

Mountfield Parish Council

Minutes of the Mountfield Parish Council Meeting (Planning)
held on 24th November 2020

Present

Councillors S. Rickman-Smith (Chairman), C. Hollamby (Vice-Chairman),
M. Hardy, J. Ray, S. Taylor, N. Whines
Mrs. I. Marchant (Parish Clerk/RFO)

1. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

- Councillor Hardy declared a pecuniary personal interest in the British Gypsum planning applications in item 5. on the agenda, as he is an employee of British Gypsum. He will not take part in the voting.
- Councillor Hollamby declared a personal interest 6.2 on the agenda as she is a friend of the caravan owner. She will not take part in the voting.

2. DISPENSATIONS

None requested.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor Snuggs.

4. OPEN FORUM

No members of the public present.

5. PLANNING

Planning applications for consideration

RR/2020/1586/P – John's Cross Café, land at John's Cross Road.

Outline proposed replacement of storage containers with small business units and associated facilities.

AGREED –we support local businesses but object to this application on the following grounds. Such a business is in entirely the wrong location, there will be a huge increase in traffic entering/exiting on a very busy road, the A21, there have been three fatal accidents within two years very near the proposed site. This will have a very big impact on neighbouring properties. The roof heights will be more than double the present height of the containers. There is an old waste tip under the land, and we have concerns about the stability of the land and the impact on water courses.

RR/2020/1778/P – John's Cross Inn, John's Cross Road

Alterations and extension to adapt accommodation so that it is more suitable for use as a domestic dwelling as approved under previous planning and listed building consents (RR/2016/1446/P, RR/2016/1447/L, RR/2016/832/P and RR/2016/833/L). Works to include internal alterations, removal of existing lean-to extension, removal of modern chimney stack and erection of new rear extension and a picket fence to the front of the property.

AGREED – to support this application but have concerns regarding the future use/development of the land.

RR/2020/1778/L – John's Cross Inn, John's Cross Road

Listed building consent for the above application.

AGREED – to support this application.

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RR/2020/2094/P – Castle Farm, Mountfield Lane

Construction of an oak-framed, 3-bay garage attached to existing outbuilding.

AGREED – to support this application.

RR/846/CM (ESCC application) – British Gypsum, Mountfield

Construction of a vehicle service depot with associated landscaping and construction of a lorry strapping shed on a separate site.

AGREED – to support this application.

RR/848/CM (ESCC application) – British Gypsum, Mountfield

Additional plant to support increased use of local mineral from Brightling Mine at Robertsbridge Works.

AGREED – to support this application.

5.2 Other planning matters for discussion

It was agreed that MPC will decline to comment on an application for a traveller's site at Sidley. It was felt that this is a matter for Sidley residents and Mountfield is too far away.

6. ENFORCEMENT

6.1 No Mountfield items on RDC's weekly enforcement list.

6.2 It was agreed that RDC Enforcement be contacted about a caravan and equipment in the woods behind the property "Anderida."

7. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

12.01.21 – Full council meeting

09.02.21 – Planning meeting (provisional, will only be held if required)

Both to start at 7.30pm in Mountfield Village Hall