



Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held in The Kirdford Village Hall, Kirdford on Thursday, 17th December, 2015, commencing at 6.00 p.m.

Present: Cllr. Mrs. J. Robertson (Chairman)
Cllr. Mr. I. Campbell

42. **Apologies for Absence.** Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr. Mr. Ransley (personal reasons).
43. **To Receive Declarations of Interest.** There were no declarations of interest.
44. **To consider and comment upon the following Planning Applications :-**

Application No.	Details of Application	Comments
KD/15/03803/ LBC	Mr. G. Rusedski, Herons Farm, Village Road, Kirdford – Retrospective approval for internal alterations to entrance lobby store room, division of first floor bathroom into 2 no. en suites including the in-fill of existing door.	The Parish Council considered that the Conservation Officer should visit to ensure that they are happy that the alterations that have taken place do not affect the important aspects/requirements of the Listed Building. If no aspects are affected there would be No Objection.
KD/15/03896/ FUL	Mrs. Richard Craig, Roundwyck Copse, Scratching Lane, Kirdford – Erection of storage shed.	Objection – the applicant is seeking to erect a shed on an existing concrete plinth developed in 2012 without consent and never removed. An Article 14 Directive was put on Roundwyck Copse in 2013, including the 2.3 ha section called Emily’s Wood owned by the applicant. The applicant states a shed is now needed to house the tools for maintaining the 2.3 ha woodland and submitted a Woodland Management Plan to support the applicant. The Management Plan covers a number of the various plots sold separately in Roundwyck Copse and references a suggestion that Emily’s Wood would benefit from some Hazel coppicing and thinning of Oak standards. The Parish Council (based on Member limited involvement of such activity) is that 2.3 ha of woodland requiring some coppicing and thinning of Oak standards could easily be managed by bringing the requisite tools to and from the site and that therefore erecting a permanent shed to house tools is unnecessary and lacks justification. The further need, raised in the application, of providing shelter for the owners and their family members undertaking such activity again, in the view of the Parish Council, lacks justification. The Parish Council would not wish a precedent to be set for other sheds in Roundwyck Copse.

SDNP/15/05808 /HOUS	Mr. Chris and Mrs. Wendy Crook, Hilltop, Hawkhurst Court, Wisborough Green, Kirdford – Rear and side extension and front porch.	Objection due to the fact that the Parish Council considered that this application contravenes Policy H5 of the Kirdford Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan as this would make a smaller dwelling very large.
KD/15/04040/ TCA	Mr. Brian Jeffries, Woodlea, Village Road, Kirdford – Notification of intention to crown reduce back to previous pruning points for 1 no. apple tree and fell 1 no. Rowan tree.	There was No Objection.

45. **To Note Planning Decisions received from Chichester District Council.**

- (a) KD/15/03620/TCA: Mr. Jonathan Rodwell, Bridgefoot Cottage, Glasshouse Lane, Kirdford – Notification of intention to fell 2 no. Horse Chestnut trees (1). Reduce tip of main ascending stem by 1.5m on 1 no. Pear tree (2). Reduce tips of branches in the upper crown by approximately 1.5m to join healthy pruned lower branches on 1 no Apple tree (3). Reduce height by 1.5 – 2m on 1 no. Willow tree (4). Remove ascending branch tip on 1 no. Weeping Beech (5). **NOT TO PREPARE A TREE PRESERVATION ORDER.**
- (b) KD/15/03372/FUL: Joe & Carlo Correale, Copse Cottage Farm, Scratching Lane, Kirdford – Replacement Farm Building. **PERMIT.**

46. **Enforcement.** No matters were raised.

47. **KD/15/03367/FUL: Mr. Stuart Forrester, Cala Homes, Land on the East Side of Plaistow Road, Kirdford – Proposed construction of 54 residential dwellings and associated works.** A note should be sent to the District Council Planning Officer dealing with this matter as at the Parish Council meeting, attended by the applicant, he stated that he would be providing a copy of the Housing Needs Survey, but as yet the Parish Council has not received a copy. The justification of a need for 54 housing units has, therefore, never been established and in the Parish Council's view this precedes any consideration of viability. The Parish Council, as a qualifying body, would also request to be copied with any Financial Viability Appraisal and should this be considered not possible, to be advised of the legal framework for this.

48. **Crouchland.** Cllr. Mr. Campbell advised that the Planning Inspector had agreed to separate the Appeal on the Lawful Development Certificate from the other two appeals. He also advised that Crouchland had applied to the Environment Agency for a Bespoke Permit, whereas they were currently working under a General Permit. There was to be a hearing by the Licensing Agency for a breach of their Operators License. 'Crouchland' should be on all future Planning Committee agendas.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 6.52 p.m.