



WEST HOATHLY PARISH COUNCIL

representing Highbrook, Selsfield, Sharpthorne, Tyes Cross and West Hoathly

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee held on Monday 25th November 2019 at 7:15pm in West Hoathly Village Hall

Members:

Ken Allfree (Chairman)	Robert Bruce
Will Buckley (Vice Chairman)	Kevin Gould
Anne Halligey	Claire Hilton *
Martin Robinson	

Also Present

Helen Schofield (Clerk)

* denotes absence

There was 1 member of the public.

Paul Brown and Douglas Denham St Pinnock also attended

227) To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Claire Hilton.

228) To receive declarations of interest from Councillors in respect of any matter on the Agenda

There were none.

229) To approve the minutes of the Meeting of Planning Committee held on 28th October 2019 (Document Reference 1933)

It was noted that Paul Brown had attended the October Planning meeting. It was agreed to include a heading under item 189 “**2 Glenham Place encroachment on the Highway**”

With these amendments the minutes were **approved** and the Chairman signed them as a true record.

230) To note decisions from the Local Authority

The following applications have been granted permission.

DM/19/3856 49 Marlpit Road Sharpthorne

DM/19/3236 and DM/19/3251 Burstow Cottage Hammingden Lane, Highbrook

DM/19/4052 39 Hamsey Road, Sharpthorne

DM/19/1181 Wickenden Farmhouse, Chilling Street Sharpthorne

DM/19/4150 Upper Pendant North Lane West Hoathly

DM/19/3850 19 Riddleys West Hoathly

231) To consider planning applications received from the Local Authority DM/19/4370 Thorn Finches Top Road Sharpthorne

Connect summer house to main house with a polycarbonate roof and fence with gate

The committee had **no objections**.

DM/19/4387 & DM/19/4389 The Manor House North Lane West Hoathly

Restoration and refurbishment of existing house, allowing provisions for rationalised bathrooms and bedrooms on first and second floors, with many rooms regaining their historic proportions. Re-modelling of interior of existing Pocock Service range to allow for kitchen and utility provisions to serve the main house, allowing for minimal changes to the historic Manor itself. Conversion of existing outbuildings into distinct 2no. bedroom residential building to replace the separate residence of Godwin's Cottage.

The committee had **no objections** and welcomed the proposals to enhance this historic building in the centre of West Hoathly

DM/19/4538 Land at Long Meadow Station Road Sharpthorne

Erection of 2no. detached dwellings with garages, with access via Station Road (resubmission of DM/17/5213).

The committee **object** to this application.

The site is outside the development boundary and even if it was within the development boundary it does not satisfy policy WHP7 of the West Hoathly Neighbourhood Plan that development would generally be permitted provided it had a range of dwelling sizes, in particular 2 and 3 bedroom dwellings. Whilst this is proposed as a 2no 3 bedroom dwellings they are of a size and could be laid out as 4 bedroomed houses.

The site was put forward at the time the Neighbourhood Plan was being prepared. It was rejected and is not one of the sites allocated in policy WHP8 of the made West Hoathly Neighbourhood Plan.

The application is for a cramped backland development which would result in loss of both outlook and privacy of adjacent houses in Station Road as well as houses in Hamsey Road.

The site is wholly within the High Weald Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and adjacent to an area of Ancient Woodland.

The committee **agreed** to request the District Councillors to call in the application to Committee if the planning officer was minded to recommend approval.

232) To note information for Councillors**2 Glenham Place encroachment on the Highway**

WSCC Highways Officer has stated he will keep the file open but due to lack of resources can't give the topic high priority. The County Councillor has been asked to follow up on behalf of the Parish Council but no response has been received yet. The committee agreed to invite the County Councillor to the January meeting and ask for an update.

Date of next meeting 16th December 2019

There being no further business the meeting closed at 19:40

Chairman-----