

**Fairlight Parish Council Planning Committee – 6<sup>th</sup> October 2015**  
**Notes of Meeting**

**Present:** Councillors S. Leadbetter (Chairman ), Mrs C. Gallagher, Revd V. Gibbs, Mrs J. Annetts,

Members of the Public: Mr P Vidler, Mr P Harwood, Mr and Mrs Burton.

**Apologies for Absence** - Councillor A. Mier

**1) Code of Conduct and Disclosure of Interests:**

None, although Councillor Mrs Gallagher stated that she would not take part in the discussion on RR/2015/2332/P.

**2) Planning Applications**

**RR/2015/2296/P - Skyscape, Land at rear, Channel Way, Fairlight TN35 4BP**  
New dwelling

Mr Vidler the applicant was invited to speak but said he preferred to listen to the discussion.

Mr and Mrs Burton were invited to speak. Mr Burton stated that applicant was the owner of Skyscape, an existing house behind his house at Firecliff, which he believed would be extended. The construction of a new 3 bedroom house to the side would result in Firecliff being squashed in. He felt that the new property would be too close and that Firecliff would be overlooked. Mrs Burton was concerned that being a family house there would be noise.

The Chairman stated that over 20 comments had been put on the Rother website and had prepared a document for the committee summarising the issues raised.

Some of these were not strictly material planning considerations but the following were: Whether the application sought to overdevelop the site, whether the proposed property was in keeping with the area, proximity to, and overlooking of, properties either side and drainage issues.

Councillors then discussed the application and considered that there were concerns which should be referred to Rother planners as follows:

- 1) The height, bulk, and proximity to adjacent dwellings of the proposed development appears overbearing.
- 2) Although the first floor windows are Velux windows there appears to be an issue of overlooking.

- 3) Drainage is a concern in this area and if consent were to be granted it should be subject to a plan to include discharge of surface water into the main drainage system to be agreed before work starts.
- 4) It is unclear whether the requirement to provide two parking spaces is met.
- 5) Any comments made by neighbours should be taken into account.

**RR/2015/2332/P - Barn House, Warren Road, Fairlight, TN35 4AN**

Two storey extension for kitchen dining room and sun room (previously approved under RR/2011/1281/P).

Councillors discussed the application which was to renew a previous approval to which the Parish Council had not objected.

Comments to Rother will be that the Parish Council has no objection but that any comments made by neighbours should be taken into account.

### **3) Neighbourhood Plan**

The Chairman briefly updated progress on the Neighbourhood Plan.

A grant of £4,452 has been approved subject to formal agreement and due diligence. Rother will consult on the area to be covered by the Neighbourhood Plan starting on 9<sup>th</sup> October.

The Chairman will arrange publicity within the village once the link to the Rother website is known to work.

### **4) Any Other Business**

Matters to be investigated:

- Untidy property in Lower Waites Lane
- Possible illegal car selling near Sea Road
- The application for Pixie Wood has been withdrawn.

Meeting closed at 3.20pm

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

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2015 at 4.00pm in Fairlight Village Hall, subject to confirmation.

Stephen Leadbetter  
Fairlight PC Planning Committee Chairman  
8<sup>th</sup> October 2015

