

# 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 Court Hall on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2024

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

In Attendance: Jenner Sands, Clerk & RFO, one member of the public was present.

1. **The Chairman opened the meeting at 6:15 pm.**
2. **To record any apologies for absence.**  
Apologies received from Cllr Kitteridge and Cllr 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. The Clerk had circulated an update which was the Conservation Society's response to Dan Bevan's previous update provided to the Clerk. The resident wished to ensure that the Committee understood the Conservation Society's position. He also wanted to highlight the fact that the Conservation Society acknowledge that Council funds are limited however he highlighted the fact that there are substantial grants available to District Council's for repossession of listed properties.
5. **To approve the Minutes of the Planning Meeting of the 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2024.**  
The Minutes were approved and signed.

*As the only member of the public present was in attendance re item 7, this item was brought forward.*

7. **Unoccupied properties in Winchelsea (3 the 5 Houses and Martens).**  
The Chair thanked the Conservation Society for their continued efforts with these issues. It was noted that 3 the 5 Houses was now on the official enforcement list. It was agreed to keep this item on the next agenda to keep a watching brief on the issue.
6. **To consider applications referred by Rother District Council:**
  - a) [RR/2023/2630/P Winchelsea Beach Caravan Park, Pett Level Road, Winchelsea Beach](#)  
Variation of open season condition imposed on C/60/67 to extend open season to 11.5 months. It was noted that Cllr Paul Osborn has already requested that the application is called into RDC's Planning Committee.  
**RESOLVED:** It was agreed to object to the application on the following grounds:-
    - the lack of need for extra opening times
    - the overdevelopment of the local area
    - the site is currently on cesspits and this would increase the amount of tankers in the area which will cause further damage to the roads and local infrastructure.
    - The flood risk assessment makes assertions without providing evidence.
  - b) [RR/2023/2541/P Greenspan, The Ridge, Winchelsea Beach](#)  
Alterations to the existing dwelling including rear extension (retrospective), the creation of a rear dormer and enlargement of the front two dormers. **RESOLVED:** clerk is to seek clarification as to how the application has changed as it is not clear from the updated documents.
  - c) [RR/2024/205/L 2 Barrack Square, Winchelsea](#)  
Installation of Electric Vehicle charging point inside the cellar of the property (not visible from the exterior of the property.) **RESOLVED:** support approval.

- d) [RR/2024/87/P 2 Barrack Square, Winchelsea](#)  
Installation of Electric Vehicle charging point inside the cellar of the property (not visible from the exterior of the property.) **RESOLVED:** support approval.
- e) [RR/2024/52/L Court Hall, High Street, Winchelsea](#)  
Masonry repairs to the Court Hall Western Gable. **RESOLVED:** support approval.

**For Noting only**

- f) [RR/2024/99/DN Rye Harbour Holiday Park, Harbour Road, Rye Harbour](#)  
Prior Notification for the demolition of 2 chalet bungalows and laundry room. **RESOLVED:** noted.

**8. Flyposting, graffiti and flytipping matters.**

Cllr Smedley raised an issue with the bin outside the public toilet in Winchelsea. He confirmed that the flytipping in this area has eased off however there is now an issue where people are emptying their cars etc. in the bin which causes it to overflow. **RESOLVED:** clerk is to source a sign which states "for general waste only".

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

*The following decisions were noted:-*

<b>Decisions</b>			
<b>Reference</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>Status</b>
RR/2023/2425/P	11 Manor Close Step A Side, Icklesham	Outline application for the erection of single storey 3 person 2 bed dwelling with all matters reserved except access.	Planning permission refused
RR/2023/2368/P	Icklesham Recreation Ground Pavilion, Main Road, Icklesham	Single storey extension with minor internal works and new graded slope access to community pavilion.	Planning permission granted subject to conditions

*The following enforcement matters were noted:-*

<b>Enforcement Matters</b>			
<b>Reference</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Complaint</b>	<b>Status</b>
ENF/18/24/ICK	Spring Steps, Winchelsea	Replacement Of Roof Tiles In A Conservation Area.	Complaint received
ENF/135/23/ICK	Land Adjacent To Broad Street, Icklesham Broad Street Icklesham East Sussex TN36 4BA	Fencing Erected Runs Along The Ancient Site Of Badger Sets	No Further Action - No breach of planning control
ENF/33/20/ICK	3 The Five Houses, North Street, Winchelsea, Icklesham TN36 4HN	Section 215 Listed Building.	Compliance date

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

Cllr Warren explained that he a resident has chased him about the driveway that has been erected without permission on Parsonage Lane. **RESOLVED:** The Clerk will chase this up with Rother.

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Cllr Warren also informed the Committee that he had received complaints regarding the garden of 14 Oast House Field in Icklesham. The owners have moved out and the garden is becoming overgrown. **RESOLVED:** The Clerk is to write to the owners.

Cllr Smedley raised the pods that he raised at the previous meeting. Cllr Rixon confirmed that the pods are not permanent and are currently stored away being treated. **RESOLVED:** It was agreed not to report this as no planning permission is needed as the pods do not have concrete bases.

Cllr Justice raised various issues at Winchelsea Sands Caravan Park including people are parking their cars right up next to the caravans. He handed the Clerk a screenshot from Google Earth which shows this. He also highlighted a number of discrepancies in Rothers Standard Licencing conditions that we have been sent. **RESOLVED:** The Clerk is to write to the head of RDC's licencing team about these issues.

Cllr Smedley advised the committee that the illuminated sign at Winchelsea Lodge has now been turned down and it turned off completely at 11.00 pm at night.

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

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2024 6.15 at Winchelsea Court Hall.

**Agreed as a true record of the meeting.**

Signed .

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**Dated: 26<sup>th</sup> February 2024**