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THE MINUTES OF A PLANNING MEETING HELD AT FRANT MEMORIAL HALL ON MONDAY 7TH FEBRUARY 2022

Present: Cllr Crookshank – Vice-Chair
Cllrs Best, Luther, Park, Macdonald-Brown

1. Enquire whether anyone present intends to film, photograph and/or record the meeting.
None.

2. To receive apologies.
Apologies were received from Cllrs Steadman, Howell and Rutherford.

3. Declarations of Interests on items on the agenda.
None.

4. Public forum (15 mins).
None.

5. To consider licence and planning applications received and make recommendations:
WD/2021/3001/F – Rowden Oast

The Parish Council raises no objections on the basis that this is a necessary structure to accommodate machinery, etc., particularly where theft of such items appears to be on the rise.

WD/2021/3022/F – 1 Little Bayham Cottages

The Parish Council raises no objections on the basis that the proposed timber building would be sunk down, shielded to an extent by woodland and would not be intrusive.

WD/2021/2777/F – Plot 2, Adjacent to Hargate House

The Parish Council raises no objections on the basis that this appears to be a simple resubmission of an earlier application for procedural reasons.

WD/2021/2952/F – Stubby Grove Farm

The Parish Council raises no objections. The Council supports local businesses as they expand provided there is no negative impact. In this case, there is already an operation here and while the Council considers it a shame that the existing buildings cannot be re-used for the purpose, it is of the view that the proposed expansion would not have a detrimental impact in this location.

6. To note applications that have been determined by Wealden District Council

- WD/2021/2884/F – Melfort House, Wadhurst Road, Frant, TN3 9EH

Demolition of existing conservatory, proposed verandah, alterations to existing dwelling house, including single-storey side extensions and associated works.

Approved: 28th January

Noted.

- WD/2021/2811 /FA – Knowle Grange Health Club, Wadhurst Road, TN3 9EJ

Variation of conditions 2 and 10 of WD/2021/0002/F (expansion of health club and spa facilities, including demolition of barn and construction of new gym building together with alterations to the parking layout. Alterations to existing health club building, including alterations extensions and addition of pitched roof. Construction of pool changing rooms. Change of use of greenhouse to be incorporated into the health club facilities. Use of site for a maximum of 150 members). To enable change to the schedule of external materials and amendments to plans to remove first floor extension of approved gym and change the roof pitch on the changing rooms.

Approved: 1st February - Response to Parish Council comments: The Parish Council concerns are acknowledged. Amended plans and details have been submitted to revert to timber cladding (not fibre cement cladding) and timber windows and doors (not uPVC). The pitched roof would be clad in clay tiles.

Noted.

WD/2021/2669/F – 3 Yew Tree Cottages, South Farm Lane, Broadwater Forest, Frant, TN3 9JN

Rear and side extension, a front porch and the addition of a car port and a garden home office.

Approved: 28th January

Noted.

WD/2021/2086/LDE – Bells Yew Green Business Centre, Bayham Road, TN3 9BJ

The existing established use is for storage purposes.

Not issued: 28th January

Noted.

7. To discuss the Council's position with respect to the developing Local Plan

It was agreed to continue to represent the Council's view about the developing Local Plan to Wealden District Council and to contribute at every opportunity to ensure the Parish's voice is heard. It was noted that Wealden was awaiting a response from Sec. of State Michael Gove and this would provide more clarity on housing numbers.

8. Further matters at the discretion of the Chairman, for discussion purposes only

Cllr Park raised an issue brought to her by a resident of Benhall Mill Road, involving conflicting and inaccurate correspondence from ES Highways about responsibility for maintaining verges and hedges. The Clerk suggested that the matter be forwarded to Cllr Standley.

There being no other business, the meeting ended at 7.50pm.