

MINUTES OF A PLANNING MEETING OF BALCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 15 AUGUST 2018 AT 8.00 PM IN BRAMBLE HALL

Present: Simon Greenwood (SG), Jackie Emery (JE), Charles Metcalfe (CM), Alison Stevenson (AS), Sue Taylor (ST) and Mark Whybrow (MW)

Max Preston Bell (MPB) arrived late during Item 1 (0802)

In attendance Rosemary Robertson (RR) Clerk to the Council

0802. Public Participation

Neighbours of The Briars spoke about the plans to build a large house in the land adjacent to them very near to their boundary which would be overbearing and would dramatically impact on the enjoyment of their home. They were not against all development but something smaller that would be less overbearing and have less of a negative impact.

A member of Balcombe Community Pub explained that Planners had insisted that the chimney which had been removed be reinstated, so the current application was simply the construction of the chimney with a supporting steel post. They had agreed to comply with the request to reduce the height of the railings.

0803. Declarations of personal or pecuniary interest

All Councillors present declared a prejudicial interest in Item 4 (0805) as shareholders in the Half Moon and were granted dispensation to participate and vote to enable the meeting to be quorate on this issue. Cllr Greenwood declared a personal interest in Midwicket and White House Item 4 (0805).

0804. Apologies for absence

Cllrs Dutton, Flint, Gould, and Greer had given apologies.

0805. Planning

DM/18/2974 Land Adjacent to the Briars, Stockcroft Road - Proposed new residential development comprising erection of a single dwelling with car parking & access via Stockcroft Rd – BPC object to this application the house proposed is an over development on the site. The new house reduces both amenity space and parking for the Briars taking almost half of the original plot. The new house would be overbearing for the neighbours to the south. The land slopes away towards Woodborough which results in the proposed house being higher than the neighbouring property. In particular two of the first floor bedrooms of Woodborough have windows which would face the extensive south wall of the proposed house and, with no alternative light source, these rooms would be adversely affected: plus, facing the brick wall of the new property would severely impact their outlook.

DM/18/2928 5 Bramblemead - Proposed two storey front extension. Part single and part two storey front and side extension. Render to elevations with vertical timber cladding elements to front and side elevation. New windows throughout – No objection

DM/18/2488 Half Moon, Haywards Heath Road – Proposal to carry out emergency and temporary removal works to unstable brickwork forming chimney stack and rebuild using the salvaged materials – No objection

DM/18/3048 Midwicket, Handcross Road - Variation of condition 1 of permission DM/17/2746 to replace approved drawings of the plant room- No objection

DM/18/3146 South Lodge, Paddockhurst Lane - Infilling of Loggia, construction single storey rear extension & associated internal works – No objection

DM/18/2948 3-4 St James Cottages - Yew Tree - Reduce height of canopy by 1m- No objection we defer to the Tree Officer for appropriate timing

DM/18/2962 The White House, Brantridge Lane - Change of use of existing farm building and attached side barn into two new dwellings comprising of 3 bedrooms each. Roof raised on small side barn to incorporate additional living space – No objection: the scale and form of the existing building have been retained and we welcome the fact that the brickwork will remain.

DM/18/3195 14 Newlands – single storey lean-to extension to rear of property with raised terrace – No objection as long as the adjoining neighbours are happy.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.10 pm.

THE NEXT REGULAR PARISH COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE ON WEDNESDAY 19 SEPTEMBER 2018 AT 8.00 PM IN BRAMBLE HALL

Signed..... **Date: 19 September 2018**