

CRANBROOK & SISSINGHURST PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PLANNING & PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
HELD ON THE 15th MAY 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. Fermor, Fletcher & Warne.

Apologies: Cllrs. Cook & Smith.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR:

Cllr. Bunyan proposed that Cllr. Cook continue as Vice Chair of the Planning and Preservation Committee, this was seconded by Cllr. Fermor and agreed.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

18/01253/FULL

Barn At, Briar Knoll, Chapel Lane, Sissinghurst

Conversion of barn (previously permitted for residential use) for use as a single dwelling including lowering floor level, erection of side extension, external alterations and landscaping.

The Parish Council recommended APPROVAL.

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

18/01281/FULL

Garage Block, Doctor Hopes Road, Cranbrook

Demolition of existing garage blocks and construction of two single storey dwellings with seven parking spaces.

The Parish Council recommended REFUSAL. Members felt that this was a strategic piece of land that should not be developed until a master plan of the wider area that is in line with the emerging Neighbourhood Development Plan can be devised.

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

18/01344/FULL

The Green Shed, Snow Hill, Colliers Green Road, Cranbrook

Erection of garage.

The Parish Council recommended APPROVAL.

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

18/01345/FULL

The Black Barn, Snow Hill, Colliers Green Road, Cranbrook

Erection of garage.

The Parish Council recommended APPROVAL.

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

18/01359/FULL

Westholme, Sissinghurst Road, Sissinghurst TN17 2JA

Demolition of existing detached timber bungalow and garage; construction of replacement chalet bungalow with attached garage (Revision to 18/00317/FULL)

The Parish Council recommended APPROVAL.

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

18/01258/FULL & 18/01259/LBC

E C Wilkes & Son, Stone Street, Cranbrook, Kent, TN17 3HE

Conversion of existing barn into a 1-bed residential unit with rooflights, Retention of timber structure with new walls and support timbers internally and creation of garden

The Parish Council recommended APPROVAL, subject to the views of the Conservation Architect.
Proposed by Cllr. Fermor, seconded by Cllr Bunyan and agreed.

18/01194/FULL

Trenley Farm, Trenley Lane, Cranbrook, Kent, TN18 5AH

Conversion of existing stable building into residential annex

The Parish Council recommended REFUSAL. Members felt there was insufficient justification for the conversion of the equestrian facility to what appears to be a fully functioning separate dwelling in an area of AONB.

Proposed by Cllr. Bunyan, seconded by Cllr. Fermor and agreed with one Member abstaining from the vote.

18/01195/FULL

Camden Villa, Wilsley Pound, Sissinghurst, Cranbrook, Kent, TN17 2HR

Single storey extension to existing outbuilding and change of use to create beauty salon.

The Parish Council recommended APPROVAL, subject to no adverse comments from the highways department. Members supported the idea of running a business from the premises, however were concerned that sufficient parking had been identified for potential clients and staff.

Proposed by Cllr. Bunyan, seconded by Cllr. Warne and agreed with one Member abstaining from the vote.

18/01392/FULL

Quarrwood, Dorothy Avenue, Cranbrook, TN17 3AL

Demolition of existing porch, erection of new porch canopy and alterations to garage to form new entrance.

The Parish Council recommended APPROVAL.

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

18/01365/FULL

Colliers Green C Of E Primary School Colliers Green Road Cranbrook Kent TN17 2LR

Demolition of 4 no. modular blocks, air raid shelter and polytunnel and erection of 2 no. single storey buildings to provide classrooms, a library, SEN space and associated facilities.

The Parish Council recommended APPROVAL, but were disappointed that the application did not include a classroom for each year group. It did not appear to cater for any additional growth to allow the school and surrounding community to thrive. They would have preferred to see a more sympathetic design of building more sensitive to the landscape and woodland setting. It was also felt the roof should be upgraded to improve the U value particularly to prevent overheating. They were also concerned about parking provision and hoped that the school would be able to negotiate parking on land on the other side of Marden Road.

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

CONSULTATIONS:

Terms of Reference for Brick Kiln Advisory Group

The draft terms of reference for the Brick Kiln Advisory group as written by Cllr. Veitch were tabled. It was proposed by Cllr. Bunyan, seconded by Cllr. Warne and agreed to accept the draft terms, a copy of which is filed with these minutes.

Cllr. Warne advised that the first meeting with David Huggett of Persimmon Homes had taken place, she is now scheduling a meeting with Countryside who have an option on the neighbouring site.

TRAINING:

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

Cllr. Bunyan read out a copy of a letter sent to the planning officer regarding application 18/00775/FULL. It was agreed a response was not required.

DECISIONS:

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

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION:

Cllr. Bunyan referred to the decision that TWBC as the planning authority would shortly no longer be sending paper plans to the parishes. She felt they should encourage, or better still, make it a condition that all applicants should include the major measurements on their plans to make online viewing easier.