

CRANBROOK & SISSINGHURST PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PLANNING & PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
HELD ON THE 17th APRIL 2018

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. Beck, Cook, Kemp (in part), Veitch & Warne.

Apologies: Cllrs. Fermor & Smith.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

18/00262/HYBRID

OS Plots 9492 And 029, Common Road, Sissinghurst, Cranbrook, Kent

Hybrid Application (Part Outline/Part Detailed) Comprising Erection of 9 self/custom build dwellings (All Matters Reserved) with associated supporting road infrastructure, access, open space and landscaping (Detailed).

The support the application had received from the local primary school and neighbouring properties was discussed. Members were advised of an amended layout being suggested which allowed for an area close to the entrance of the site to remain as a nature reserve with additional planting and the placing of bat boxes. There were also plans to plant additional hedging on the site, both would serve to mitigate the concerns raised in the AECOM report. After a full discussion and taking into account all the new information, Cllr. Cook proposed that our original comments to TWBC were amended to recommend APPROVAL in principle of 9 self-build homes, subject to ecological mitigations and enhancements. Members would also like to see further discussions on the access, the road surface, the layout and pedestrian connectivity and orientation. This was seconded by Cllr. Bunyan and agreed.

Members noted that the applicant was offering to contribute the CIL costs although this was not mandatory and a capital contribution of £30,000 would be given to the primary school on the sale of the fourth plot.

18/00902/FULL & 18/00903/LBC

Old Studio, High Street, Cranbrook, Kent, TN17 3DR

Erection of a new garden wall to reinstate the previously damaged listed wall.

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

Members were disappointed at the lack of information provided in the application, particularly in reference to details of the remaining existing wall.

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

CONSULTATIONS:

Draft Revised National Planning Policy Framework

It was agreed to defer this item to the next meeting. The Clerk would circulate copies of the draft revised NPPF and the consultation document to all members of the Planning Committee.

CORRESPONDENCE:

No correspondence had been received.

DECISIONS:

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

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION:

No items were raised.