

CRANBROOK & SISSINGHURST PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING & PRESERVATION COMMITTEE  
HELD ON THE 20<sup>th</sup> JUNE 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, Veitch & Warne.

**COMMON ROAD COMMENTS:**

Members viewed the alternative draft design which had been sent by Countryside to TWBC for consideration. They agreed in principle to the suggested design and to request that if TWBC are minded to approve a financial contribution paid directly to the Parish Council in lieu of an on-site play area, it would be ring fenced by the Parish Council for enhancement of the current play facilities in the village. A new double tower system and safety surface has been recently installed, but further investment would be required in the near future to maintain and replace existing equipment which is approaching the end of a viable life for safe usage and for the improvement of safety surfaces.

Members hoped that by redirecting the financial contribution to the existing village facilities it would encourage new residents of the development to feel more involved and included in village life and add to the sense of community environment that is so prominent in Sissinghurst.

They also wished to reiterate our support of the 50:50 tenure mix to encourage shared ownership as identified in the most recent local needs survey.

The Clerk would email the Planning Officer responsible for the application following the meeting to advise him of their comments.

**PLANNING APPLICATIONS:**

17/01461/FULL

Site of 1 – 9 Church Mews, Sissinghurst.

Retrospective – Siting of a temporary marketing suite for purpose of selling units.

The Parish Council recommend REFUSAL. Members felt the existence of the suite was no longer justified and suggested the applicant look at alternative marketing methods. They felt that the structure detracts from Trinity Church and the entrance to the Village. It was suggested that one of the remaining unsold properties could be utilised for marketing purposes.

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

17/01460/ADV

Site of 1 – 9 Church Mews, Sissinghurst.

Retrospective – Advertisement – 3 No. flagpoles and printed boarding around marketing suite.

The Parish Council again recommend REFUSAL for all of the above reasons.

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

17/01816/FULL

4 West Terrace, High Street, Cranbrook

Creation of a residential dwelling (Revised scheme to planning consent 14/502109/REM (Reserved Matters – Appearance and Landscape) – New dwelling and parking (TW/1101453/OUT refers).

The Parish Council recommends APPROVAL.

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

17/01705/FULL

33 Stone Street, Cranbrook

Change of use from office to residential.

Members were unable to make a decision due to the lack of the following information on the application:

- Where is the access?
- What does the hatching on the design indicate?
- Is it just on the ground floor?
- There were no diagrams of elevations.
- There was no information on insulation or parking facilities.

17/01847/FULL

Stunts Cottage, Biddenden Road, Sissinghurst

Proposed erection of a side extension, new gable at first floor and alterations to windows and external doors.

The Parish Council recommends APPROVAL.

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

17/01698/FULL

4 & 5 The Meads, Cranbrook, Kent, TN17 3QB

Conversion to 2 dwellings & erection of two-storey rear extension to each semi detached dwelling.

The Parish Council recommends REFUSAL. Members agreed that the increased height of the roof line was unacceptable and would have a detrimental visual impact on the street scene.

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

17/01718/FULL

Playing Field, Quaker Lane, Cranbrook

Renovation, internal alterations and single storey side extension.

The Parish Council recommends APPROVAL.

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

17/01971/TN0T56

Electronic Communications Installation 91555, Turnden Road, Cranbrook

Telecommunications notification – Replacement of 2 no. existing antennas atop 15m high monopole with 2no. new antennas in the same locations; addition of 1 no. radio equipment cabinet and ancillary development.

Members noted the application and raised no objection.

## **CONSULTATIONS:**

### **Draft Five Year Plan TWBC:**

Cllr. Veitch had attended a recent KALC Parish Chairman's meeting and had been encouraged to submit a response to the consultation. Members agreed that the rural area was less represented than Tunbridge Wells. There was no mention of health provision, supporting of the arts or broadband issues in the rural area. The Civic Amenity Vehicle is not mentioned and there was no emphasis on rural public transport that would enable residents to travel to Tunbridge Wells to benefit from all the proposals suggested. They felt the document did not equally reflect the rural area. Members agreed to delegate Cllr. Veitch to collate comments from Planning Committee Members and to formulate a response to the consultation.

### **Landscape Character Assessment SPD:**

Cllr. Warne had been previously delegated to respond to the consultation. She encouraged Members to submit comments for her to collate to assist in forming a response. Cllrs. Bunyan, Smith and Fermor would look at the Sissinghurst section, whilst Cllrs. Cook, Warne and Veitch would concentrate on the Cranbrook section. Cllr. Warne also updated Members on the Green Space Designation and advised of the lengthy process that was necessary to include suitable locations. She would gratefully accept any offer of help in completing this task.

**TRAINING:**

Cllr. Fermor agreed to present an application at the next meeting.

**DECISIONS:**

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

**ITEMS FOR INFORMATION:**

None were raised: