

**SHOREHAM
PARISH
COUNCIL**

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PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

1st September 2021 7:30pm, Shoreham Village Hall

Present: R Blamey (in the Chair)
R Boyle, M Cockburn, B Jeffery, A Hibbins, J Histed, S Hubble and M S Parkes

Also Present: District Councillor John Edwards-Winser
14 members of the public.

Clerk: Sarah Moon

1. Apologies for absence were received from District Councillor Irene Roy and Cllr Sheward.
2. The minutes of the previous meeting held on 18th August 2021 (copy circulated separately) were received and authorised and signed by the Chairman.
3. There were no declarations of interest.
4. The following planning applications were considered:
 - a) SE/21/02646/LDCEX – Early Autumn, East Hill Road, Knatts Valley
Development : Confirmation the single dwelling house is lawful.
Comments due by 8th September 2021
RESOLVED that Sevenoaks District Council be informed that Shoreham Parish Council has no objection or comment to make in relation to this. However, it was agreed to point out to the planning officer that recent planning applications have referred to this dwelling as a mobile home rather than a dwelling house.
 - b) SE/21/02634/HOUSE – Paines Farm, Row Dow, Knatts Valley
Development : Erection of a new porch following demolition of the existing non-original porch.
Comments due by 10th September 2021
RESOLVED that Sevenoaks District Council be informed that Shoreham Parish Council supports this development on the basis that is in in keeping with the local area and visually improves the existing building.
 - c) SE/21/02628/WTCA – Ark Cottage, Church Street, Shoreham
Development : Various works to trees
No comments necessary – information only.
5. Correspondence/Information
 - a) SE/21/01829/HOUSE – Poldhu, Romney Street, Knatts Valley
Development : Erection of side extension
REFUSED
 - b) SE/21/02157/DETAIL – Forge Cottage, 38 High Street, Shoreham
Development : Details pursuant to condition 3 (windows) of planning permission 20/01521/LBCALT
GRANTED

- c) SE/21/01978/HOUSE – Darentdale, High Street, Shoreham
Development : Proposed outdoor tennis court and replacement of outbuilding to provide additional recreational facilities.
GRANTED
6. Housing Needs Survey
The dates of 9th May 2022 – 1st June 2022 proposed by Sevenoaks District Council for its 5 yearly Housing Needs Survey were agreed by the Planning Committee.

Meeting closed at 7.35pm

Date of next meeting: **Wednesday 15th September 2021 (if required) - Shoreham Village Hall**

Sarah Moon, Clerk to Shoreham Parish Council

Public question time :

- Honey Pot : A member of the public reported that the Honey Pot tearoom had been asked by Sevenoaks District Council to take down its canopy following a report to Enforcement by the Shoreham Parish Council Planning Committee. The member of the public felt that given huge decline in business premises in the village over the past decades, local businesses should be supported.

Several councillors admitted that they did not see any problem with the canopy and did not think it needed to be removed.

Another member of the public however cited conditions imposed on the granting of a previous planning permission, namely, that in order to protect the amenity of local houses, no outside seating should be allowed. The fact that the outside area is now used for seating also means that customers waiting to be served, are queuing outside on the pavements in very close proximity to neighbouring properties, which is affecting the privacy of these residents.

The Clerk reported that the owners had spoken with SDC and had explained that although the canopy was erected temporarily during COVID, many people were still not happy about sitting in a confined space to consume their food and drink, preferring to sit outside. Without this facility, they would see a reduction in the number of customers visiting the premises and would likely have to close down. The owners have taken the matter up with SDC and with Laura Trott MP and are waiting to see whether they will be able to keep the canopy.

The committee agreed to wait until SDC has confirmed whether it will or will not allow the canopy before discussing any further.

- A member of the public raised concerns about Raeburn Cottage, Mill Lane and the deterioration since its sale some months ago. The Clerk agreed to write to Enforcement to request that they visit the site to ensure it is water tight and, if necessary to issue a Section 215 notice, which would order the owners to make improvements to the property.
- Cllr Hubble asked if District Councillor John Edwards-Winsor would chase up Firmingers Lane. Cllr Hubble to provide the exact name and address of the property.
- Sarah Parkes volunteered to speak at the Development Control Committee on 9th September in support of the Cockerhurst House stables application. District Cllr Rachel Waterton will also be speaking and so Sarah Parkes agreed to liaise directly with her.