

COLDWALTHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING MEETING HELD **on THURSDAY 24TH OCTOBER 2019 at 7.30PM** **AT FIELD HOUSE, BROCKHURST FARM, WATERSFIELD**

Those Present: Cllr G Nelson Chairman
Cllr T Burr Vice Chairman
Cllr S Hewer
Cllr O Dudman
Cllr C Dennis

Parishioner Mrs R Glithero Parish Verger

P 19 / 11.00 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - to receive comments made by members of the public.

In reference to the first application to be discussed, Mrs Glithero explained that neighbours had first drawn the Church's attention to a split branch on the ancient churchyard yew tree. The proposed works were necessary to make the tree safe, and at the same time to undertake pruning to keep growth clear of the church building.

P 19 / 12.00 TO RECEIVE AND ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None received.

P 19 / 13.00 TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

None received.

P 19 / 14.00 PLANNING

P 19 / 14.01 SDNP/19/04915/TPO ST GILES CHURCH, LONDON ROAD, COLDWALTHAM

Surgery to 1 x Yew

The Council considered the application for consent to surgery on the Coldwaltham yew tree. While not wanting to overlook any undue risk, they were nevertheless concerned that the yew should not be seen as just another tree in need of attention. This monumental veteran was at the heart of the parish's identity and heritage, and called for a bespoke conservation strategy and specialized skills to help sustain it through many more generations. The Council recognised that such an approach might come at significant cost, but Cllr Burr suggested that a possible way forward might be to draw the tree to the attention of the woodlands team at the South Downs National Park Authority, who had much relevant expertise. The SDNPA was ultimately the planning authority, but also had a policy interest in the management and conservation of trees within the National Park, and it was important that the matter should also be considered under that aspect.

RESOLVED: To write to the SDNPA as suggested, with a holding response to HDC regarding the application.

P 19 / 14.02 SDNP/19/04741/HOUS THE OLD MECHANICS, CHURCH LANE, COLDWALTHAM

Re-cladding of the walls of existing corrugated steel building with timber cladding

Councillor Burr presented the plans to the meeting. Following a brief discussion, it was agreed that almost anything would be an improvement on the present rusting hulk, and that timber cladding seemed a reasonable option.

RESOLVED: To offer no objection to the application.

P 19 / 15.00 **OTHER ITEMS**

None.

Chairman:..... **Date:**.....