



MINUTES of a Meeting of the PLANNING COMMITTEE held remotely, on Tuesday, 15th December 2020 at 11.00am on Zoom

Present: Cllrs Forbes (Chair), Haite, Lee, Spoor and Tyrrell

In attendance: Clerk, Rebecca Roberts, District Councillor Belsey and 2 members of the public

Absent: Cllrs Arnott, Draper, Phillips and Loveday

1. **Public questions:** Members of the public present spoke about application DM/20/3297 as they wanted to highlight the fact that the proposal intercepts their foul drainage system which they believe also applies to 1, Forest View. The revised plans only seem to have added some additional windows but they do not address the fundamental issues raised in their original objections.

11.06 a.m. – members of the public left the meeting

2. **Apologies for absence** – Cllrs Draper and Phillips; apologies were received and **resolved; the reasons were accepted.**
3. **To receive Declaration of Interests from Members in respect of any matter on the agenda** – Cllr Haite declared a personal interest in application DM/20/4319 as a friend of a neighbour who had objected to the application
4. **The Minutes of the previous meeting of the Committee held on the 1st December 2020 were approved as an accurate record of the meetings.**

5. Planning applications received from Mid Sussex District Council:

DM/20/4397

Location: 65, Hammerwood Road Ashurst Wood

Desc: Yew Tree Fell

Recommend: the Council would prefer to retain a protected Yew tree wherever possible and feel that the tree should be reduced in size instead of being cut down. There is no arboricultural report advising about the condition of the tree or the possibility of alternatives to felling

DM/20/4319

Location: Hope Springs Cansiron Lane Ashurst Wood

Desc: The erection of a 2 Bay open fronted garage to the front of the driveway

Recommend: No objection, but members would like to see the height of the roof reduced if this is practically possible with added guttering for drainage, in order to address the

neighbour's concerns

DM/20/3297

Location: The Forge Wall Hill Road Ashurst Wood
Desc: Demolition of workshop and erection of 2 dwellings, provision of parking and hard/soft landscaping. (Amended plans received 01/12/2020)

Recommend: **Refusal** – Members note the plans have been amended by the addition of windows to the front of the proposed dwellings. However, the applicant has not addressed concerns expressed by the Village Council and other consultees, and has not provided the drainage survey required by the drainage officer. The Village Council is disappointed that the applicant did not consult with it or with the neighbours before submitting the application. The road in front of the Forge is dangerous for pedestrians and could be improved by the addition of a pavement, which would require a 1.2 metre strip of land.

The Council's recommendation of refusal is unchanged for the reasons set out above and in the previous response.

7. To receive notification of planning decisions:

DM/20/2559 – erection of a 23m pole supporting 3no. antennas, 1no. 0.3mm microwave dish and the installation of 2no. equipment cabinets – Telecommunications mast on grass verge of A22 land opposite Little Luxford, Lewes Road, Ashurst Wood – Permission - **REFUSED**

8. Correspondence: notice of an appeal to the Secretary of State following the refusal of application

DM/20/0463 – Land to the rear of Agincourt and Kassandra, The Rocks to create vehicle parking for 1 Hammerwood Road

9. Any items for reporting or inclusion on future agenda: None

Meeting Closed at: 11.22 am

Chair..... Dated: