

# FRANT PARISH COUNCIL

Representing the villages of Frant, Bells Yew Green and Eridge

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## MINUTES OF A PLANNING MEETING HELD AT FRANT MEMORIAL HALL ON MONDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2023

**Attendees:** Cllr Crookshank (Vice-Chair), Cllr W Rutherford, Cllr A Macdonald-Brown,  
Cllr A Best  
Ms Rosie Barnes (Clerk/RFO)

Three members of the public  
Mr P Payne

**1. Enquire whether anyone present intends to film, photograph and/or record the meeting**

None.

**2. To receive apologies**

Cllr Howell and Cllr Steadman.

**3. Declarations of Interests on items on the agenda**

None.

**4. Public forum (15 mins)**

One member of the public enquired as to what work was being carried out adjacent to Inch Broom in Frant, on the Bells Yew Green Road. Cllr Rutherford said he suspected it was do with their recent planning permission but it was agreed that the Clerk would make enquiries.

**ACTION: Clerk**

Mr Payne, making referencing to the advertisement application at the Abergavenny Arms, said that he had submitted further plans which he hoped would print to a better quality in terms of colour.

**5. Consider licence and planning applications received and make recommendations**

**5.1 WD/2023/0141/LDP – COURT LODGE, THE BARN, BAYHAM RD, TN3 9BJ**

PROPOSED INSTALLATION OF SOLAR PANELS.

<https://planning.wealden.gov.uk/plandisp.aspx?recno=160704>

It was **agreed** to recommend **APPROVAL**.

**5.2 WD/2023/0268/AN – ABERGAVENNY ARMS, FRANT RD, FRANT, TN3 9DB**

A VILLAGE SIGN FOR FRANT ON THE EXACT SAME SITE/POSITION OF THE ORIGINAL ABERGAVENNY ARMS SIGN ADJACENT TO THE LARGE CAR PARKING AREA.

<https://planning.wealden.gov.uk/plandisp.aspx?recno=160857>

Cllr Crookshank expressed disappointment that previous potential designs, such as including maple leaves to acknowledge the link between Frant and Ottawa, were not reflected in the submitted plans. It was **agreed** to recommend **REFUSAL** on a number of grounds:

- no justification as to the need for a village sign;
- potential for visual clutter, particularly with the provision of the pedestrian crossing and lighting immediately adjacent to the application site;
- harm to the surrounding Conservation Area, listed buildings and AONB; and
- the village sign would bear no relationship to the Grade II listed Abergavenny Arms.

**5.3 WD/2023/0427/FA – INCH BROOM, BELLS YEW GREEN RD, FRANT, TN3 9EB**

MINOR MATERIAL AMENDMENT TO WD/2020/0032/F (REPLACEMENT SWIMMING POOL BUILDING) REDUCTION OF SIZE OF SWIMMING POOL, FIRST FLOOR REPLANNED TO ACCOMMODATE.

<https://planning.wealden.gov.uk/plandisp.aspx?recno=161058>

It was **agreed** to recommend **APPROVAL**.

**5.4 WD/2023/0378/AN – LITTLE MOUNT FARM, BAYHAM ROAD TN2 5JW**

ADVERTISEMENT CONSENT FOR 4 NO. FLAGS AND FLAGPOLES, AND HOARDING-MOUNTED ADVERTISEMENT FOR SITE.

<https://planning.wealden.gov.uk/plandisp.aspx?recno=160996>

Councillors considered that the hoarding-mounted advertisement was acceptable but that the 4 no. flags and flagpoles were unnecessary and would cause harm to the surrounding, very rural character by virtue of their number, positioning, height and design. It was thus **agreed** to recommend **REFUSAL**.

**6. Matters at the discretion of the Chairman, for discussion purposes only**

Cllr Rutherford referred to a recent notification of an upcoming cycle race passing through Frant and asked that the marshalls of the event be asked not to be park on or up against the green. This was **agreed**.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.10pm.