

**SHOREHAM
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COUNCIL**

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PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

20th September 2017 at Shoreham Village Hall from 7:30pm

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

Also Present: 3 Members of the Public

Clerk: Sarah Moon

1. Apologies were received from R Blamey.
2. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 6th September (copy circulated separately) were approved and signed by the Chairman.
3. There were no declarations of interest.
4. Local Plan Consultation Document
It was agreed that all councillors should attempt to read through the Technical Consultation Document this week with a view to completing a collective response on 27th September at a meeting to be held at Cllr Spence's home. The Clerk agreed to circulate the link to the document to all councillors and to provide Richard Boyle with a hard copy.
5. Timberden Farm
The District Council's decisions to grant planning permission for farm buildings at Timberden Farm and the lack of communication regarding the sale of the land and the redevelopment of the barns at Timberden Bottom were discussed.

It was agreed that the Clerk should draft a letter addressed to various parties asking whether they might share any correspondence or information they may have regarding the sale of the land, the development of the barns and any information about future plans for the sale of the woodland or further development of the land. The letter should include a summarised introduction of the events to date and should accentuate the Parish Council's concerns around the secrecy and lack of information throughout the sale. It should also point out the speed at which the process has progressed and the fact that there has been very little opportunity for consultation. Worries that the Green Belt could be eroded by circumnavigating the planning process by the erection and redevelopment of agricultural buildings as well as concerns over the damage to the AONB (both natural landscape and farmland) and the biodiversity in the area must also be highlighted.

The letter should be circulated to the following:

Michael Fallon MP
Kent Wildlife Trust
Planning Inspectorate, Bristol
Sevenoaks District Council Property Department (Leigh Keating)

Sevenoaks District Council Chief Executive (Dr Pav Ramewal)
Sevenoaks District Council Chairman (Larry Abraham)
Sevenoaks District Council Chief Planning Officer (Richard Morris)
John Dinnis
Kent Downs AONB
Woodland Trust
Darent Valley Landscape Partnership (Rick Bayne)
CPRE
DCLG
London Green Belt Council (investigate this and see if we can become a member)
NFU
Public Rights of Way Officer, KCC
Natural England
Old Chalk New Downs
Ramblers Association

A decision was also taken not to go to the media at this stage but to wait until more information has been received.

6. Correspondence/Information

- a) An email has been received from the Planning Department at Sevenoaks District Council in relation to the condition of 5 Mill Lane, Shoreham. An internal inspection has been made and the District Council have asked that loose roof tiles are removed and made good. The inspector did not see any sign of rainwater damage caused by the hole in the roof. This, coupled with the fact that the owner has carried out sufficient works relating to the painting of the windows and maintenance of the garden, means that no planning enforcement action can be taken and there is nothing more that the Planning Department can do.

Public Question Time

There were no questions from members of the public.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm

Date of next meeting: **Wednesday 4th October 2017 at Shoreham Village Hall (if required)**

Sarah Moon, Clerk to Shoreham Parish Council