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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FARNHAM ROYAL PARISH COUNCIL PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON FRIDAY 24 MAY 2019 AT 10.00 A.M. IN FARNHAM ROYAL PARISH COUNCIL OFFICE

Present

Mrs. Marilyn Rolfe (Chair)
Mrs. Judy Tipping
Mr. Bob Milne
Mrs. Judith Hall (Clerk)

The meeting opened at 10.00am.

19/54/PL Apologies for absence

Mr. Paul Rowley

19/55/PL To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 10 May 2019

The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.

19/56/PL To review comments submitted on applications discussed at the last meeting

56.1 The Committee reviewed the comments submitted, and requested no amendments, in respect of the following applications:

PL/19/1314/TP 1 Ingleglen, Farnham Common
PL/19/0747/FA 1-15 (odds) Langtons Meadow, Farnham Common
PL/19/1348/FA 6 Fairfield Lane, Farnham Royal
PL/19/1421/FA Broad Oaks Cottage, Parish Lane, Farnham Common
PL/19/1424/TP Old Orchard House, Parsonage Lane, Farnham Common

56.2 The Committee reviewed the comment submitted regarding PL/19/1145/FA Land to Rear Of Greenways, Beeches Road, Farnham Common and requested that the Clerk submit an additional comment as follows:

'The Parish Council requests a hydrology report specifically reviewing the effect of the proposed build on the water table given its close proximity to Burnham Beeches. In addition, the Parish Council objects to access being granted through the car park as this would reduce facilities for the community.'

19/57/PL To consider comments on current applications

57.1 PL/19/1554/FA Cedarways, 100 Blackpond Lane, Farnham Royal

Mrs. Rolfe advised that she had not had an opportunity to review the application but would do so and email members and the Clerk with her comments.

57.2 PL/19/1625/FA Rose Cottage, 10 Frensham Walk, Farnham Common

Following a discussion regarding the application, the Committee agreed that the Clerk would submit a comment as follows:

'The Parish Council requests that the Planning Officer satisfies himself that, if granted, the development would have no adverse effect on the privacy and/or amenity of neighbours.'

57.3 PL/19/1577/FA Woodlands, Farnham Park Lane, Farnham Royal

Following a discussion regarding the application, the Committee agreed that the Clerk would submit a comment as follows:

'The Parish Council has no objection to this application but would request that the Parish Council's general conditions are included.'

19/58/PL To review decisions made by the Planning Authority since 8 May 2019

The Committee reviewed the decisions made by the Planning Authority on the following applications:

PL/19/0883/FA	The Rookery Christmas Lane Farnham Common
PL/19/0554/CONDA	Neelams Stables Parsonage Lane Farnham Common
PL/19/0456/FA	Little Waltham Collinswood Road Farnham Common
PL/19/1009/TP	Land at Montague Close Farnham Royal

No comments were made regarding the decisions but members asked the Clerk to include a summary of conditions on the decision schedule.

19/59/PL To receive an update regarding the retrospective application for concrete crushing at Bishops Farm

Mrs. Rolfe confirmed that she attended the BCC Development Control Committee meeting on 20 May 2019 and that Cllr. Dhillon, Linda Bennett and c. 20 residents also attended. She advised that the application was unanimously rejected and operator was given two weeks to stop work and clear the site. The enforcement of this will be the responsibility of the BCC Enforcement Officer who was also present at the meeting. Cllr. Dhillon, Linda Bennett and Mrs. Rolfe have already written to the Enforcement Officer urging him to act and he had confirmed that he was hoping that the operator would comply within the two week timescale. Mrs. Rolfe also noted that the operator still holds an Environment Agency licence to operate and stated that it is important that pressure is put on the Environment Agency to revoke this. Mrs. Rolfe confirmed that she would be writing to the Agency later that day. The Clerk was asked to contact Burnham Parish Council to ask them to contact the Enforcement Officer and Environment Agency as well. Mrs. Rolfe also advised that the operator was dumping rubble in the garden centre car park.

19/60/PL To consider whether it is more appropriate for planning matters to be dealt with by a committee or working group.

The Clerk advised that she had now spoken with the Society of Local Council Clerks and they had suggested that in order to increase flexibility and efficiency it may be desirable to convert the Planning Committee to a Planning Working Group. In practical terms, applications would be dealt with in largely the same way but unlike the Committee, the Group would not be authorised to submit comments on behalf of the Parish Council. It would provide recommendations to the Clerk who would have delegated powers to submit comments in line with the recommendation unless the application is considered contentious, for example the proposed development is significant in size or would be in the green belt. If assessed as contentious that application would be brought to the attention of the full Parish Council prior to any submission to the Planning Authority. The members felt that converting to a working group would allow them to carry out their work more flexibly and efficiently and decided to recommend this to the Parish Council. The Clerk confirmed that she would add this to the agenda for the next Parish Council meeting.

19/61/PL Any Other Business (for information only)

None

19/62/PL Next meeting

Friday 7 June 2019 at 10.00am at the Parish Council Office

Friday 21 June 2019 at 10.00am at the Parish Council Office

The meeting closed at 11.23am