

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 23rd October 2023.

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

In Attendance: Jenner Sands, Clerk & RFO, a member of the public was also 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 and Cllr Ms. Eldridge
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 asked the Committee whether there has been any update regarding the letters sent to RDC re 3 the 5 Houses and Martens. He confirmed that one of the owners had been to one of the properties but he only stayed for a very short while and no work was done.
5. **To approve the Minutes of the Planning Meeting of the 25th September 2023.**
The Minutes were approved and signed.
6. **To consider applications referred by Rother District Council:**
 - a) [RR/2023/1351/P - Beach Retreat, Pett Level Road, Winchelsea Beach](#)
Two storey extension to the existing beach cafe to provide larger servicing/amenity space, including cladding works and provision of additional parking spaces. New first floor to form two holiday let flats with covered balconies.
RESOLVED: it was agreed to object to the application on the basis that it would be overdevelopment of the existing café. Clerk is also to request that building control investigate whether the existing foundations would be strong enough to withstand the extra weight of a second floor. Clerk is also to request that if the application is approved, there is a restriction on when the holiday lets could be used to ensure that the flats do not end up becoming residential properties.
7. **Unoccupied properties in Winchelsea (3 the 5 Houses and Martens).**
The Clerk explained that when she originally wrote to Rother regarding the two properties, she had received a response from Rother in relation to 3 the 5 Houses and that they had undertaken a site visit. The Clerk has chased for an update however she has not heard anything further. **RESOLVED:** the Clerk is to chase this again and to involve Cllrs Andrew Mier, as Chair of the Planning Committee and Cheryl Creaser as District Councillor for Winchelsea and Rye.
8. **Occupation of Caravan Parks.**
The Clerk circulated an extract from a local newspaper regarding Ferryfields Caravan Park being under new ownership. The Clerk also circulated some extracts from a Facebook posts where people had confirmed that they were living in Winchelsea Sands for 50 weeks of the year.
RESOLVED: Cllr Smedley is going to visit Ferryfields, introduce himself and see what their future plans are for the park. It was also **RESOLVED** that the Clerk is to write to Cllr Andrew Mier and ask him if we could receive a copy licences for every caravan park in the Parish.
9. **Flyposting, graffiti and flytipping matters.**
Nothing to report.

10. (a) Decisions and Enforcement Matters advised by Rother District Council.

The following decisions were noted:

Decisions			
Reference	Location	Proposal	Status
RR/2021/2150/P	Stafford Stores - Unit 1, Bens Fish Bar & Zippos Kebabs Pizzas, Sea Road, Winchelsea Beach, Icklesham	Change of use from hairdressing salon (Class E) to hot food takeaway (sui generis) including addition of extraction flues (Retrospective)	Planning Permission Grant Subject to Conditions
RR/2023/1753/T	Backfields End, Rectory Lane, Winchelsea	T1 - Sycamore - Fell	No objection
APP/U1430/D/23/3323183	Bredeside, Sea Road, Winchelsea Beach, East Sussex TN36 4LA	The development is erection of oak gates (retrospective).	Appeal dismissed

There were no enforcement matters to note.

(b) Breaches of planning control.

Nothing to note.

11. Date & venue of next Planning Meeting.

Monday 13th November 2023 6.15 at Winchelsea New Hall.

Agreed as a true record of the meeting

Signed
Cllr N Warren (Chair)

Dated: 27th November 2023