

Draft Minutes of the Mountfield Parish Council Planning Meeting held on 12th October 2021

Present

Councillors S. Rickman-Smith (Chair), C. Hollamby (Vice-Chair), M. Hardy, P. Miles, J. Ray

1. Disclosure of Interests

None declared.

2. Dispensations

None requested.

3. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors Taylor and Whines.

4. Open Forum

No members of the public present.

5. Planning

5.1 Planning applications for consideration

- RR/2021/2035/P Serenity, London Road
Resolved – to support this application but notice there is no mention of lighting. Mountfield Parish Council discourages intrusive external lighting and follows the High Weald AONB's Dark Skies policy.
- RR/2021/1996/P The Old Vicarage, Mountfield Court
Conversion of existing coach house to create a workshop, store and guest suite. Construction of oak framed single garage with shed and store.
Resolved – to support this application.
- RR/2021/1997/L The Old Vicarage, Mountfield Court
Listed building consent for above application.
Resolved – to support this application.
- RR/2021/1907/P Land at John's Cross Café
Outline: replacement of existing self-storage containers and construction of buildings for self-storage (Class B8) along with parking, landscaping and use of existing access to the A21, with access considered.
Resolved – to submit a general comment only as follows, no objection to the continued use as an industrial site, but note that this is an outline application only, with no information on actual height on the Wealden Ridgeway, foul and storm drainage, construction materials, highways safety and access, lighting compliant with the High Weald Dark Skies policy, hours of work, security provisions (e.g., lighting). We will return to these issues at "reserved matters" stage.
- RR/2021/1825/P Keepers Cottage, Mountfield Lane
Two-storey rear extension, demolition of existing porch, internal alterations.
Resolved – to support this application.
- RR/2021/1826L Keepers Cottage, Mountfield Lane
Listed building consent for above application.
Resolved – to support this application.

5.2 Other planning matters for discussion

The apparent deterioration in the numbers of undetermined planning applications (in a sample based on Mountfield, Ticehurst, Brightling, Hurst Green, Northiam and Battle) was noticed and discussed.

6. Enforcement

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

6.2 Other enforcement matters for discussion

Information on any progress in the matter of land at Walters Wood on the A21 was requested.

7. Dates of next meetings

09.11.21 – full council meeting

14.12.21 – planning meeting (provisional, will only be held if required)

Both to start at 7.30pm in Mountfield Village Hall