

**Fairlight Parish Council Planning Committee – 22nd October 2013**  
**Notes of Meeting**

**Present:** Councillors S. Leadbetter (Chairman), Mrs C. Gallagher, Rev V. Gibbs, Mrs J. Annetts, David Sexton, Mary Jones and about 12 other residents.

- 1) **Apologies for Absence:** Councillor A. Mier
- 2) **Code of Conduct and Disclosure of Interests:** Councillor Gallagher stated that she knew the applicant for the Barn House application, and although she had no interest, would not take part in the discussion.

**3) Planning**

**a) To discuss Planning Application –  
RR / 2013 / 2087 / P - 37 Meadow Way, Fairlight, TN35 4BN**

Proposed alterations to existing roof and conversion of the same to form 3 no. bedrooms, a bathroom and a dressing area. Extension to existing Bungalow to form new annexe, sun room, dining area and enlarge kitchen. Various external alterations.

The Chairman stated that as several residents with an interest in this matter were present he would ask the son of the applicant, David Sexton, to speak on the application followed by a representative of those with concerns, Mary Jones, to explain those concerns.

David Sexton explained that the extension was required so that he and his family could move in with their mother to look after her, and to allow her to stay in her home. He addressed two issues – Concerns of residents over privacy and lack of parking.

**Privacy** – The existing property has views over next door's garden which he showed on a tablet. A neighbour had recently put in a rear dormer window without objection so this application was not greatly different.

**Parking** – The applicant will apply to construct a garage and hardstanding for 3 – 4 cars but has to identify an existing land drain, and find the best way of configuring access while avoiding the drain.

Mary Jones explained neighbours concerns which were as follows:

- The proposed dwelling would be an overdevelopment of the site
- The roof height would be higher, spoiling views
- The windows on the rear of the first floor would look right over her garden (36) and others.
- The drawings do not show the true scale of development.

- The dormer window David Sexton had referred to looked straight down the garden rather than across another garden
- Parking is difficult in Meadow Way and street parking causes problems.

Councillors then discussed the proposal and agreed that the following comments should be submitted to Rother.

- 1) The current proposal would overdevelop the site and increase the footprint too much.
- 2) The height of the proposal would be out of character with surrounding dwellings.
- 3) The new development would be overbearing and detrimental to the occupier of 36 and other properties due to overlooking.
- 4) Current proposals for parking are inadequate, although it was noted that the applicant proposed to address this by means of another application.
- 5) The proposal would increase surface water run off which would need to be managed by discharge to the main drains as a soakaway in this area would not be adequate.
- 6) Comments from neighbours should be taken into account.

**b) To discuss Planning Application –  
RR/ 2013 / 1998 / P – Barn House, Warren Road, Fairlight, TN35 4AN**

Proposed single storey office building for personal use by the Applicant – To replace existing modern agricultural building  
Extension to existing garage.

Comments to Rother agreed as:

- Fairlight Parish Council has no objection in principle to the proposal.
- Any consent should be subject to a clause prohibiting use for residential accommodation.
- The conditions 3 ( number of employees ), 4 ( hours of use ), and 5 ( parking ) in the decision notice for the previous consent RR/2010/265/P should be applied.
- The proposal to use a soakaway for surface water drainage should be subject to the applicant providing satisfactory results of a permeability test as soakaways are not suitable in much of Fairlight.
- Any comments from neighbouring properties should be taken into account.

**4) Any Other Business**

Lower Waites Lane – The draft reply to a resident asking for advice was agreed and will be sent in the form of a letter from the Parish Clerk.

**5) Date and Venue of Next Meeting**

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2013 at 2.30pm in Fairlight Village Hall.  
( subject to business ).