

ICKLESHAM PARISH COUNCIL

A local council for the peoples of Icklesham, Winchelsea, Winchelsea Beach and Rye Harbour

Draft Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting Held at Winchelsea Court Hall on Monday 27th September at 6:15 pm

Present: Cllrs J Justice, Mrs J Stanford and T Moore

In Attendance: Jenner Sands Clerk and RFO, members of the public were also present.

- 1. It was agreed that Cllr Mrs J Stanford would Chair the meeting in the absence of Cllr Warren and the meeting was opened at 6:15 pm.**
- 2. To record any apologies for absence.** Apologies received from Cllr Turner and Cllr Warren.
- 3. To receive any declarations of interest.**
To receive any disclosure by members of personal interests in matters on the agenda, the nature of any interest and whether the member regards the interest as prejudicial under the terms of the Code of Conduct. Members are reminded of the need to repeat the declaration immediately prior to commencement of the item in question. Members should ask the Clerk for a Declaration of Interests form which much be completed and returned to the Clerk at the next convenient occasion. **There were none.**
- 4. To approve the Minutes of the previous meeting of 13th September 2021. Approved and signed.**
- 5. The Chair invited the members of public present to comment on the agenda**

Susan D'arcy of Winchelsea Beach referred to application RR/2021/1758/P Robin Hood Inn, Main Road, Icklesham and said that she was here to see what Icklesham Parish Council thought about the application and also to try and find out who it was who made the complaint to Rother District Council. The Chair confirmed that we do not know who it was and that the Council just get notified of all planning applications within the Parish. Mrs D'arcy explained that the work was carried out due to Covid restrictions and they thought that they did not need planning permission to extend the existing decking. She said it was done when pubs and restaurants were allowed to open for diners to eat outside. She said that pubs and restaurants were encouraged to improve outside eating spaces and that is what they had done. Phillip Williams, also of Winchelsea confirmed that without extending the decking they would not have enough seating outside to make it worth while opening. He said that they have the outside lawn but during that time of year people would not want to sit up there without shelter. He said that the decking was at the rear of the building and did not affect any neighbours. The business has been running for 26 years and that they had to do this in order for the business to survive. He said that they did it for the community and everything they do as a family business is for the local community.

6. To consider applications referred by Rother District Council since the last meeting:

- a) As the only members of the public present were concerned with application RR/2021/1758/P Robin Hood, Icklesham it was agreed to bring this item forward**
RR/2021/1758/P Robin Hood Inn, Main Road, Icklesham TN36 4BD
Proposed decking and retention of alfresco decked seating area (partly retrospective)

*The Chair confirmed that Icklesham Parish Council support local businesses and that is was disappointing that Rother District Council have done this. She said that because of where the decking is it does not affect anyone and you cannot even see it unless you are in the garden. She said that it is a lovely space and is great for the local community. Cllr Justice and Cllr Moore agreed with the Chair. **Agreed to support approval.***

- b) RR/2021/1277/P Cooks Green, Barrack Square, Winchelsea, Icklesham, TN36 4EG**
Demolition of existing sunroom attached to the main building of Cooks Green, erection of new contemporary, glazed sunroom and minor internal and external works to existing garage.
Agreed to support approval.
- c) RR/2021/1552/P Maple Cottage, Main Road, Icklesham TN36 4BA**
Removal of existing conservatory with a single storey infill extension.
Agreed to support approval.
- d) RR/2021/1554/P Honeysuckle, Donald Way, Winchelsea Beach, Icklesham TN36 4HF**

Erection of hut for Family Home Crafts Workshop including wood and metal work, carpet loom and painting and allied crafts.

Cllr Justice confirmed that he had some concerns over this application. He said that the term 'hut' is fairly misleading as the building is huge. He said that also, on the plans it looks as though they are building a toilet and shower room which will of course need plumbing which raises the issue regarding the sewage and flooding problems already present in Winchelsea Beach. He also noted that the Environmental Agency have raised concerns regarding the lack of flood risk assessment. The Chair agreed that the description of the application doesn't seem to correspond with the plans or perhaps the intended use.

Agreed to raise the following concerns: potential impact on existing sewage and flooding issues in Winchelsea Beach, the lack of flood risk assessment and the potentially misleading description of the application.

- e) RR/2021/1620/P Hilltop, Old River Way, Winchelsea Beach, Icklesham TN36 4LJ
Proposed single storey rear extension and alterations including enlargement of existing decking and addition of larch cladding to existing rear gable.
Agreed to support approval.
- f) RR/2021/1723/P Winchelsea Beach Community Hall, Sea Road, Winchelsea Beach, Icklesham TN36 4NA
Single storey extension to accommodate upgraded male and female toilets, a new wheelchair-accessible toilet and a new entrance to the front of the existing Community Hall.
The Chair commented that this looks like really good news. Cllr Justice and Cllr Moore agreed with this.
Agreed to support approval.
- g) RR/2021/1732/P Delpini, Sea Road, Winchelsea Beach, Icklesham TN36 4LA
Single storey rear extension and loft improvements including dormer extension.
Agreed to support approval.
- h) RR/2021/1170/P The Nook, Tanyard Lane, Icklesham, TN36 4JT
Conservatory to the rear elevation
Agreed to support approval.
- i) RR/2021/1788/P Yew Tree Plat, German Street, Icklesham, TN36 4EN
Proposed single storey rear extension
Agreed to support approval.
- j) RR/2021/1789/L Yew Tree Plat, German Street, Icklesham, TN36 4EN
Proposed single storey rear extension
Agreed to support approval.

7. Flyposting and flytipping matters

The Chair noted that on her way here she had noticed that the bin by the toilets in Winchelsea was overflowing and it was a mess there. Cllr Moore confirmed that it is always bad around there, especially since the toilets have been closed. He said that there had been glass on the road where someone that thrown a bag of glass bottles. He said that recently as well as rubbish and bags of recycling they have had bits of furniture and even some asbestos waste left here. He confirmed that Rother are very good at clearing this. He said that people have also started to ask why the recycling bin has gone. The Chair said that it does not appear that taking the recycling bin has made this matter better, but possibly worse. She said it may be worth speaking to residents to see if they would like it back.

8. (a) Decisions and Enforcement Matters advised by Rother District Council

- i. Decisions notified by RDC. Verbal update to be given and to note the approval of RR/2021/1100/P Mariners, The Ridge, Winchelsea Beach and approval of RR/2021/1113/P 13 Manor Close, Icklesham.
- ii. Enforcement matters notified by RDC for information. Verbal update to be given and to note ENF/194/21/ICK Shops Formerly Cats Whiskers Sea Road Winchelsea Beach Icklesham TN36 4NA - Change Of Use Of Premises To Food Outlet.

(b) Breaches of planning control. None noted.

9. Date & venue of next Planning Meeting. Monday 11th October at Winchelsea Court Hall.

Agreed as a true record.

Nick Warren, Chair Planning 11/10/21