



MINUTES OF THE MEETING of Hadlow Down Parish Council
held in Hadlow Down Village Hall, Hadlow Down
at 7:15pm on Monday 16th December 2019.

Present: Councillors: Julian Michaelson-Yeates (JMY) Acting Chair, Sally Blyfield (SB), Ben Floyd (BF), Rachel Lewis (RL), Peter Weston (PW).

Clerk: None

In attendance: 1 member of the public.

247. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

A member of the public raised some observations in reference to the retrospective application for the extension of the car parks at Wilderness Wood. The top car parks can be a source of noise late at night with people talking, car doors closing and traffic noise as the cars leave. This occurred occasionally and might be connected with events at the wood or wild campers leaving prematurely due to poor weather. While referring back to the major application for Wilderness Wood approved in 2016 it was noted that planning had been granted conditional to a noise management plan that was to be in place before development could commence. Was the PC able to confirm if this condition had been fulfilled? **JMY agreed to approach the owners of Wilderness Wood if guidance could be provided to wild campers and event visitors to use the main car parks in preference to the top car parks. The PC would also follow up with the owners and Wealden DC to check if the recommendations and commitments included in the major application of 2016 had been formalised in a noise management plan as conditioned.**

248. APOLOGIES AND REASON FOR ABSENCE Received from Cllrs: Sandra Richards, Michael Lunn.

249. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - Cllr Peter Weston declared an interest in items 250(ia) and 250 (ii).

250. PLANNING: any applications received between the date of issue of the agenda and the date of the meeting may be discussed and a response agreed at the meeting. Details of the application will appear on the village website.

i. PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

Cllr Peter Weston left the meeting at 19:33.

- a. WD/2019/2103/F – 3 SOUTH BEACON, MAIN ROAD, HADLOW DOWN, TN22 4ES. SIDE/REAR EXTENSION.** Amended plans received 4/12/19 to show reducing length of extension and re-design of roof. The PC voted (4/0) to support this application. It was noted that the pitch of the roof was similar to that submitted in July as well as being 2M shorter in length. Cllr Peter Weston re-joined the meeting at 19:42.
- b. WD/2019/2021/FR – WILDERNESS WOOD, MAIN ROAD, HADLOW DOWN TN22 4HJ. RETROSPECTIVE APPLICATION FOR EXTENSIONS TO EXISTING CAR PARKS, INCLUDING AN AREA DESIGNATED FOR STAFF CAR PARKING.** Amended description to include staff parking and amended plans received 3/12/19. The PC voted (5/0) in support of this application. The re-submission has addressed all the comments raised by the PC from the 18th November. The PC requests that Wealden include a condition, as suggested by the applicants, that these car park extensions revert to woodland in the event of closure of the Wood to the public.

ii. APPROVED PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

- a. WD/2019/2216/FR – THE OLD COACH HOUSE, MAIN ROAD, HADLOW DOWN, TN22 4ES.** Retrospective application for an outbuilding.

iii. WITHDRAWN PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

- a. WD/2019/2001/FA – GATE HOUSE FARM, STOCKLANDS LANE, HADLOW DOWN, TN22 4EA.** Minor material amendment to WD/2016/2285/F (Redevelopment of site including demolition of industrial farm building, removal of water holding tanks and construction of two detached dwellings with associated works) involving variation of condition 14 to enable relocation of garage on Plot 2 from west side to east side and use of the existing site access to the east to provide separate access to each plot.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 19:45