

# Mountfield Parish Council

Minutes of the Mountfield Parish Council Planning Meeting  
held on 8th June 2021

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Present

Councillors J. Ray (Chairman), N. Whines, S. Taylor  
Mrs. I. Marchant (Parish Clerk/RFO)  
Members of the public

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## 1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED – that Councillor Ray be elected Chairman for this meeting only, as both the Chairman and Vice-Chairman had sent apologies. Councillor Whines proposed and Councillor Taylor seconded.

## 2. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

None declared.

## 3. DISPENSATIONS

None requested.

## 4. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Hardy, Hollamby and Rickman-Smith.

## 5. OPEN FORUM

### 5.1 Public Question Time

- Concerns were raised about item 5.1, application RR/2021/P/3.
- The revised drawings did not have heights shown.
- There were concerns about estimated ridge heights and the health and safety of the Church's hedge.

## 6. PLANNING

### 6.1 Planning application for consideration

RR/2021/21/P – 3 Church Cottages, Church Road

AGREED – to object to this application as follows:

Whilst acknowledging the various changes in the revised drawings, MPC still objects to this application. The reasons for our objection are largely as previously, but in particular:

- With a ridge height of 5 metres, the proposed development is still too high, particularly (but not solely) when compared with the 4 metre height of the roof and gable of the cottage the garaging is meant to serve.
- The revision leaves a better gap between the proposed building and the party boundary with 2 Church Cottages to the east, but the gap between the proposed building and the Church's boundary hedge is negligible and threatens the roots and health of the hedge.
- Finally, we understand that the applicant is claiming ownership of the Church hedge. On the basis of information from the Diocese of Chichester and All Saints PCC, the hedge is unquestionably within the curtilage of the Church, on consecrated ground, medieval in origin, and is the traditional demarcation between the realms of the dead and the living.

### 6.2 Other planning matters for discussion

None.

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## 7. ENFORCEMENT

- 7.1 RDC Weekly Enforcement List  
No Mountfield items.
- 7.2 Other enforcement matters for discussion  
None.

## 8. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

- 13.07.21 – Full council meeting.
  - 10.08.21 – Planning meeting (provisional, will only be held if required).
- Both to start at 7.30pm in Mountfield Village Hall.

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