

FERNHURST PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Planning Applications Committee took place at Fernhurst Village Hall on Monday 23rd May 2011 at 6.00 p.m.

PRESENT:

Mr. R. Chapman
Mr. J. Cottam
Mr. K. Harding
Mrs. H. Pezier
Mr. J. Self

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Mrs. N. Braithwaite (Chairman)

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. D. Bleach (Clerk)
Mrs. C. Barnes
12 members of the public

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

It was proposed by Mr. Self and seconded by Mr. Chapman that Mrs. Braithwaite be re-elected as Chairman. There being no other nominations, the motion was carried.

2. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

It was agreed to leave this appointment until the next meeting.

3. CO-OPTION OF ADDITIONAL MEMBER OF COMMITTEE

It was agreed that Mr. Harding be co-opted to the Planning Applications Committee.

4. CO-OPTION OF NON-VOTING MEMBER

It was agreed that Mrs. Barnes be co-opted as a non-voting member of the committee for this meeting.

FH/11/01324/FULNP - Mr. & Mrs. N. & R. Standish, Land to South of Lake House, Valewood Road, Fernhurst, Haslemere. Erection of 1 no. residential dwelling and associated landscape works.

Mr. Chapman and Mrs. Barnes had both visited the site.

Mrs. Barnes advised that a previous application for a dwelling on this site had been refused.

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The proposed dwelling contained some 7 bedrooms and 12 toilets, would have a green roof and underground parking. The site is in wooded countryside within the South Downs National Park and in her view it would not meet the terms of PPS7 which could allow development in such circumstances if the design was innovative and of exceptional quality.

Mr. Cottam added that in addition, consideration must be given to its location.

Members of the public were invited to give their views and these included:

- a) What is the point of innovative and exceptional design if the house is buried in woodland where no-one can see it?
- b) Biofuel is to be cut from the surrounding woodland, which means that some woodland would be cut down.
- c) It was claimed that the site is not owned by the applicant, but by an offshore company. (Unsubstantiated.)
- d) The application is flawed as it gives no indication of floor area. Also the quality of accommodation is very poor especially in relation to ceiling heights.

It was proposed by Mr. Cottam and seconded by Mr. Chapman that the Parish Council recommends refusal of the application as it does not meet the terms of PPS7, and it is an inappropriate building for the site which borders on to a National Trust site. Also the site is within land that it is believed was required to be purchased to support the application to build the original Lake House. There is some doubt about the ownership of the site which the parish Council has been informed is owned by an off-shore company, although this is unsubstantiated. Finally, the Parish Council concurs with the views contained in the attached letter from Mr. Alan Blackburn.
Carried.

FH/11/01388/DOMNP - Mr. D. Parry, 3, Glebe Road, Fernhurst, Haslemere. Extension to roof with 3 no. pitched dormers. Two storey rear extension with room in roof with gable and rooflight window. Revised version of planning application FH/07/04251/DOM.

Mr. Chapman had visited the site and advised the committee that there were no objections to the proposals. It was proposed by Mr. Chapman and seconded by Mr. Harding that the Parish Council recommends approval of the application. Carried.

FH/11/01854/DOMNP - Mr. & Mrs. W. Mills, Stanley Farm, Highfield Lane, Lynchmere, Liphook. & 11/01797/LBCNP Proposed two storey rear extension with single storey side extension to existing dwelling house and associated works.

It was proposed by Mr. Chapman and seconded by Mrs. Pezier that the Parish Council recommends approval of the application. Carried.

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Blackdown Press, Midhurst Road, Fernhurst.

The Clerk reported that the above had been advised to submit a planning application in relation to the additional signs placed on their building.

King Edward VII Site

It was not known what conditions had been imposed by Chichester District Council in recommending the granting of planning permission by the SDNPA for this site. It appears that the decision limited the number of houses to be built but that the applicant, City & Country had now submitted a further application for additional houses. The SDNPA planning officer cannot recommend approval of the application unless the English Heritage objection is withdrawn.

Two draft letters had been received from Mr. Michael Shaw and Haslemere Town Council, but it was agreed that the Parish Council would write its own letter objecting to the application, to be drafted by Mr. Cottam.

Identity Badges

Mr. Self asked that committee members are provided with identity badges to use when making site visits. The Clerk would arrange this.

Applications for Consideration on 6th June 2011

FH/11/01375/DOMNP - Yew Tree House, Whites Lane, Henley Common. Construction of two storey extension and garden room. Mr. Chapman and Mrs. Pezier to visit.

FH/11/01966/EXTNP - Brackenwood, Telegraph Hill, Midhurst. Extension of extant planning permission FH/08/03054/DOM. Refurbishment, alteration and extension of existing house. Mr. Chapman and Mr. Harding to visit.