

# COLDWALTHAM PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE PLANNING MEETING HELD on TUESDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER at 7.30PM SANDHAM HALL, LONDON ROAD, COLDWALTHAM

Those Present: Cllr C Dennis  
Cllr G Nelson Chair  
Cllr A Davies  
Cllr O Dudman  
Cllr A Lane  
Cllr I Dreger

Mrs LD Sherlock-Fuidge Clerk

Parishioners: Kathleen Maher

Cllr Dennis chaired this planning meeting as Planning Lead.

K Maher spoke about the Barn Cottage Application – queried that the proposal is to fell two trees but in the sketch detail states T1-T4 to be felled and demanded that the application should be resubmitted, further to this she commented that:

- Continued noise from their neighbours when people are picking up or dropping off children to the nursery including disturbance from car headlights.
- Reducing the hedge will lose any sound barrier from the road and allow car headlights to shine into the neighbouring property.
- She does not believe that the application is accurate in stating the trees are unhealthy.

Cllr Dennis stated that the parish Council is only a consulting body and can make no planning decisions, however, will make account of residents' comments into their considerations.

### **P 23 / 05.00 TO RECEIVE AND ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Evans.

### **P 23 / 06.00 TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS FROM MEMBERS, AND ANY CHANGES SINCE THEIR LAST DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Cllr Dreger signed his Declaration of Office in the presence of the clerk. Also completed his completed Register of Members' Interest, the clerk will put this on the website.

No declarations were received with regards to this meeting.

### **P 23 / 07.00 PLANNING**

**P 23 / 07.01 SDNP/23/04801/TPO BARN COTTAGE LONDON ROAD COLDWALTHAM**  
Application For: Fell 2 x Conifer Trees and surgery to Conifer Hedge.

Cllr Dennis presented the plans to the meeting.

Members discussed the application; councillor raised the following concerns.

- That the application was very vague, in that it states that two trees are to be felled in the title however in the drawings it refers to T1-T4 to be felled. The sketch is only hand drawn so it is difficult to truly understand the extent of the works proposed.
- If the hedges are reduced by 40% members were concerned that the hedge would not survive and would need removal in the future because they are dead. Therefore, any barrier provided by these hedges from the noise and lights from traffic would be removed.
- Members noted that the H2 is on along the public right of way footpath and provides a good barrier defining the footpath, which is very popular especially during the summer months.
- There is no description of the proposed outbuilding to determine size or structure to know if these trees would be impeding them. The application mentions that a fence is to replace the felled trees, however, again no measurements or position are given to determine if this will provide a suitable barrier for neighbour privacy.
- Due to the nature of the childcare business, there is an increase of traffic exhaust fumes which the trees and hedges filter.

**RESOLVED:** Members resolved to object and request more detailed plans and clarification of how many trees are to be felled. However, to make the comments as above.

**P 23 / 07.02**

**SDNP/23/04549/HOUS & SDNP/23/04550/LIS**

**OLD PRIEST HOUSE LONDON ROAD COLDWALTHAM**

Application For: Demolition of existing detached single garage and construction of a new detached double garage with home office over (Householder) & (Listed Building Consent)

Cllr Dennis presented the plans to the meeting.

Members discussed the application and noted the following comments:

- Members commented that the proposed garage building would dominate the existing listed property, especially as the proposed garage floor plan is over half the size of the floor plan of the existing property.
- The proposed access driveway to the new garage will cross over an existing sewer line, members hoped that this had been taken into consideration.
- The proposed garage, which has a tiled roof, is out of keeping next to the listed very old, thatched. The position of the proposed garage being adjacent to the cat-slide roofline of the listed building therefore appears even larger in comparison.
- Members noted that the rooflights, although the conservation officer recommended that these should be flush with the roof, members were concerned that consideration should be given to SDNP Darks Skys policy SD8, some form of obscurity is provided.

**RESOLVED:** Members resolved to object to the application regarding the size and style of the proposed building.

**P 23 / 08.00**

**OTHER ITEMS**

**SDNP/23/04823/FUL - Besley Farm, Watersfield** – New agricultural building – Cllr Dennis noted that this application is a resubmit of previously approved plans so the council would make no comment.

**SDNP/23/04625/HOUS - Yew Tree House Coldwaltham** - Proposed removal of existing garage and store and erection of a two-storey side extension. Erection of a detached replacement double garage. – Members wished to discuss this further at another planning meeting.

**SDNP/22/03837/FUL - Land North of Waltham Park Road, Coldwaltham** – The Clerk advised that this Barlavington Estates have appealed the planning decision to refuse this application. SDNP Planning have advised that all comments previously made will be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate. Cllr Dennis suggested that as council are meeting again to discuss another application, this can be discussed then.

**SDNP/23/04879/CND - Swallows End, Hardham** - Variation of Condition 2 of previously approved application SDNP/23/01948/HOUS (Proposed works to change roofing material to slate, add 2no. rooflights and 1no. window) Variation sought to allow for repositioning of the rooflights. – Members discussed and agreed that the previous comment regarding the SDNP darks sky’s reserve SD8 should be resubmitted.

Meeting Closed at 8.30 pm.

**Chairman**.....

**Date**.....

Distributed to those present, also Cllrs Evans and Coughtrey.

**DRAFT MINUTES - Not confirmed until the next council meeting**