Potts and N Stevens

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 11TH MARCH 2021

These were approved and the Chairman agreed to sign them at a later date in the office.

4. MATTERS ARISING

The Chairman said that the Henfield Parish Council objection to application for the land north of Sandy Lane would be dealt with under correspondence.

Cllr Donoghue joined the meeting at 7.05pm

The Chairman adjourned the meeting.

OPEN FORUM

There was one member of the public present to speak about the Scout Hut. He said that he supported the scout movement but had felt forced to object to the planning application because he felt that they had not carried out the necessary environmental research around the existing scout hut. He said that the site was probably 35% less Biodiverse than it had been 4 years ago. He felt that this application misquoted about the Badger Sett which was within the site. Both the Sussex Wildlife Trust and Henfield Birdwatching had offered to assist with research on the site. He said that as well as the active Badgers' Sett there was evidence of bats and stag beetles. He also said that the siting of the new window would cause a nuisance not only to the animals but to the neighbours too.

Cllr Perry asked him to spell out the risks, the gentleman said that the building could go ahead but with care for the wildlife in terms of location and timing. The Badger breeding season ends on 30 June and that the building could start at that stage but with changes to the hut including the window positioning.

Cllr Eastwood asked whether the timing of the demolition could still be met even if an ecological survey was carried out and the gentleman confirmed that the study could happen as early as next week.

Cllr Shaw asked whether if the environmental issues could be taken in to account would he still object to the new building in terms of design on basis of light, the gentleman said that animals chose dark areas but he said that with more thought the light issues could also be resolved. He said that creating buildings whilst taking account of wildlife issues such as using bat bricks were relatively cheap but much more expensive if added at a later date.

The Chairman reconvened the meeting.

5. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were none.

6. CONSULTATION ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS

DC/21/0095

Scout Hut, Craggits Lane, Henfield BN5 9EE

Demolition of existing Scout hut and boiler room. Construction of a new Scout Community Centre.

Mr D Malkin

The Committee declined to comment - 5 agreed and 1 abstained, until an Ecological Impact Assessment is carried out and that no demolition work takes place until after 30 June 2021 to protect the wildlife on site. The Committee considered this to be contrary to HDPF policy numbers 25.3 and 31.2.

DC/21/0131
Treelyn, New Hall Lane, Small Dole, BN5 9YH
Surgery to 1 x Oak.
Mr A Brown
Objection – 5 agreed and 1 against.

DC/21/0196
3 Cedar View, Nep Town Road, Henfield. BN5 9EA
Replacement of existing front door and window (Listed Building Consent)
Mrs C O'Reilly
No Objection – all agreed, subject to Listed Buildings Officer's approval.

DC/21/0327
Dovetails, West End Lane, Henfield. BN5 9RA
Erection of replacement single-storey rear existing extension.
S Patchett
No Objection – all agreed.

DC/21/0408
9 Southview Terrace, Henfield. BN5 9ES
Creation of 1no. rear dormer and installation of 2no. rooflights to the front of roof slope.
Ms G Palmer and Mr S Balfour
No Objection – all agreed.

DC/21/0419
Tessier, Church Street, Henfield. BN5 9NR
Erection of first floor, front and rear extensions, single storey front and rear extensions, remodelling works and raising of ridge height to form a two storey dwelling.
Mr M Pearce
Objection – 5 agreed and 1 against. The Committee considered that it was contrary to HDPF policy numbers 33.2 and 33.3.

7. APPEALS

D/4001249 (Planning Application DC/20/0484 – 16 Southview Terrace) This was noted.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

- 1 Compliance cases 8-14.3.21 – All agreed that it was useful to have these details circulated as now.
- 2 A24 Worthing to Horsham Corridor Feasibility Report (attached) – This was noted.
- 3 HPC response to APP/Z3825/W/20/32614501 – Planning Application DC/20/0427 – Land North of Sandy Lane. All agreed that the document be submitted to the relevant bodies. Cllr Eastwood said he was very happy to be present at the Hearing if he would be allowed to speak and all agreed that he should be available if called upon.

9. ANY OTHER URGENT MATTERS TO BE RAISED BY COUNCILLORS

Cllr Eastwood said that Henfield Football Club had still not received a response from HDC on the planning application for the Football Pavilion which was submitted on 1st October 2020, this was now in to month 7. He said that he had raised it with district councillors and that he wanted it escalated. He would speak with Cllrs Morgan and Potts again next Wednesday if there had been no response.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

7pm on 15th April 2021 via Zoom Conferencing

The Meeting finished at 7.45pm