

# WADHURST PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Planning Committee held at The Pavilion, Sparrows Green Recreation Ground, South View Road, Wadhurst on 23rd April 2022 at 9.30am.

Present: - Cllrs C Moore, P Moore, Murphy (chair), Shairp, Smith

Meeting commenced at 09:35 hrs

## AGENDA

1. To receive apologies for absence - **apologies received from Cllr Niell**
2. To receive declarations of interest and updates to members' register of interests - **none**
3. To approve the minutes of the meeting of 9th April 2022 - **approved**
4. To discuss matters arising from the minutes of the meeting of 9th April 2022 – **item 8.1 outstanding (action Cllr Murphy)**
5. Public forum – time limit 15 minute – **two members of the public were present who spoke regarding plans to demolish and re-build Ridgecote, Mayfield Lane, not yet submitted to WDC as a planning application. Whilst the council's standing orders state that "members of the public may make representations, answer questions and give evidence at a meeting which they are entitled to attend in respect of the business on the agenda", and this was not an agenda item, the members of the public were permitted to speak.**
6. **Licence and planning applications**

### **6.1 Licencing:**

*None*

### **6.2 Planning:**

#### **6.2.1. [WD/2022/0477/F](#)**

Date of notification: 5<sup>th</sup> April 2022

Consultee expiry date: 26<sup>th</sup> April 2022

Location: 1 WHITE COTTAGES, MAYFIELD LANE, WADHURST, TN5 6JE

Description: Remove Conservatory and replace with single storey extension; remove old garage and reinstate driveway; replacement garage

**COMMENT: Objection – the proposed flat roof of the extension is discordant with the existing building, and not in keeping with the Wealden Design Guide or High Weald AONB Housing Design Guide. The roof lantern would cause harm to the dark skies. The unusually dark skies over Wadhurst have been identified as worthy of conservation by the International Dark Sky Association. Dark skies are an intrinsic part of the landscape and scenic beauty of the High Weald AONB. Interest in 'dark sky tourism' is a growing trend that local tourism businesses could target and benefit from. Wadhurst has some of the darkest skies in the South East – sky quality meter readings taken around Wadhurst indicate skies as dark as 21.09 mags/arcsec<sup>2</sup> – a figure that corresponds to a Silver Tier International Dark Sky Reserve.**

#### **6.2.2. [WD/2022/0604/F](#)**

Date of notification: 12<sup>th</sup> April 2022

Consultee expiry date: 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2022

Location: WESTWOOD HOUSE, FAIRCROUCH LANE, WADHURST, TN5 6PR

Description: Erection of oak framed garage with annexe accommodation above

**COMMENT: No objection.**

#### **6.2.3. [WD/2022/0321/LB](#)**

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Date of notification: 14<sup>th</sup> April 2022

Consultee expiry date: 5<sup>th</sup> May 2022

Location: SUNNYSIDE, LOWER HIGH STREET, WADHURST, TN5 6AT

Description: Superstructure repairs following localised subsidence damage

**COMMENT: No comment.**

## 7. [WD/2021/0559/MAJ](#)

Location: WEALD HALL RESIDENTIAL HOME, MAYFIELD LANE, WADHURST, TN5 6HX.

Description: Conversion of care home to form 8 x flats together with the construction of 13 x new dwellings associated works following the demolition of existing lodge.

**To consider notices of decisions received:**

**Certificate of Lawful Development:** *None*

**Raise no Objections:** *None*

**Prior Approval Required:** *None*

**Not Issued:** *None*

**Issued:** *None*

## Application No: [WD/2021/2742/F](#)

Description: Demolition of existing single-storey later side extensions; replacement single-storey side extension

Location: CEDAR BANK, LOWER HIGH STREET, WADHURST, TN5 6BD

Decision: Approved

## Application No: [WD/2022/0252/F](#)

Description: Demolition of existing carport and partially of garage. new carport, conversion of previous garage at ground. re-modelling of front hipped and gabled roofs to form a single gable with new bedroom within roof space.

Location: WHINFELL, TURNERS GREEN ROAD, WADHURST, TN5 6TR

Decision: Approved

**Refusals:** *None*

**Appeals:** *None*

**Enforcement Notice:** *None*

**Breach of Conditions Notice:** *None*

**8. Planning Control & High Street Planning Enforcement - none**

**9. To discuss Tree Preservation Orders - none**

**10. Conservation areas - none**

**11. Community Infrastructure Levy – Cllr C Moore reported that the parish council has been informed it is due £55k in CIL.**

**12. Policy/Correspondence/Consultations - none**

**13. Urgent Issues – none**

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Meeting ended: 10:18 hrs.