

Fairlight Parish Council Planning Committee – 1st December 2015
Notes of Meeting

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

Reverend Richard Barron, Mr K Devine, Mr H Kleinschrod.

Apologies for Absence - Birgit Gunz

1) Code of Conduct and Disclosure of Interests:

The Chairman disclosed a prejudicial interest in RR/2015/ 2872/P as he lives close by and wants to be able to comment on the application personally. He stated that he would withdraw when the discussion took place.

2) Planning Applications

RR/2015/2835/P

St Andrew's Church, Coastguard Lane, Fairlight TN35 4AB

Installation of lighting to church tower, west door and boundary walls adjacent to path from car park.

Richard Barron outlined the application which is designed to give a wash of discreet light to the upper part of the church and to provide low level lighting for public safety. It uses LED technology and will be used only between dusk and 11pm. It is being financed by an individual benefactor.

After consideration Councillors decided that the comments to Rother should be:

- 1) Fairlight Parish Council are content with the application.
- 2) The operating hours of dusk to 11pm should be included in any consent.
- 3) Any comments made by residents of neighbouring properties should be taken into account.

RR/2015/2872/P

Fairway, Channel Way, Fairlight TN35 4BP

Replacement dwelling

The Chairman left the meeting at this point having previously declared an interest.

Councillors noted that there had been one letter of objection on the Rother website.

Councillor Mier asked about car parking. Apparently there is provision for two cars. He had some concerns about how adequate this was bearing in mind that there is no parking available in Channel Way.

Overlooking of Gardens – The applicant is taking recommendations and advice from Rother to minimize this.

Councillor Gallagher had no objections but that asked that neighbours' comments should be taken into consideration.

Councillor Revd. Gibbs asked about drainage. There is proposed a rainwater harvester which overflows into the foul sewer.

Councillor Annetts said she was concerned about overdevelopment of what is a narrow plot. She was also concerned about parking provision when parking in the roads nearby was limited.

After consideration Councillors decided that comments to Rother should be:

- 1) Although parking provision meets the standard set by the Highways Authority, greater parking provision would be preferable as no other parking provision is available in Channel Way.
- 2) Planners should consider whether there is an issue of overlooking gardens at the rear. It is noted that obscured glass (Pilkington scale No.1) has been required for upstairs rear

windows at neighbouring properties (Dream's End RR/2015/947/P) and at Little Herm RR/2011/2434/P (where on appeal the level of obscure glazing was reduced from level 5 to level 1)

- 3) Planners should consider whether the application represents overdevelopment of this plot.
- 4) Consideration should be given to the colour of roof covering, as red tiles are such a feature of houses in Fairlight.
- 5) A proper plan for the disposal of surface water should be a condition of the development as soakaways are not suitable for this area and there is already a problem with surface water running down the unmade Channel Way. Surface water entering the ground at this point is known to be a contributory factor in the Rockmead Road landslip, where it has been necessary to install over 50 pumps to remove groundwater from the cliff.
- 6) Any comments made by residents of neighbouring properties should be taken into account.

3) Neighbourhood Plan

- a) **Questionnaire** – This has now been circulated by the Fairlight News distributors and their help is very much appreciated by the Parish Council. A drop box has been placed in the parish hall and those who wish to do so can reply by e-mail to FairlightNP@hotmail.com . Councillor Gallagher offered to analyse responses.
- b) **Logo** – Committee members are very happy with the logo and Councillor Mier will arrange for the Parish Clerk to write thanking Colin for his help. Councillor Gallagher will contact him to find out how the logo can be copied, pasted and sized into other documents.
- c) **Terms of Reference (Constitution)** – Terms of reference were formally adopted.
- d) **E-mail, Twitter and Facebook Accounts** – These have been set up and access details will be circulated separately.
- e) **Village Hall Fair on 5th December** - Councillors approved the display material for the event. It was agreed that the table in the main hall could be used for directing residents to the display in the committee room, but we may need to be flexible as to how we operate. Display boards have been promised.
- f) **Open day following analysis of survey** - It was agreed that we would try and arrange this for a Saturday in February. By then we should have formed a core group and discovered who may volunteer for the topic groups.
- g) **Project Plan** – The Chairman ran through the Project Plan. While some tasks are a little behind schedule we should be able to complete the first stage by the end of March 2016.

4) Any Other Business

None.

Meeting closed at 3.30pm

5) Date and Venue of Next Meeting

Tuesday 15th December 2015 at 2.30pm in Fairlight Village Hall, subject to confirmation.

Stephen Leadbetter
Fairlight PC Planning Committee Chairman
2nd December 2015