



FULKING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Fulking Parish Council

Planning Meeting

Held in the Village Hall, Fulking

On Wednesday

1st October 2014 at 6.30pm

Present: Kate Watson (Chairman) Michael Trist (Vice Chair) Councillor Pam Rowland and Clerk to the Council, Andrea Dickson
8 members of the public were present

Apologies for Absence: Councillor Linda Dyos

Declaration of interest: None

Meeting opened at 6.30 pm

The minutes of the planning meetings held on 17th September 2014 having been previously circulated, were **AGREED** and **SIGNED**.

At the start of the meeting nobody had registered to speak either for or against either application. One neutral comment had been posted on the website about the Lower Kents planning application.

The following applications were discussed:-

SDNP/14/04515/PNCOUO Lower Kents Clappers Lane Fulking Henfield West Sussex BN5 9ND

Application as to whether prior notification is required for the change of use from existing office to a 1 bedroom dwelling.

This application is a prior notification to see if the change if use can be carried out under "Permitted Development Rights". The PC advised the members of the public present that if the application meets the criteria that have been set down under permitted development for change of use the application will go ahead regardless of what the PC says.

After a discussion, the PC voted to **OBJECT** to the planning application SDNP/14/04515/PNCOUO Lower Kents on the following grounds:-

- To the PC's knowledge the building has not been used as an office, just a postal address and storage.
- Allowing this change of use through Permitted Development Rights is a back door way of getting planning permission for a residential property on agricultural land.

Fulking PC agrees with the comments on the website by the current owners of Pippins that access rights through the plot must be maintained.

SDNP/14/04543/LIS Shepherd and Dog Inn The Street Fulking Henfield West Sussex BN5 9LU

Renovation and conversion of first floor staff accommodation to restaurant and function space.

The Parish Council discussed the planning application then **adjourned** the meeting at **6.42pm** to hear comments from the floor.

The meeting was **reconvened** at **6.48pm**

The PC then had a further short discussion which was followed with a **NEUTRAL** vote on this planning application with the following comments:-

- The addition of a restaurant would put further strain on the already inadequate parking. Parking is often on both sides of the bend outside the inn making it unsafe for through traffic and visitors to the inn. Additional parking should be sorted out before planning permission is granted.
- Traffic using the blind bend by the inn would be increased creating an additional hazard.
- The PC has concerns about the increase in noise through the open windows of the restaurant/function room. This would be further compounded when music for functions is amplified.
- The change of use of the area would create an increase in the light pollution.

Meeting closed at 6.52pm

Signed

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