

CRANBROOK & SISSINGHURST PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING & PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
HELD ON THE 16TH AUGUST 2016

Declaration of Interests, Dispensations, Predetermination or Lobbying:

Members are required to declare any interests, dispensations, predetermination or lobbying on items on this agenda. Members are reminded that changes to the Register of Interests should be notified to the Clerk.

Present: Cllr. Bunyan (in the Chair), Cllrs. Cook and Fermor

Apologies: Cllr. Smith

PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

16/05771/FULL

Whitewell Barn, Goudhurst Road, Cranbrook

Amendment to planning permission TW/13/00886/HOUSE (Conversion of Whitewell Loft into two-storey house (involving change of use and incorporation of existing garage below), various changes to elevations and roof of building (relating to fenestration, materials and workshop's parapet), removal of external timber structure and erection of porch and lean-to link) - Development comprising conversion of double garages to a kitchen/dining room with timber bi-fold doors (instead of external porch and lean to link); Wooden garage doors on western elevation to be replaced by an external wall and high level windows; External aspect of wall will be clad with false wooden garage doors in keeping with the current appearance of property; Upstairs accommodation to comprise bedroom, study, family bathroom and a shower room; Existing external staircase and upstairs entrance door to be replaced. All other changes to be as per original application.

Members made no further comments on the amended details.

16/05991/FULL

Bishops Cottage, Bishops Lane, Cranbrook

Construction of an equestrian all-weather menage of 20m x 40m on an existing equestrian grazing field.

The Parish Council recommend APPROVAL subject to there being a condition that there should be no floodlighting, in the interests of neighbouring properties.

Proposed by Cllr. Cook, seconded by Cllr. Fermor and agreed.

16/504520/LBC

Stream Farm, Golford Road, Cranbrook

Listed Building Consent – Removal of top of chimney stack to suitable height in order to rebuild and strengthen the top of the chimney and flues.

The Parish Council recommend APPROVAL subject to the views of the Conservation Architect.

Proposed by Cllr. Bunyan, seconded by Cllr. Fermor and agreed.

16/05972/FULL

Corbins, Angley Road, Cranbrook
Oak framed detached garage and 2.4m high fence.

The Parish Council recommend APPROVAL to the garage but have concerns on the positioning and height of the fence which is not shown on the drawings, this requires clarification. The site plan does not appear to correspond with the block plan.

Proposed by Cllr. Bunyan, seconded by Cllr. Cook and agreed.

16/05975/LBC

Hartley Hall, Hawkhurst Road, Cranbrook
Listed Building Consent – Completely dismantle and remove bread oven, repair fractured masonry encompassing external envelope of main building in order to restore structural integrity and original building line, and add window in place of existing bread oven wall cavity

The Parish Council made NEUTRAL recommendation leaving the decision to the specialist Conservation Architect who would no doubt be taking into account the age of the original and whether this could in fact be retained/reconstructed.

Proposed by Cllr. Cook, seconded by Cllr. Fermor and agreed.

16/06052/FULL

Electricity Sub Station, Glassenbury Road, Cranbrook
Energy Storage System comprising of battery storage containers, ancillary buildings, security fencing, CCTV, landscaping and substation.

The Parish Council recommend APPROVAL.

Proposed by Cllr. Bunyan, seconded by Cllr. Fermor and agreed.

16/06008/FULL

Flats 1-4 Winch Close, Cranbrook
To replace the existing timber single glazed windows with new UPVC double glazed windows. The main communal front entrance door to be replaced in powder coated aluminium to match existing style with UPVC fanlights.

The Parish Council recommend APPROVAL.

Proposed by Cllr. Cook, seconded by Cllr. Fermor and agreed.

16/06051/FULL

Camden House, Sissinghurst Road, Sissinghurst
Construction of 2-bay open garage and 2.4 m high fence

The Parish Council recommend REFUSAL. There were concerns regarding the fence with regard to highway safety regarding vision both from the property and Mill Lane. It was felt that the fence was too high and also unsightly with no planting shown. If the fence was set back further from the highway this would enable screening to be undertaken in front of the fence and give more visibility. There was no objection to the garage.

Proposed by Cllr. Bunyan, seconded by Cllr. Cook and agreed.

16/06100/FULL

South Cottage, Sissinghurst Castle, Biddenden Road, Sissinghurst

Change of use from residential to public visitor attraction/museum sui generis use, for a period of ten years.

The Parish Council recommend APPROVAL.

Proposed by Cllr. Bunyan, seconded by Cllr. Fermor and agreed.

TREES:

Cllr. Fermor mentioned an oak tree in the land rear of Lloyds Bank and Cllr. Bunyan confirmed that this was a protected tree.

Cllr. Fermor drew Members attention to a liquid amber which is in the front garden of a property in Anglely Road and it was agreed that the TWBC Tree Officer be asked to see whether this was worthy of a protection order.

CORRESPONDENCE:

With regard to the Strategic Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment, a letter had been received from James Peace – Chairman of Governors & Trustees, Cranbrook School informing us that they had put forward a number of areas of land owned by the Trustees or School where future development may be desirable. That said the School has no immediate plans to undertake any of this development, but they cannot tie their hands for the future.

DECISIONS:

Cllr. Bunyan read out the decisions which we now receive via email from the Borough.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION:

No items were raised.