

# ICKLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL

A local council for the peoples of Icklesham, Winchelsea, Winchelsea Beach and Rye Harbour

## Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held at Winchelsea Beach Community Hall on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2023

**Cllrs Present:** Ms. N Eldridge, J Justice, D Kitteridge, I McConnochie, D Smedley, A Rixon and N Warren (Chairman)

In Attendance: 3 members of the public were present.

- 1. The Chairman to open the meeting at 6:30 pm.**
- 2. To record any apologies for absence.**  
Apologies received from Cllr Mrs. Stanford.
- 3. To receive any Declarations of Interest (Personal or Personal & Prejudicial) by Members.**  
There were none.
- 4. Comments or questions from members of the public present relating to items on the Agenda.**  
A resident from Winchelsea spoke in relation to item 7 of the agenda. He handed the committee some photographs which show the extent of the issues with 3 the 5 Houses.

A resident from Icklesham spoke in relation to item 6a of the agenda. He confirmed that he lives opposite the proposed site and confirmed that it is a very small site and he does not feel it is big enough for the proposed development. He also said that Manor Close is a narrow road and no consideration has been given to where the trades are going to park when the works are being carried out. He said that the works would cause a lot of disruption to neighbouring properties. He also said that the proposal is that the building is to be built on a slope which means that building materials are likely to spill out into the road.

- 5. To approve the Minutes of the Planning Meeting of the 27<sup>th</sup> November 2023.**  
The Minutes were approved and signed.
- 6. To consider applications referred by Rother District Council:**
  - a) [RR/2023/2425/P 11 Manor Close, Step A Side, Icklesham TN36 4BT](#)  
Outline application for the erection of single storey 3 person 2 bed dwelling with all matters reserved except access.  
**RESOLVED:** it was agreed to object to the application on the basis that there are no details as to how surface water and foul water drainage would be dealt with and the sewer infrastructure in Icklesham cannot cope with extra development.
- 7. Unoccupied properties in Winchelsea (3 the 5 Houses and Martens).**  
The Committee considered correspondence between the Winchelsea Conservation Society and Rother District Council. **RESOLVED:** The Clerk is to write to Rother District Council and ask them whether they would consider carrying out the works needed and recovering the costs from the owner as they have done with another property in the Town fairly recently, namely 9 Barrack Square.
- 8. Flyposting, graffiti and flytipping matters.**  
Cllr Rixon raised the fact that he had received a few complaints from residents about the lit up sign outside the Winchelsea Lodge. **RESOLVED:** Cllr Smedley is going to ask the owner to turn the brightness down to see if that helps in the first instance.
- 9. (a) Decisions and Enforcement Matters advised by Rother District Council.**

The following decisions were noted:

Decisions			
Reference	Location	Proposal	Status
RR/2023/1381/L	Strand House, Tanyard Lane, Winchelsea	Refurbishment and restoration of building to include structural repairs, general redecoration, installation of new ensuite facilities, installation of secondary glazing, regularisation of beam stripping, formation of ensuite bathroom, alteration to staircase, energy efficiency improvements and the reinstatement of a chimney stack.	Listed Building Consent granted subject to conditions
RR/2023/2112/T	St Thomas C Of E Primary School, Friars Road, Winchelsea	G1 - Ash - Crown lift all trees by cutting back to boundary or suitable growth point.	No objection
RR/2023/2127/T	Waterstone Cottage, Rectory Lane, Winchelsea	Removal of a small apple tree.	No objection
RR/2023/2148/T	3 Trojans Plat, Winchelsea Icklesham	T1 - Oak: remove major deadwood, crown raise to 8m from ground level and prune back crown by 2m from neighbour's house.	No Objection

The following enforcement matters were noted:

Enforcement Matters			
Reference	Location	Complaint	Status
ENF/31/19/ICK	Long Rake Spar Limited Churchfields Industrial Estate Rye Harbour Road TN31 7TE	Building Not Built In Accordance With Approved Plans And Drawings	RR/2020/1044/P - Planning Permission Approved Variation of conditions 2, 7, 8, 9 & 10 imposed on R/2017/2541/P to alter the external materials and ridge orientation, extend operating times within the building, increase number of shipments, alter landscaping details and install external floodlighting.

**(b) Breaches of planning control.**

The Chair raised an email he had received from a resident in Icklesham concerning a driveway which has been installed without planning permission at the back of a property at Oast House Field on to Parsonage Lane. **RESOLVED:** Clerk is to raise this as an enforcement complaint to Rother District Council.

Cllr Rixon raised an issue with large HGV vehicles driving down Wickham Rock Lane and getting stuck. He said that last week one was stuck for 36 hours and finally moved when the Clerk got in contact with Sussex Police. He said that there really needs to be better signage to inform drivers that the lane is not suitable for HGVs. **RESOLVED:** This was referred to the next Open Spaces

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**10. Date & venue of next Planning Meeting.**

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024 6.15 at Rye Harbour Village Hall.

*Agreed as a true record of the meeting:-*

Signed

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Cllr N Warren  
(Chair)

**Dated: 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024**