

HENFIELD PARISH COUNCIL
PLANS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**Meeting of the Plans Advisory Committee held on
Thursday 1st July 2021 at 7:00pm in the Garden Room, Henfield Hall**

Present: Cllr N Stevens (Chairman), A Donoghue, M Eastwood, G Perry, and R Shaw.

In Attendance: Mrs B Samrah (Parish Administrator).

MINUTES

The Chairman wanted to record the thanks of the Plans Advisory Committee to Cllr Rickard after he had resigned from the Parish Council for his 18 years of service. He wished Cllr Rickard well in the future.

1. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

There were none.

2. APOLOGIES

Were received from Cllr Goodyear and J Potts.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 17TH JUNE 2021

These were approved and signed by the Chairman.

4. MATTERS ARISING

- 1 DC/20/1906 - Birchfield Nursery, Kidders Lane, Henfield. Planning Application was rejected. The Chairman thanked Cllr Eastwood for presenting HPC's objection to this planning at the Hearing along with Cllr Perry. Cllr Eastwood said that the details that the Chairman had provided to him were excellent. It was confirmed that decisions are not often overturned so this was particularly pleasing. Cllrs Eastwood and Perry both agreed that it had been a worthwhile project to undertake and to see how these committees ran, they felt that the District Councillors had been very thorough and well prepared.
- 2 DC/21/0753 – Whiteoaks, Small Dole – Committee likely to be 20.7.21 but not yet confirmed. The Chairman confirmed that he had drafted a reply and that he hoped to be able to present to the hearing himself.
- 3 It was confirmed that the Neighbourhood Plan was made on 23rd June 2021 and that there now followed the six weeks for the Judicial Review period.

OPEN FORUM

There were no members of the public present so there was no Open Forum.

7. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were none.

8. CONSULTATION ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS

DC/21/0683

Henfield Funeral Services Ltd, The Old Bell, High Street, Henfield. BN5 9HN

Application to confirm the existing use of land and building ('The Studio') as a single residential dwelling house (Class C3) (Lawful Development Certificate - Existing).

RG Taverns Ltd

No Objection – the Committee has no evidence to either support or challenge the application.

DC/21/1140

Hascombe Farm Horn Lane Henfield West Sussex BN5 9SA

Erection of a two-storey detached office building (Use Class E).

Mr Ralph Gilbert

No Objection – All Agreed provided that use is restricted to Class E((g)i).

9. APPEALS

Cllr Eastwood reported that he had presented the objection on behalf of HPC at the Appeal Hearing for Fairfax Acquisitions in connection with the land north of Sandy Lane. He also confirmed that the Inspector would be visiting the site on 8th July 2021. Cllr Eastwood further requested that the Inspector look at the surrounding area, not purely the field being considered. Cllr Donoghue confirmed that she had listened to much of the hearing and Cllr Eastwood said that at least 50 people were watching on the screen in the Leisure Centre. The meeting had also been relayed on Youtube. Cllr Eastwood felt that the making of the Neighbourhood Plan was even more important.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

- 1 Cllr Morgan's email regarding more details on Objections to planning applications – The Chairman said that there was no problem with adding more description other than it created additional work in the Parish Office. Cllr Donoghue felt that pertinent points would help HDC make decisions. Cllr Eastwood agreed that a few bullet points would be a welcome addition but not long paragraphs. Cllr Shaw said that he felt that it might be helpful for HDC to understand this Committee's reasonings. It was agreed that more detail would be given where it was felt it would be helpful with objections to planning.
- 2 Email thread in relation to the Bus Stop at Whiteoaks in Small Dole – circulated 23.6.21 – This was noted.
- 3 Mark Spriggs's email and attachment concerning DC/21/1196 (DC/20/0997) – circulated 28.6.21. This was noted. The Chairman stated again that members of the public must be encouraged to put their comments on the HDC website.
- 4 Compliance Complaints cases at 28.6.21 – circulated 28.6.21. This was noted.
- 5 Design Guide Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) Consultation – opportunity to comment on draft SPD – circulated on 28.6.21 – This was noted. The Chairman confirmed that few dwellings within the parish fall within this area; and there were no contentious issues for Henfield.

11. ANY OTHER URGENT MATTERS TO BE RAISED BY COUNCILLORS

There were none.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

7pm on 15th July 2021 in the Henfield Hall.

The Meeting closed at 7.34pm.