

Fittleworth Parish Council

Planning Subcommittee Meeting Minutes of the Parish Council Planning Committee

Held in the Bradley Williams Room Fittleworth Village Hall on Thursday 9th March 2023 at 7pm

Present

Lee Scott (LS)

David Brittain (DB)

Tony Broughton (TB)

Jane Claxton (JC)

Members of the public - Susie and John Mellers

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence - None

2. The Minutes of the last meeting on Thursday 16th February 2023 were approved

3. Public Questions.

Following his attendance at the 16th February meeting, Mr Varvill of Mill House has emailed the Clerk dated 6th March to raise 5 questions relating to the proposals at the Swan public house, with specific focus on the possibility of a car-park being built in the field opposite Mill Cottages. Mr Varvill's near neighbours Mr and Mrs Mellers attended this meeting to raise a similar point.

LS and JC both explained that the Planning Committee had not seen any proposals for car parking in the field, but that they were aware that the new owners/operators have aspirations for this and that they are understood to be in the process of purchasing the land from the Barlavington Estate. Since no specific proposals have been presented, any views of the Parish Council concerning this should be understood as being about the principle only, and conditional upon any proposal demonstrating how the issues affecting the site might be overcome.

4. Declarations by Council Members of personal or prejudicial interest in any of the agenda items listed below - none save for TB in respect of Limbourne Lane as a near neighbour, and DB in respect of Douglaslake farm buildings as a near neighbour. The tree application had been submitted by the wife of a Parish Councillor.

5. Planning Applications

5.(a).SDNP/23/00525/TCA Journeys End St Marys Drive Fittleworth West Sussex RH20 1JF Proposal: Notification of intention to reduce height by 2-3m on 1 no. Hazel clump (T1). Remove 1 no. branch on south-east sector (overhanging neighbours garden) and crown thin south west sector by 30% on 1 no. Elder tree (T2). Coppice down to 1m on 1 no. Field Maple tree (T3). Crown lift by up to 5m (above ground level) on 1 no. Copper Beech tree (T4). TB and Mike Allin (MA) hoped to visit on 11th March before the closing date for comments of 29/03/2023

5.(b). No late applications

6. Ongoing application and permissions

6. (a).SDNP/23/00224/TCA Sorrels Cottage Bedham Lane Fittleworth Pulborough West Sussex RH20 1JH Notification of intention to fell 1 no Cypress Leylandii tree. This was approved on behalf of SDNP on 28/02/23

6. (b).SDNP/23/00190/TCA Rose Cottage School Lane Fittleworth West Sussex RH20 1JB Notification of intention to prune back to previous pollard points on 1 no. Weeping Willow tree (T1). Approved as above

6. (c). SDNP/23/00189/TCA Sunnyside Lower Street Fittleworth West Sussex RH20 1JE Notification of intention to cyclical pollard prune to remove all re- growth subsequent to pollard knuckles (i.e. back to previous pruning points) on 1 no. Goat willow tree (T1). Approved as above

6. (d). SDNP/22/00889/DCOND. Location: Mants, Wakestone Lane. Proposal: Discharge of conditions under SDNP/19/00845/HOUS. No further application and this item can come off the Agenda.

6. (e). Limbourne Lane. No current news.

6. (f). The Old Corn Store, Tripp Hill. There is planning officer correspondence indicating the need for a new application and that the officer was minded to recommend refusal of this application. There is no recent news.

6. (g). Old House, Tripp Hill. There is no recent news.

6. (h). Birch Court, School Close. There is no news of progress.

6. (i). Land north of Waltham Park Road, Coldwaltham (close to Tripp Hill, Fittleworth). A decision by the SDNPA on the campsite application was thought to be imminent and WSCC have removed their concerns as to highways. Alan Sutton was to be asked if he could clarify the position.

6. (j). The Old Rectory, Upper Street. A decision was still thought imminent.

6. (k). SDNP/21/04270/FUL Erection of workshop, office and associated parking. | Amen Wood Yard Fitzleroi Lane Fittleworth RH20 1JN. LS spoke to Alan Sutton (AS) about this long standing (100 plus years) wood yard and its difficulties on recent planning applications.

6. (l). SDNP/22/05856/LIS & SDNP/22/05855/HOUS Yaffle Cottage 3 Churchwood Fittleworth West Sussex RH20 1HP. Proposal: Alterations to rear extension including relocation of fireplace and chimney to the northwest elevation and addition of window to the north-east elevation and replacement of roof tiles with associated roof repairs. No recent news.

6. (m). SDNP/22/05767/HOUS Laburnum Lodge School Lane Fittleworth West Sussex RH20 1JB Removal of existing utility room. Construction of a single storey rear ground floor extension. No recent news.

7. Pre-applications

7. (a). The Swan pre-application is proceeding; see section 3 above

8. Appeals

8. (a). Nothing to report.

9. Enforcement proceedings

9. (a). Douglaslake farm buildings. No news following refusal of appeal.

9. (b). Mants, Wakestone Lane. This item can come off the Agenda

10. ROMP. Bognor Common Quarry. DB sent another email on 09/03/23 to Alexandra Vogt of SDNPA referring to sandy runoff from the Quarry exit (and has received an acknowledgment on 14th March). The revised lorry wheel cleansing arrangements need to be clarified.

11. Consultations

11. (a). FPC CIL application. JC, LS and the Clerk prepared a draft based around the Serpent Trail and the priorities, for submission in March

11. (b). Gatwick Airport runways and CAA consultations. There have been recent CAGNE emails on the NMB process or lack of it and on a CAA consultation; there was a closing date of 5th March but no submission was made. Concerns about low flying Chinooks were not thought a CAA responsibility.

11. (c). FPC Highways applications relating to speed restrictions; these need to be reviewed in the light of what WSCC has proposed on a county wide basis. It was hoped to set up an in person meeting with Mike Dare of WSCC Highways.

11. (d). Southern Water and Portsmouth Water WRMP and WRSE; no response was submitted as no useful comment was elicited.

11. (e). CDC Local Plan and the recent All Parishes meeting attended by LS, who reported on the housing targets required of CDC, particularly south and north of the National Park. The significant development expected in Wisborough Green and Kirdford (and Loxwood) is of concern to Fittleworth residents as it will increase traffic through the Parish. FPC's concern was raised with AS as the local district councillor.

11. (f). South Downs Local Plan Review - Settlement Facilities Assessment/Open space assessment deadline 6th April. LS hopes to respond. (Parish Priority Statements deadline 20th October?)

11. (g). No other consultations

12. Date of Next Meeting - Thursday 30th March 2023 at 7pm. Bradley Williams Room, Fittleworth Village Hall (Room to be confirmed?)