West Itchenor Parish Council

Minutes of a Planning Meeting of the West Itchenor Parish Council held on Monday 18 January 2016 at 9.00 am. in The Itchenor Memorial Hall.

Present: Mr G Colbourne, Mr J Dunn, Mr C Mead-Briggs
Mrs A Trevelyan (Chairman)

In attendance: Mrs C Smith (Clerk)

1/16P APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

2/16P DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

None.

3/16P MINUTES OF THE PLANNING MEETING HELD ON 21 December 2015.

The Chairman called for the approval of the Minutes of the Planning meeting held on 21 December 2015. These were **AGREED** and the Chairman duly signed the Minutes as being a true record of the meeting.

4/16P PLANNING APPLICATIONS

4.1 WI/15/04246/TCA – The Black Bungalow, Itchenor Road, West Itchenor

Notification of intention to reduce 2 no. branches in north-east sector to 1m of main stem & reduce height by 3m on 1 no. Willow tree (W1). reduce height of main and secondary stem to 6m on 1no. Willow tree (W2). Reduce 3 no. north-east and east facing branches to 3m (above ground level) on 1 no. Willow tree (W3). Reduce height to 6m (above ground level) on 1 no. Willow tree (W4). Reduce height of stem to 5m on 1 no. Willow tree (W5). Reduce height down to 6m, remove 1 no. branch on west sector (over pumping station) on 1 no. Willow tree (W7). Reduce 1 no. branch on west sector back to 2m from base, reduce height to 6m on 1 no. Willow tree (W8). Remove 3 no. branches back to 1m (above ground level), reduce 2 no. branches to 5m (above ground level) on 1 no. Willow tree (W9). Reduce height to 5m on 1 no. Willow tree (W10). Reduce northerly 1 no. branch to height of 3m and reduce stem (growing horizontally) to 3m on 1 no. Willow tree (W13). Reduce height down to 6m and reduce limbs back to fence line on 1 no. Willow tree (W14). Remove 1 no. eastern sector branch and deadwood on 1 no. Willow tree (W16). Reduce east facing branch to 5m and reduce to 5m on 1 no. Willow tree (W17). Fell 6 no. Willow trees (W6, W11,W12 and W15 x3)

It was noted that there was a balance to be had between preserving trees as they soaked up a lot of water and the problems caused when the trees shed their leaves causing obstructions in the ditches.
It was also noted that some pruning of branches had taken place recently to allow the Southern Water tankers to access the pumping station.

AGREED RESPONSE: The Parish Council has no objection to this application. However, it is requested that a condition is attached that requires the reinstatement of the ditch adjacent to the pumping station once the work has been completed.

5/16P PLANNING DECISIONS

WI/15/02618/COU - Chichester Harbour Marine Park, The Street, Itchenor
Use of Units 1, 2 and 3 for Class B8 - Storage and distribution. **REFUSE**

The Chairman reiterated her grateful thanks to the Planning Committee members who had worked tirelessly on the Parish Council's objection to this application.

6/16P ENFORCEMENT ISSUES

14/00365/CONCOU – Northshore Yacht Ltd, The Street

It was noted that no further action had been taken on the removal of the boat moulds and it was felt that this was unacceptable. The Clerk was asked to escalate this issue with the Enforcement Team.

It was also highlighted that the ditch by the land adjacent to The Oast had yet to be properly reinstated. There was some confusion as to who exactly owns and is responsible for the ditch that extends past The Oast. Cllr Mead-Briggs agreed to investigate this issue and report back. In the meantime, the Clerk as asked to follow up on the previously imposed enforcement action on the ditch.

7/16P DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday 8 February 2016.

Signature _____ Date: _____
Chairman, West Itchenor Parish Council Planning Committee