

CRANBROOK & SISSINGHURST PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING & PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
HELD ON THE 17th NOVEMBER 2015

Declaration of Interests, Dispensations, Predetermination or Lobbying:

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Present: Cllr. Bunyan (in the Chair), Cllrs. Cook, Fermor, Kemp, and Smith.

Apologies: Cllr. Rook

PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

15/508963/FULL

Land Behind The Old Granary, Waterloo Road, Cranbrook
Erection of a new dwelling (revised scheme to 15/506494/FULL)

The Parish Council recommend REFUSAL. Whilst not objecting to a new dwelling at the location they felt the design was not suitable and saw no point in the single storey section of the design. They welcomed the concern for sustainability but also noted that they had preferred the previous application.

Proposed by Cllr. Fermor, seconded by Cllr. Cook and agreed.

15/508995/FULL

23 Frythe Way, Cranbrook

Retrospective application for erection of store and replacement carport.

The Parish Council recommend APPROVAL.

Proposed by Cllr. Bunyan, seconded by Cllr. Smith and agreed.

15/508652/FULL

Hartley Dyke Farm, Hartley Road, Cranbrook

Proposed temporary building for wine merchants shop.

The Chairman advised the Committee that no comment was necessary as planning permission was not required.

15/508729/FULL

Castle View, Biddenden Road, Sissinghurst

Change of use of outbuilding for use as Bed & Breakfast accommodation

The Parish Council recommend APPROVAL subject to the accommodation not being permanently occupied and remaining ancillary to the main dwelling. They also suggested swapping the location of the kitchen and bathroom areas.

Proposed by Cllr. Smith, seconded by Cllr. Kemp and agreed.

15/509241/FULL

Great Swifts Manor, Waterloo Road, Cranbrook

Single storey indoor pool extension with associated facilities.

The Parish Council recommend APPROVAL, however would like to encourage the use of photovoltaic panels if possible.

Proposed by Cllr. Cook, seconded by Cllr. Fermor and agreed.

REVISED PLANS:

15/507810/FULL

Cranbrook and Frittenden Rifle Club, Tenterden Road, Cranbrook

Reconsultation due to description change.

Members made no further comment.

APPEALS:

Glad man Site, Common Road

Cllr. Bunyan read out an email she had received from Dan McEwan regarding the comments made by Jane Lynch at the previous evening's Full Council Meeting in reference to the Gladman application. He did not share her belief that a great deal had changed since the appeal had been allowed at the Highgate site however reserved judgement until all the evidence was available. He did feel that success was more likely if it could be proved that Sissinghurst was not a sustainable location. He thought that Cllr. Bunyan should send a list of S106 requests to TWBC as suggested by Jane Lynch the previous evening. With this in mind she had prepared the following list which was agreed by the Committee.

- Serviced plots to be available for Custom/Self Builders, to be taken out of the total number of homes to be provided for social housing. Sissinghurst does not need 23 new housing association homes, we would like to assure that all those allocated social housing have the local connection.
- The affordable housing within the site should remain outside the LBD as this would give us more control over allocation.
- 65 or even 60 new homes would mean a lot of extra school children - the school would need extra places. The school is only a few years old so it would be surprising if it was built without the provision for easy extension. The school would need an extra classroom.
- The Parish Council has been asking for many years for a footpath/pavement from the school up to the main road or at least to the cross roads
- The village is fundraising to extend the village hall.
- Improvements to the Jubilee Field play area.
- Traffic calming/management.

Members also agreed there was a need for more on site parking - one extra parking space per dwelling as Sissingurst does not have a car park and Common Road is not suitable for parking. They also thought there was an unacceptable mix of house sizes in the current applications e.g: 2 and 3 beds - all for affordable homes and market housing is all 4 and 5 bed?

Members were keen to confirm that in providing a list it should not be seen as an endorsement for the application.

DECISIONS:

Cllr. Bunyan read out the decisions she had downloaded from the portal.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION:

Cllr. Fermor raised a concern over the condition of the property in Waterloo Road once known as The Windmill Pub. She felt it was not a good advert for visitors coming to the Town and wondered if we could contact the developers to see what their plans for the property were? The Deputy Clerk offered to see if she could obtain some contact details for the owners.