

Fairlight Parish Council Planning Committee – 15th December 2015

Notes of Meeting

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

Apologies for Absence – Councillor Mrs J. Annetts,

1) Code of Conduct and Disclosure of Interests:

None

2) Planning Applications

RR/2015/2883/P

Gensing, 17 Waites Lane TN35 4AR

Change of use of agricultural land to domestic use (extension of garden).

Councillors discussed the application and noted that extending gardens by purchasing land from Wakeham's Farm had been approved for other properties. It was agreed that comments to Rother should be:

1. Fairlight Parish Council has no objection to this application.

2. This comment is specific to this application and does not imply that Fairlight Parish council support the conversion of agricultural use to domestic use generally.

3. It should be a condition of the consent that any boundary constructed between this land and the remaining property should be sympathetic and appropriate to the rural location. Hedging or open fencing should be used rather than close boarded or solid construction.

It was noted that any new fence would be visible from the public realm.

4. Any comments made by neighbours should be taken into account.

RR/2015/2934/T

The Heathers, Broadway, Fairlight TN35 4DA

Works to trees.

Councillors discussed the application and considered that the works proposed were necessary to protect the structure of the property. It was agreed that comments to Rother should be:

1. It is agreed that work proposed which is required to mitigate the effects of subsidence should be approved.

2. Planners should consider whether the trees which are removed could be replaced within the site by trees of a species appropriate to the location.

3. Any comment made by neighbours should be taken into account.

3) Neighbourhood Plan

a) Questionnaire – Closing date is 18th December following which returns will be registered and analysed. The prize draw will take place openly to avoid any suggestion of bias.

b) Open day following analysis of survey - It was agreed that we would try and arrange this for a Saturday in February. We will discuss with the Consultant and the Chairman will check availability of the hall.

c) 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. The consultant will be asked to update it based on information provided by the Chairman.

d) Windfall Sites – The Chairman will ask the Consultant whether she has challenged their definition of windfall sites, currently less than six properties.

e) Meeting with Consultant – The Chairman will invite Faustina to our meeting on 12th January.

4) Any Other Business

Letter to Rother concerning speaking rights at Planning Committee - Councillor Mier's draft letter to Rother was agreed and he will arrange for it to be sent following minor amendments.

Christmas and New Year arrangements – The next scheduled meeting is on 12th January.

Applications made between now and the New Year will be dealt with by e-mail and phone. In the event of a contentious application we will make special arrangements.

Application in Mill Lane, Hastings – It was agreed that this application was not sufficiently close to Fairlight for us to comment to Hastings.

Meeting closed at 3.15pm

5) Date and Venue of Next Meeting

Tuesday 12th January 2016 at 2.30pm in Fairlight Village Hall, subject to confirmation.

Stephen Leadbetter

Fairlight PC Planning Committee Chairman

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