

FLETCHING PARISH COUNCIL

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28th March 2023

FLETCHING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - Monday 3rd April 2023

To Members of the Fletching Parish Council: You are summoned to attend a meeting of Fletching Parish Council on Monday 3rd April 2023, 7.00pm at Fletching Village Hall.

Signed: *Gabriella Paterson-Griggs*, Clerk and RFO

Public Questions

The first ten minutes, before the start of the meeting, are available for public participation. Members of the public may ask questions or make representations, in respect of the business on the agenda. They may only speak at other points during the meeting, at the Chairman's discretion, if they have knowledge or information that will aid the discussion.

This meeting may be audio recorded for the purpose of minute taking

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence as reported at the meeting.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive Declarations of Interest in respect of items on the agenda, as required by the Members' Code of Conduct.

3. MINUTES

To resolve that the minutes of the meetings held on 6th March 2023 as circulated on the agenda are confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

4. MATTERS ARISING

Update on any matters arising from the last meeting not covered elsewhere on the agenda. To note any action taken or further action to be taken.

- i. Ashdown Business Park - update

5. REPORT FROM DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLOR

To receive a report from the District and County Councillor Roy Galley.

6. WORKING GROUPS / EXTERNAL GROUPS

To receive reports/updates from the Working Groups and External Groups:

- i. Parking Working Group – Cllrs Borton and Constantinou
- ii. FRGC – Cllr Rothery/Clerk
- iii. Summer Road Safety Virtual Briefing – Cllr Constantinou

7. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

To note any correspondence received since the last meeting and agreed any actions arising.

- i. Wealden DC Local Plan Timetable update
- ii. A new neighbourhood for Uckfield on land at Owlsbury Farm – email received

8. FINANCE AND HR

- i. To approve the invoices and payments for April 2023 and note the Council's current financial position and bank reconciliation.

9. POLICIES

To review and approve the policies:

- i. Sickness Absence Policy
- ii. Grievance Policy
- iii. Complaints Policy

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iv. Social Media Policy

10. BURIAL GROUND

- i. To approve any requests or permits for the Burial Ground.

PLANNING AND LICENSING

11. ENFORCEMENT – PLANNING AND DRAINAGE

To discuss any issues/updates raised related to suspected breaches of planning or other regulations.

- i. Flitteridge Farm, Daleham Lane – update

12. PLANNING APPLICATIONS - RECEIVED

To agree comments to be submitted to Wealden District Council for the following applications:

- i. **WD/2022/3135/F Dormers, Sharpsbridge Lane, Piltdown (Amended Plans & Description)**

New access to highway with old access blocked up. Erection of detached oak frame garage/workshop/store with home office/ancillary accommodation in roof space. Replacement of existing single storey extension with larger two storey extension and additional two storey extension to rear. New roof configuration to create double pile roof with nos.4 wall dormers. Removal of chimney. New open sided porch. (Comments to be submitted by 5 April 2023)

- ii. **WD/2023/0753/F + 0754/LB Trading Boundaries, Sheffield Green TN22 3RB**

Extend and refurbish existing timber deck to rear of café. (Comments to be submitted by 12 April 2023)

- iii. **WD/2023/0763/OH North Hall Farm, Fletching TN22 3SA**

Alterations to the low voltage overhead lines with the addition of a low voltage underground cable. (Comments to be submitted by 12 April 2023)

To note the comments submitted to Wealden District Council under delegated authority for the following application:

- iv. **WD/2023/0279/FR East Bridge, North Hall Lane, Fletching TN22 3SA**

Retrospective application for the replacement of an agricultural barn on the same site as existing barn. (Comments submitted on 16 March 2023)

The application is for the replacement of the old barn. It is not exactly like-for-like as although it is to be built within the old slab, it is not an identical footprint. The new barn is a bit smaller (in area; 109m² as against 113m²) and the roof line is lower (max 3.2m as against 5m). It will still however provide for 6 sheep pens together with storage area. It will be of timber construction with a corrugated roof. Use will be for the keeping/sheltering of livestock and storage of bee keeping and other farm equipment. The site is in the AONB and therefore, it is important that the height of the barn is not intrusive in the landscape - which it is not. The Parish Council SUPPORTS the application.

13. PLANNING APPLICATIONS - DECISIONS

To note the planning application decisions from Wealden District Council received since the last meeting:

Applications Approved

- i. **WD/2022/2634/F + 2635/LB The Old Lodge, Mill Lane, Fletching TN22 3SR**

Conservation and upgrading of outbuilding (carpenters' workshop, garage and storage shed) with construction of swimming pool and associated works. (APPROVED 8 March 2023)

- ii. **WD/2020/0751/F Batts Bridge Paddocks, Down Street, Piltdown, TN22 3XU**

Addition of hay barn and machinery storage, upgrading of internal access track to existing buildings, extension of existing hardstanding, field shelter, and residential accommodation (mobile home) to facilitate ongoing care of livestock. (APPROVED 27 March 2023)

Response to Parish Council: The proposed stables are considered to be appropriately sited given the extant position and this is set out in detail within the main body of the report. The design is

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appropriate for their function and would not be visually harmful to the locality.

The proposed mobile home has been carefully considered by the Council in conjunction with the Council's Rural Surveyor who concludes there is a functional need and that this can be controlled through condition.

iii. **WD/2023/0002/FA The Piltdown Golf Club, Golf Club Lane, Piltdown TN22 3XB**

Variation of condition 3 of WD/2020/1754/F. Alteration of the new irrigation water storage tank.
(APPROVED 28 March 2023)

Applications Refused – None since the last meeting

Applications Withdrawn – None since the last meeting

PROJECTS

14. KING'S CORONATION

To note actions since last meeting and agree any future actions needed

15. ITEMS FOR THE PARISH MAGAZINE

To agree any items to be included in future editions of the Parish Magazine

16. AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

To discuss and note any future agenda items

17. TIME AND DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

To note the time and date of the next meeting of the Parish Council