

CRANBROOK & SISSINGHURST PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PLANNING & PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
HELD ON THE 17th OCTOBER 2017

Declaration of Interests, Dispensations, Predetermination or Lobbying:

Members are required to declare any interests, dispensations, predetermination or lobbying on items on this agenda. Members are reminded that changes to the Register of Interests should be notified to the Clerk.

Present: Cllr. Bunyan (in the Chair), Cllrs. Cook, Fermor, Smith & Warne.

17/02797/FULL

The High Weald Academy, Angley Road, Cranbrook, Kent, TN17 2PJ
Demolition of existing school buildings (EFAI, EFAE, EFAF and EFAD) and development of a new part two and part three storey school teaching block (5,040 sq metres gross). Relocation and extension of existing car park, landscaping and external works.

The Parish Council recommends APPROVAL. Members were particularly impressed with the selection of trees and planting proposed, but would like to suggest revisiting the choice of colours for the accent panels to better reflect the woodland setting.

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

17/03145/FULL

The Moat, Rectory Lane, Cranbrook, Kent, TN17 3JY

Retrospective – Erection of a tree house around a weeping willow tree.

The Parish Council recommends APPROVAL subject to the views of the Conservation Architect.

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

17/03187/FULL

32 Oatfield Drive, Cranbrook, Kent, TN17 3LA

Single storey rear extension and partial demolition of existing garage.

The Parish Council recommends APPROVAL.

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

17/03249/FULL & 17/03250/LBC

3 Borough Cottages, The Hill, Cranbrook, Kent, TN17 3HS

Replacement of existing lap fence in front garden between No's 2 and 3 Borough Cottages with wooden palisade fence; Replacement side and rear pedestrian gates.

Listed Building Consent – Replacement of existing gutters to southern (front) and part eastern (side) elevations.

The Parish Council recommends APPROVAL subject to the views of the Conservation Architect.

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

17/03177//FULL

The Cow Byre, Hazelden Farm, Marden Road, Cranbrook, Kent TN17 2LP

Retrospective – Installation of one oil tank and one stainless steel flue.

The Parish Council recommends APPROVAL.

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

APPEALS:

16/07307/FULL

Hemsted Forest Equestrian Centre, Golford Road, Benenden

Variation of Condition 23 of Planning Permission 13/01338/FULMJ (Partial demolition of yard and removal of sand school; Construction of replacement sand school, new indoor school with ancillary storage and horse walker, farrier/vets bay and American barn stables; Conversion of existing barn to office, tack room and teaching room; Construction of car park and new access) – to allow lighting to be used between the hours of 15:30 to 19:00 Monday to Friday from 20th October to 1st April each year.

Members noted the appeal but made no further comments.

ECO DESIGN PROPOSALS:

Cllr. Bunyan tabled the draft list she had previously compiled, which Members agreed should be circulated to interested parties to raise awareness when new dwellings, major refurbishments or extensions are considered. It was agreed to send a copy to Fernham Homes, the Developers involved with the land at the rear of The Street, Sissinghurst. Members also agreed to send a copy to Karen Fossett, Head of Planning Services, Kelvin Hinton – Planning Policy Manager and Stephen Baughen – Building Control and Development Manager with a request that they consider passing it on when pre- application advice is sought, until the emerging NDP is adopted.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Cllr. Bunyan read the response she had received from Stephen Baughen when enquiring as to whether the Borough would be prepared to work more closely with the Parish on larger applications. He did advise that should the Parish Council be considering a recommendation of refusal, if we were to suggest how matters could be addressed, this could be raised with developers when the application was considered and possibly used to negotiate improvements. It would be particularly useful if mitigation could be suggested and costed, thus allowing for a Section 106 to be drafted and agreed prior to any appeal being heard, even if the application was to be refused.

TRAINING:

Cllr. Smith offered to present an application at the next meeting.

DECISIONS:

Cllr. Bunyan read out the decisions received from the Borough Council.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION:

No items were raised.