

# MOUNTFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Mountfield Parish Council Meeting (Planning)  
held on 13th August 2019

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Present  
Councillors S. Rickman-Smith (Chairman), C. Hollamby (Vice-Chairman),  
J. Ray, J. Snuggs, S. Taylor, N. Whines  
Mrs. I. Marchant (Parish Clerk/RFO)  
County Councillor J. Barnes  
District Councillor E. Kirby-Green  
Members of the public

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## 1. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

None declared.

## 2. DISPENSATIONS

None requested.

## 3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor Hardy.

## 4. OPEN FORUM

Councillors Barnes and Kirby-Green and the members of the public had several questions and concerns, particularly regarding the applications for Southern Water and Edlins Farm. These are addressed in the responses by MPC to these applications.

## 5. PLANNING

### 5.1 Planning applications for consideration

RR/825/CM – Southern Water

Land to the south of New Cut and land to the south of Solomon's Lane, proposed variation of Conditions 2 (approved drawings) and 3 (landscaping) of planning permission RR/728/CM.

MPC were generally pleased with the proposed landscaping to improve the visual impact of the works, particularly for the residents of Solomon's Lane. However, there is much concern from MPC and residents about the lack of foliage screening to the north elevation of the pumping station in New Cut.

AGREED – to make a general comment only. That MPC wish the following condition to be inserted – that foliage screening inside the compound to the north elevation of the pumping station in New Cut be included, they would then support this application – if not, they would object.

RR/2019/1582/P – Ittingham Manor Farm, London Road

Proposed link and conversion of stable building to form utility and boot room.

AGREED – to support this application.

RR/2019/1583/L – Ittingham Manor Farm, London Road

Listed building consent for above.

AGREED – to support this application.

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RR/2019/1682/P – Edlins Farm, Mountfield Lane

(Outline) to demolish Edlins Farmhouse and adjacent barn, build a house on the existing foundations of the present residential part of the barn.

There was much concern from MPC and residents regarding this application.

AGREED – to object to this application on the following grounds:

- We think that an outline application is singularly inappropriate for such an important and sensitive location.  
This proposed development is in a unique mediaeval landscape, the High Weald AONB. It is a sensitive site overlooking the beautiful Darwell Valley and is highly visible.
- We find the whole application contradictory, the applicant states that the site is agricultural when he has turned it into CI, the site is also too small to be considered as agricultural.
- We do not understand the applicant's use of "Edlins Farmhouse."  
There is no Edlins Farmhouse and never has been, there has only ever been an agricultural barn on this site.  
For further information, the barn is made with cement struts and metal cladded, with windows only on the south side.  
The applicant took advantage of a loophole in GDPO 2015 Class R and moved in to service a non-existent guesthouse. The barn has never been marketed as a guesthouse and there have been no guests.

## 6. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

10.09.19 – KGF Meeting (start 7pm)

10.09.19 – Full Council Meeting

08.10.19 – Planning Meeting (provisional, will only be held if required)

All start at 7.30pm (unless stated above) in Mountfield Village Hall