



FULKING PARISH COUNCIL
Draft Minutes of the Fulking Parish Council
Planning Meeting
Held in the Village Hall, Fulking
On Wednesday
16th April 2014 at 6.30pm

Present: Councillor Kate Watson (Chair) Councillor Michael Trist (Vice Chair) Councillors Pam Rowland and Linda Dyos and Clerk to the Council Andrea Dickson
7 members of the public were present .

Apologies for Absence: None

Declaration of interest: None

Meeting opened at 6.30 pm

The minutes of the planning meeting held on 5th March 2014 having been previously circulated, were **AGREED** and **SIGNED**.

The following applications were discussed:-

SDNP/14/01601/FUL

Timbers, Clappers Lane, Fulking, Henfield BN5 9NJ

Demolition of existing dwelling and construction of a new 5 bedroom house.

At the start of the meeting 1 person had requested to speak for the application at the meeting and 2 comments had been registered on the website, 1 for and 1 against.

The PC had a short discussion and made the following comments in relation to the application:-

- Roof line lower than in the previous plan
- The footprint of the property has increased but the design has remained the same.
- The screening is adequate and the materials have not changed from the previous plans.

Andrew Iversen spoke in support of the redevelopment of the site, stating that as the house is outside the village and behind trees and the previous planning application had been granted, he did not see a problem with this application. The PC thanked Andrew for his input.

The Parish Council then voted with 3 votes in Support and 1 Neutral, therefore the application is **SUPPORTED** by the PC.

SDNP/14/01350/TCA

Shepherd and Dog Inn, The Street, Fulking, Henfield BN5 9LU

At the start of the meeting nobody had requested to speak about the planning application although comments had been passed to the Chairman by people unable to attend the meeting.

Section A: Remove dead limbs and tidy up the two large ash trees in this section, because of risk to people sitting beneath and to improve the quality of this area. Coppice the hazel and lower shrubs along field bank to improve views across the South Downs. Clear the stream side border adjoining car park and replant with more suitable/inviting

plants. **Section B:** Remove dead wood from large ash tree for safety reasons. Remove 50% of cherry saplings surrounding the base of said large ash. **Section C:** Lower trees/shrubs along the far bank of the stream to enhance the quality of the views of the South Downs and to generally tidy this whole area up. Thin the crowns of the trees surrounding the child's play area to allow more natural light through. **Section D:** Would like to scrub clear this whole area and remove mixed tree saplings to allow some to become mature stand alone trees. This area is overgrown and not too pleasing to the eye in its surroundings. **Section E:** Would like to clear the front of the bank to the rear of the public house, some of the vegetation is starting to touch the roof of this grade two listed building and would like to remove it before it becomes more do an issue. These works would also improve access behind the building. |

The PC had just returned from a site visit with David Pearse (joint owner) and Scott Hansford(Gardener) where the plans for the garden were discussed; the PC was pleased to hear that the plans were not as extensive as they first looked. The PC felt that the planning application and accompanying plan did not give enough detail and that they would prefer a sketch/picture of the work to be done giving greater detail than the wording of the application. David and Scott agreed to provide this.

David and Scott gave the following assurances:

- The work would not be carried out in the nesting season March –September
- The majority of work is to improve the area.
- Coppicing of hazel and ash is necessary.
- Some work is essential due to the trees/shrubs encroaching on the roof of the pub.
- Not all of the work will be carried out at the same time.
- The area beyond the children's play area is to be enhanced with trail paths, and seating; the established wildlife area will not be cleared.

The PC thanked David and Scott for taking the time to explain the plans to them. MSDC officer case officer Donald Newling will contact the PC when he intends to visit the site. The case officer sets the boundaries as to how much of each tree should be removed.

The PC then voted with two votes supporting the application and two neutral. As the voting was split, the chairman's casting vote was used and the decision is **NEUTRAL**.

Meeting closed at 6.48 pm.

Signed Date.....

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