



The minutes of the **PLANNING AND LICENSING COMMITTEE**
Held on **Monday 3rd July 2023 at 6.45pm**
At Willingdon Community Hub Library, Coppice Avenue

Present:

Cllrs Fran Pritchett (FP), Andy Watkins (AW), Ben Clennell (BC), Howard Coote (HC), Sally Morris (SM), Ian Nisbet (IN), John Pritchett BEM (JP)

In Attendance: Mary Hammill – Administration Officer (MH), Cllr R Sheppard (RS)

<u>Item</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Action By</u>
P23/91	<u>Apologies, Substitutes and Councillors absent</u> There were none.	
P23/92	<u>The minutes from the meeting held on Monday 12th June 2023</u> The minutes of Monday 12 th June 2023 were signed as a true and accurate record by Cllr Fran Pritchett (Chair).	
P23/93	<u>Declaration of interest</u> Cllrs John and Fran Pritchett declared an interest in WD/2023/1553/F and WD/2023/1438/F.	
P23/94	<u>Public Question Time</u> There were no members of the public present.	
P23/95	<u>Planning applications</u> WD/2023/1526/F - 32 Wannock Lane, Lower Willingdon, BN20 9SB Partial conversion of garage, raising of existing rear extension roof and installation of new doors to existing extension. <i>*Cllr Ben Clennell arrived at 6.53pm*</i> It was noted that this property was granted planning permission in 2008 for a single storey rear extension, rear dormer and pergola to the garage. Planning permission was granted subject to several conditions being attached to it not least of which was that the garage should not be used for any other purposes other than for the garaging of vehicles and storage of household effects ancillary to the residential use of the dwelling and should not be converted to a habitable dwelling space under the prior approval of the District Planning Authority. PA04 Members AGREED to OBJECT to this application in order to maintain adequate on-site parking as parking is extremely difficult in this vicinity having regard to Policy TR16 of the Wealden Local Plan and Policy TR5 of the Non-Statutory Wealden Local Plan. WD/2023/1553/F - 30 Wannock Avenue, Lower Willingdon, BN20 9RL Extension and alterations to include ground floor side extension to include additional bedroom and bathroom. Loft conversion including rear dormer providing additional bedroom to the first floor. Members AGREED to OBJECT to this application for the following reasons: This will be another loss of an already depleted bungalow stock at a time when they are in great demand.	

	There will be no access to the rear of the property in case of an emergency. Unneighbourly as, unlike the neighbouring property it is totally overlooking all the neighbouring bungalows gardens in Rapsons Road, taking away all their privacy especially as well as a loss of light to the immediate neighbour at 23 Rapsons Road. Members were of the opinion that if WDC were minded to pass this application, then they must insist on obscure glass or velux windows. WD/2023/1438/F - 33 Oldfield Road, Lower Willingdon, BN20 9QD Air source heat pump being installed. Members AGREED to OBJECT to this application for the following reasons: Noise disturbance. The positioning of the air source heat pump would adversely affect the neighbours' enjoyment of their property. Members noted that an application for an air source heat pump had been applied for before and that it had been refused as it would exceed the MCS Planning standard for a noise level lower than 42dB, (measured as 43.5dB) and it would also be installed within 1m of the boundary of the curtilage. Concerns have been raised by the neighbours that the positioning of the pump will be too close to their property. Members supported the installation of air source heat pumps as the way forward. However, it was suggested that WDC should arrange a site visit to carry out an assessment to establish whether the air source heat pump could be re-located far away enough from the boundary to cause less disturbance to the neighbouring property. WD/2023/1578/F - 33 Farmlands Avenue, Polegate, BN26 5LG Proposed side and rear extension and loft conversion with dormers to existing semi-detached bungalow. Members AGREED to OBJECT to this application for the following reasons: The existing 2-bedroom property being changed to a 5-bedroom property represents a total overdevelopment of the site. Privacy will be lost for the neighbouring properties. This also reduces the stock of bungalows even further and is totally out of character and keeping in an area that had originally been designed to offer easily affordable properties for small families or elderly residents who cannot climb stairs. This is in conflict of the saved policy EN27 in its design, amenity, scale and form and density and does not respect the character of other properties in the road and would result in a complete change of street scene as it is a corner plot.									
P23/96	<u>Planning Decisions</u> <table><tr><th>Plan Number</th><th>Address</th><th>Decision</th><th>Comments</th></tr><tr><td>WD/2023/1111/F</td><td>26 Gorringe Close, Lower Willingdon, BN20 9SU Single storey rear extension and associated alterations</td><td>Approve</td><td>Approve</td></tr></table> These were <u>NOTED</u>.	Plan Number	Address	Decision	Comments	WD/2023/1111/F	26 Gorringe Close, Lower Willingdon, BN20 9SU Single storey rear extension and associated alterations	Approve	Approve	
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P23/97	<u>Planning Enforcement</u> APP/C1435/W/22/3294494 Garages to the East of Chalk Farm and South of Coopers Croft, Coopers Hill, Willingdon,									

	East Sussex, BN20 9JE Whilst the Planning Inspectorate did uphold the refusal to grant planning permission at this site, the lack of engagement by Eastbourne Borough Council was most disappointing. <i>*Cllr Ruth Sheppard arrived at 6.53pm*</i>	
P23/98	SLR meeting – Tuesday 22nd August 2023 at the Parish Office at 10.00 am. It was noted that all Councillors have given the Parish Clerk items to be included on the agenda.	
P23/99	Urgent Items – for noting or referral to next agenda for Full Council or appropriate committee/sub-committee. Cllr Fran Pritchett commented that she had seen a post on the WiLLRA FaceBook page regarding one of the beautiful troughs in the Parish and a request for some more daffodils at the top end of St Anne's Road as many of them seem to have stopped growing. It was suggested that the Parish could arrange for the planting of some more daffodils and that this could be noted for discussion at the next Amenities Meeting. Members queried who maintains the footpath from the pelican crossing to Oxendean Gardens. It was also noted that the grass that the Parish Council had been maintaining for many years by the Tott Yew footpath has not been cut by its owners this year. It was suggested that as we have been cutting it for the last 25 years, we should put in a retrospective claim for it in order that it can be maintained tidily as before.	NW/CP NW
<u>P23/100</u>	Date of Next Meeting Monday 24th July 2023 at 6.45pm	

Meeting closed at 7.34 pm.

Signed.....Chair

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