



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 18th May 2020 at 7:15pm

Members:

Ken Allfree (Chairman)
Will Buckley (Vice Chairman)
Anne Halligey
Martin Robinson

Robert Bruce *
Kevin Gould
Claire Hilton

* denotes absence

Also present

Helen Schofield (Clerk)

Paul Brown and Douglas Denham St Pinnock also attended

Due to the restrictions put in place in response to the Covid-19 pandemic this meeting was held using video conferencing technology.

There were no members of the public in attendance

415) To receive apologies for absence

Robert Bruce had previously sent apologies until meetings took place face to face.

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

There were none.

417) To approve the minutes of the Meeting of West Hoathly Parish Council Planning Committee held on 27th April 2020 ([Document Reference 2011](#))

The minutes were approved and the Chairman will sign them as a true record at a later date.

418) To note decisions from the Local Authority

The following applications have been granted permission.

DM/20/0229 49 Marlpit Road Sharpthorne
DM/20/1176 5 Hoathly Hill West Hoathly

The following application has been dismissed on appeal.

DM/19/1167 31 Marlpit Road, Sharpthorne

419) To consider planning applications received from the Local Authority

AP/20/0015 The Chapel Selsfield Road West Hoathly

Gravelled Drive providing vehicular access onto Selsfield Road (enforcement notice)

The Planning committee agreed to make the same representation as for the previous appeal application which were:

When the original application to convert The Chapel to a residential dwelling was submitted the Parish Council had concerns about the parking situation.

The Planning Committee cannot support the appeal to allow parking and access onto the C319. For its classification the C319 is a very busy road and use of this access would require reversing from or onto the road at a point where there is very poor visibility and opposite the junction with North Lane.

The approved planning application had provision for parking at the rear of the property alongside the West Hoathly Garage allowing for vehicles to turn around and not require reversing onto the road.

DM/20/1352 Highbrook Sawmill And Fencing Company, Hammingden Lane, Highbrook

Outline application for demolition of existing buildings, removal of plant, machinery and equipment and clearance of the site.

Cessation of the use of the site as a sawmill.

Erection of four detached dwellings and provision of revised access to the site, with new road and parking. All matters to be reserved except for access.

The Planning Committee **object** to this application.

The proposed site is in the High Weald AONB and is not contiguous to the settlement of Highbrook which itself has no development boundary.

Development on this site does not comply with the District Plan, in particular policies DP6 as the proposed site is not within, or contiguous to a defined settlement
DP12 Protection of the Countryside
DP15 New Homes in the Countryside
DP16 Protection of the High Weald AONB

The West Hoathly Neighbourhood Plan seeks to provide smaller 2-3 bedrooomed units for families or for older people to downsize. The proposed development does not provide such housing.

DM/20/1354 Highbrook Sawmill And Fencing Company, Hammingden Lane, Highbrook

Replacement of existing residential mobile home with new 2 storey, 3 bedroom dwelling with new access onto Hammingden Lane

The Planning Committee **object** to this application.

Development on this site does not comply with the District Plan, in particular policies: DP6 as the proposed site is not within, or contiguous to a defined settlement
DP12 Protection of the Countryside
DP15 New Homes in the Countryside

DP16 Protection of the High Weald AONB

It was noted that a recent Lawful Development Certificate application (DM/19/3742) to establish residential use of the mobile home was refused.

Variation of Premises Licence at Missing Link Brewery Chiddinglye, Selsfield Road.

Extension of the area of the Premises to incorporate a summer drinking garden in a corner of a field to the south of the existing Premises.

To allow persons under the age of 18 to enter the Premises under the supervision of adults.

The committee had no objections.

420) To note information for Councillors

Items of interest or items for inclusion at next meeting of the Planning Committee.

Date of next meeting 29th June 2020

There being no further business the meeting closed at 19:48.

Chairman-----