

FRANT PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A PLANNING MEETING HELD AT FRANT MEMORIAL HALL, FRANT ON MONDAY 5 JUNE 2017 AT 7:30PM

Present: Cllr Rutherford (Chair)
Cllrs Mrs Howell, Mrs Kinley, Rowland, Stevens, Wright, Mrs Hutchings

R.Karim (Clerk)

1. To receive apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs Mrs Best and MacDonald-Brown. Cllr Rutherford informed the Council that Cllr Breese had tendered his resignation.

2. Declarations of Interest

Nil.

3. Public Forum

Nil.

4. To consider licence and planning applications received and make recommendations

• **WD/2017/0712/F – 4 Lime Close, Frant, TN3 9DP**

Erection of noise-reducing, close-boarded fence, 2400mm in height and 17m in length.

(Cllr Stevens arrived at 7.40pm)

The councillors expressed concerns about the height of the proposed fence and noted their disappointment at the lack of detail provided with the application. Cllr Rowland said he understood that the noise from the fans to the rear of the Abergavenny PH was causing distress to the applicants. The councillors noted that, while they would not normally be in favour of a fence of this height within the Conservation Area, in the circumstances they would support this application. It was suggested that WDC be urged to impose conditions on any permission granted to ensure the existing vegetation is retained and more planting introduced.

• **WD/2017/0639/F – 26 Warren Ridge, Frant, TN3 9EE**

Rear single-storey extension under catslide roof and new dormer. Extending ground floor living accommodation to front elevation to form new front entrance porch and bay.

The Council expressed support for this application.

• **WD/2017/0866/LBR – Flat 4, Shernfold Park, Frant, TN3 9DL**

Relocation of kitchen into drawing room. Creation of new bedroom in old kitchen. Alteration of east-facing lobby area, creating a new cupboard. Re-fitting of bathroom and adjacent separate WC/ shower. Retrospective application for replacement of bathroom floor.

The Council raised no objections to this application.

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- **Amendment to WD/2016/2226/F – Woodland View, Frant Green Road, Frant, TN3 9DE**
Amended plans to show the extension moved away from boundary wall by 800mm. Plans dated 24th May 2017.

The councillors acknowledged that the applicants had gone some way towards addressing concerns about the proximity of the proposed extension to the boundary. However, the councillors remained concerned about the scale and bulk of the proposed extension within the CA and still considered the scheme would result in an over-development of the site. It was also noted that only a relatively small area of outdoor open space would result from the scheme.

5. To note applications granted or refused by Wealden District Council and those withdrawn by the applicant(s)

The Clerk tabled the following:

- **WD/2017/0437/F – 11 Rushlye Close, Frant, TN3 9BB**
Removal of side conservatory and erection of new, two-storey side extension.
Approved on 26th May 2017.
Decision noted.

- **WD/2017/0507/F – 3 Lime Close, Frant, TN3 9DP**
Proposed conversion of, and extension to, existing garage.
Approved on 1st June 2017.
Decision noted.

6. To approve accounts payable

The Clerk said she had paid for the annual AON Insurance renewal in order to meet the deadline. She asked for the Council's approval to be reimbursed in the amount of **£951.81** (cheque no. 2933). The councillors approved the payment.

At this point in the meeting, Cllr Rutherford said he had recently met with representatives from Frant Cricket Club and two local residents who had raised concerns about their matches. He said the meeting had been very positive and he considered that a new and productive relationship between all parties had been formed. Referring to the possibility of putting up a Christmas tree on the green, Cllr Rutherford was pleased to note that the Cricket Club had offered to allow the Council to use the pavilion to plug in the tree's lights.

Cllr Stevens enquired whether there was any way in which the Council could compare its recommendations about planning applications with the final decisions made by WDC. Cllr Rutherford said there was no official system, but it was agreed that the Clerk would begin to maintain a database. **Action: Clerk**

Cllr Howell raised some issues for inclusion on the next agenda: firstly, whether a verge by Ely Grange on the road to Bells Yew Green is, in fact, within the Council's ownership and secondly, whether the Council would consider holding its fête on the green in Frant, rather than at the school. **Action: Clerk**

There being no other business, the meeting ended at 8:15pm.

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