



PARISH COUNCIL OF SANDHURST, KENT

Please reply to Catherine Catt, Parish Clerk, Old School, Back Road, Sandhurst, Kent TN18 5JS 01580-850295

Approved Minutes Planning Committee Meeting – by Zoom Tuesday, 23 February 2021

Attendees

Cllr C Robinson - Chairman	Mrs C Catt : Clerk
Cllr M Griggs	
Cllr K O'Brien	KCC Cllr S Holden
Cllr D Rogers	TWBC Cllr G Bland
	9 Members of Public

Item No	
1.	Apologies for Absence
	The Chairman welcomed people to the meeting and reminded them about the Parish Council's zoom protocols.
	Apologies were received from Cllrs Kerry and Oliphant-Robertson.
2.	Declarations of Interest
	To receive Declarations of Interest on Agenda items and Members are reminded that they must inform the Monitoring Officer of any changes to their Notification of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests
	There were no declarations of interest.
	Public Intervention
	The Chairman asked members of the public if they would like to speak and due to the number of people who wished to speak about 20/03754/FULL the Chairman reminded them of the 3-minute limit. The Chairman called people to speak in alphabetical order and the following points were made all calling for the application to be rejected : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ the number of car journeys has been grossly underestimated and this raises issues for people walking and driving on narrow, rural lanes with inadequate passing places. Dangers will increase with the increase in walkers, cyclists and vehicles. Concern was expressed about the impact on horse riders who already face serious dangers on narrow lanes.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Issues were raised about the impact on the local area and environment and the inherent dangers of being situated close to a working farm. Grave concerns were expressed about the balance between commercial farming and tourists – straying from footpaths and noise levels late into the night. ▪ Dangerous access onto the A268 was raised by a number of people with examples of fatalities and serious traffic accidents. <p>The Chairman thanked people for their comments and reminded everyone to make sure they record their objections on TWBC website.</p>
3.	Planning Application : 20/03754/FULL
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ To comment on change of use of land comprising a meadow at Scurms Farm, just off Stone Pit Lane, to create a glamping site of 8 x 1 bed Shepherds Huts with associated sewage treatment plant and amenities including connection to mains water and electricity, and a parking area adjacent to the meadow. Proposal includes enhancement of the surrounding area with additional hedge and tree planting as comprehensive Landscape and Woodland Management Plan for surrounding meadows and woodland. ▪ Stone Pitts, Stone Pit Lane, Sandhurst TN18 5PR <p>The Chairman summarised what had been said so far and asked the Councillors if they wished to comment on the application.</p> <p>Cllr Griggs had visited the site on foot and by car and endorsed the comments already made, especially the dangerous access onto the A268. He had looked at the previous application and feels the objections made then still apply including the adverse impact on the AONB. He also believes the volume of traffic has been seriously underestimated and was not in favour of the application.</p> <p>Cllr O'Brien often walks in the area and sympathised totally with the comments made. In addition to the issues already raised she has grave concerns about the intention behind the application and felt a business plan should have been provided proving the feasibility of the site as a tourism venture. She was not in favour of the application.</p> <p>Cllr Rogers had reviewed the documents relating to this and the previous application and feels there are a number of anomalies which need to be addressed including a visitor's office, ownership of the site, access for large delivery vehicles and emergency vehicles, the fact the site is for couples and single people but there is mention of children's 'what to look for' guides. He would also liked to have been a business plan and was not in favour of the application.</p> <p>Cllr Robinson knows the site well and endorsed the comments already made, especially those relating to the environmental impact. He was not in favour of the application.</p>

	Cllr Rogers proposed; Cllr O'Brien seconded and it was agreed by those present the Parish Council could not support the application. Cllr Robinson agreed to pull a report together reflecting the comments made which will be sent to the Planning Officer.
4.	Planning Application : 20/03797/FULL
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ To comment on demolition of existing flat roof brick 3 bay garage; proposed new cart style car port with storage/office space in roof; new pitched dormers to front and conservation roof lights to rear. ▪ The Old Rectory, Church Road, Sandhurst TN18 5NS <p>Cllr Robinson asked for comments and as there were no adverse comments, those present agreed to let the Planning Department know they had no objections to the application.</p>
5.	Planning Application : 21/00257/FULL
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Installation of a heated outdoor swimming pool in the rear garden of the property grounds; installation of a wooden shed to house the pump and filtration system. ▪ The Old House, Queen Street, Sandhurst TN18 5JA <p>Cllr Robinson asked for comments – there were no comments on the application itself but as the Old House is a listed building Councillors asked why no listed building consent had been sought.</p>

CATHERINE CATT
Clerk to Sandhurst Parish Council

CC: For Information
County Cllr Seán Holden
Borough Cllr Godfrey Bland