

Fairlight Parish Council Planning Committee – 20th October 2015
Notes of Meeting

Present: Councillors S. Leadbetter (Chairman), A. Mier, Revd V. Gibbs.

Members of the Public: Mrs Bird.

Apologies for Absence - Councillors Mrs J. Annetts, Mrs C. Gallagher

1) Code of Conduct and Disclosure of Interests:

None.

2) Planning Applications

RR/2015/2397/P – 1A Battery Hill, Fairlight TN35 4AP

Widening of existing driveway , dropped kerb.

Mrs Bird, the wife of the applicant was invited to speak and explained that they were new owners. The application to widen the access was so she and Mr Bird could turn their car without encroaching on their neighbours drive. They also wished to erect a fence.

Councillors then discussed the application. Councillor Mier expressed a personal preference for hedges over fences and open rather than closed fencing.

It was agreed that if highways had any comments on the application they would make them direct. Councillors had no objection to the proposal.

Comments to Rother to be:

- 1) Fairlight Parish Council has no objection to the proposal.
- 2) Any comments made by neighbours should be taken into account.

3) Neighbourhood Plan

The Chairman tabled a paper which he wished to present to the Parish Council on 27th October.

The report updated progress which had been made on the Neighbourhood Plan and the steps required between now and the end of March 2016 to comply with grant conditions.

He stressed that from now progress had to speed up and in particular, if the plan is to succeed, the need to increase the number of people involved in developing the plan.

Councillors agreed that this was needed and that the report should go to the Parish Council.

It was agreed that a meeting should be arranged with the consultant and a date set for the next public consultation event.

4) Any Other Business

Councillor Mier expressed concern that any new development of less than six properties did not count towards the target in the Local Plan but were treated as windfalls. It was agreed that if sites which could be developed became apparent during the development of the Neighbourhood Plan, this could be challenged.

Meeting closed at 4.30 pm

5) Date and Venue of Next Meeting

Tuesday 3rd November 2015 at 2.30pm in Fairlight Village Hall, subject to confirmation.

Stephen Leadbetter
Fairlight PC Planning Committee Chairman
20th October 2015