

CRANBROOK & SISSINGHURST PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING & PRESERVATION COMMITTEE  
HELD ON THE 19<sup>TH</sup> JULY 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) and Cllr. Fermor

Apologies: Cllr. Cook, Rook & Kemp

As the meeting was not quorate, the recommendations are made in principle and are subject to ratification.

In relation to 16/504782 - the applicant attended the meeting and listened to the proceedings.

**PLANNING APPLICATIONS:**

16/504782/FULL

Avon Trailers, Goudhurst Road, Cranbrook

Cover existing yard to preserve machinery and parts stored for future use or sale in connection with agricultural engineering business.

The Parish Council recommend APPROVAL.

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

16/505463/FULL

Golford Stables, Tenterden Road, Cranbrook

Proposed building to house indoor swimming pool.

The Parish Council recommend APPROVAL. Clarification had been received from the agent that the swimming pool had already been dug out and the building partly constructed. It was proposed by Cllr. Bunyan and seconded by Cllr. Fermor. Any consent should contain a condition that the building would only be used to house the swimming pool.

16/505332/FUL

Corbins, Angley Road, Cranbrook

Demolition of existing garage and erection of five dwellings and associated access, new garage within the plot of Corbins and associated landscaping

The Parish Council recommend REFUSAL. Although some changes had been made to the overall scheme, there were still concerns about the access being close to the layby and near the crossing for the school where there have already been recorded problems with vision and site lines if traffic is parked in the layby. It was noted that the access road had been widened but it was queried whether there was sufficient width for two larger vehicles to pass. It was suggested that the rooms in the roof should be taken out of the design to reduce the height of the properties which are still overbearing to the adjacent properties in Wheatfield Way. Members made the suggestion that if the planning authority deemed to approve a development scheme on this site that there should be an opportunity for the community to benefit by perhaps the developer taking on and enhancing the unregistered land which is a well-used footpath from Angley Road to Wheatfield Way which is not maintained by anyone but which is widely used by pupils of High Weald Academy.

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

16/05683/FULL

20 Wheatfield Way, Cranbrook  
Single storey rear extension with rooflight

The Parish Council recommend APPROVAL.  
Proposed by Cllr. Fermor and seconded by Cllr. Bunyan.

16/05718/FULL

Former Rifle Range, Tenterden Road, Cranbrook  
Demolition of existing rifle range building and erection of a single storey detached dwelling and garage

The Parish Council recommend APPROVAL. It was noted that the elevation plans did not correspond with the block plan in terms of the north point. It was suggested that the orientation should be reconsidered as it does not seem at present to obtain full benefit of natural light.

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

**REVISED PLANS:**

16/505243/FULL

1 Hartleylands, Swattenden Lane, Cranbrook  
Amendment to size and position of welfare building.  
Members made no further comments.

16/05673/FULL

Fir House, Angley Road, Cranbrook  
Minor material amendment of TW/14/501727 (Conversion/Change of use of redundant double garage into a one bed holiday-let Cottage) to permit extension to form balcony.  
Members had no objection to the amendment.

**CONSULTATIONS:**

The Clerk informed Members that she had downloaded the forms in relation to the Call for Sites, which she tabled. They are designed to be completed by owners of land and not suitable for use by the Parish Council. This was accepted by Members.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

16/503893 – Chilworth, Golford Road – letter from parishioner.

The Chairman read out a letter from a neighbour regarding the comments made by the Parish Council. A response would be sent reflecting that no neighbour comments were on the Portal when the Committee considered the application; policies were set by the Borough and not the Parish; and that TWBC are the planning authority and not the Parish. The neighbours to be urged to make sure the Borough are aware of their views.

**TRAINING:**

Feedback from planning training 13<sup>th</sup> July – TWBC.  
Committee Members had all been given a hard copy of the presentation in their wallets.

**DECISIONS:**

The Chairman read out the decisions which we are now receiving via email from TWBC. This was welcomed.

**ITEMS FOR INFORMATION:**

Cllr. Fermor raised two items, one was a structure which had been put up on the Hartley Road and the other was an access onto the A229 on The Common. The Clerk advised that utility companies do not need planning consent for housing equipment and the Parish Council is not notified. Cllr. Bunyan confirmed the access was not new, it was existing.