

Minutes of the **Additional Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council**
held on Wednesday 22nd March 2023 at 7.00 p.m in Brightling Village Hall

Parish Councillors Present: Cllrs Caroline Croft, Andrew Wedmore, Joanna Coleman (Chair), Daniel Lambert-Gorwyn and Judy Petty

In attendance: Gilly Lowe, Clerk to the Council and 3 members of the public

1. Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Jane Oxenford and Dianne Mower.
2. Open Forum

The Chair invited comments from members of the public regarding the items on the agenda. There was a lengthy discussion with contributions from the applicant and a resident who had written to the district council to object to the application. The chairman then asked individual councillors for their thoughts.

3. New Planning Applications

3.1 RR/2023/136/P - Manor Farm, Brightling Road, Brightling TN32 5HB

Proposal: Operational development of the hangar outbuilding and hardstanding and associated mobile fuel storage tank for private use (Retrospective)

All members present agreed on the following comments to be submitted by the clerk online at Rother District Council's planning portal:

Brightling Parish Council opposes this application on the grounds of damage to the High Weald AONB. However, if Rother District Council are minded approving it, then the following conditions should be imposed (a) limiting the operation to 28 days per year (b) limiting the usage to between 9:00 am and 9:00 pm except in an emergency and (c) prohibiting any external lighting to protect dark skies.

Members of the public then left the meeting.

3.2 RR/2023/316/P - Homestead Farm, Darwell Hill, Brightling TN33 9QL

Proposal: Conversion of detached garage to include pitched roof with dormer entrance, external staircase and studio in roof space

The chairman invited comments from members. Cllr Lambert-Gorwyn pointed out that the western elevation did not match the written description in the Heritage statement. After further discussion about materials used and external lighting, the following comments were agreed upon by all present.

Brightling Parish Council has no objection to this application if plans are in accordance with the elevations as drawn. The written Heritage statement mentions a balcony and fully glazed doors not shown in the drawings. However, a Juliet balcony and fully glazed French doors are not in keeping with the surrounding area. If Rother District Council are minded approving the application, we ask that the following conditions are included:

- i) No, or limited, external lighting in order to support the 'Dark Skies' policy.*
- ii) Planning permission should not be granted until satisfactory details of heating and energy use have been supplied, to conform with Rother's policy SRM1: Towards a Low Carbon Future.*

Meeting closed 7.35pm