West Itchenor Parish Council

Minutes of a Planning Meeting of the West Itchenor Parish Council to be held on Monday 16 May 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), 2 members of public

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

Cllr Trevelyan declared a personal interest in Agenda item 4.1 as a friend and neighbour of the applicant.

3. MINUTES OF THE PLANNING MEETING HELD ON 25 April 2016.

The Chairman called for the approval of the Minutes of the Planning Meeting held on 25 April 2016. These were APPROVED and the Chairman duly signed the Minutes as being a true record of the meeting.

4. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

4.1 WI/16/01219/DOM – 16 The Spinney, Itchenor
Single storey side extensions and loft conversion. *Revised plans*

The Chairman asked if members of the public wanted to speak
A resident reaffirmed her previous comments objecting to the application.

It was noted that this was a revised application and that the width of the proposed extension would be reduced by 10cm. It was noted that there appeared to be no changes to the proposals to use two soak aways for the removal of rainwater.

Councillors noted that The Spinney had been prone to flooding in very wet weather as water in the area doesn't soak away it runs on the hard surfaces. It was suggested that the best course of action would be to put in a proper drain that would feed down to the stream although this would be disruptive to residents and would probably need to serve several houses at the same time.

It was agreed that the changes were not significant enough to change Councillors views. There was concern that the conservatory at the front of the existing building had been constructed forward of the building line for the property.

The Chairman reported that she had received an email from District Councillor Mrs Hamilton who had suggested that she would prefer not to red card the application as Officers wished to resolve issues through discussion. Councillors agreed that it would be important to establish whether Mrs Hamilton would red card the application before it was too late. Some discussion ensued on the Residents Association dealing with the issue themselves by enforcing the covenants on the area.

AGREED RESPONSE: The changes made to this application do not address the previous concerns of the Parish Council. In addition, the Parish Council has concerns that the location of the new Porch entrance is forward of the general building line. The Parish Council therefore maintains its objection to this application.

It was also agreed that the Clerk should write to The Spinney Residents Association, known as Spinney Management Ltd., advising them that although the Parish Council had requested that the application be red carded this may not be taken up by the District Councillor. It was suggested that the Residents Association should also write to the District Councillor requesting that the application be red carded.

It was agreed that the Chairman should contact the District Councillor and urge her to red card the application.

5. PLANNING DECISIONS

WI/16/00563/DOM – The White House , Itchenor Road, Itchenor
Alterations to East boundary wall. **PERMIT**

1 member of public left the meeting.

6. ENFORCEMENT ISSUES

Old Haven, The Street, Itchenor

Correspondence had been received to say that the owner will clear vegetation and another planning application will come in shortly. Meanwhile windows remain boarded which continues to stagnate the air inside which will likely result in damage to the structure of the building. Visitors had been spotted climbing over the wall to have a look. There was concern that review of the decision not to look at issuing a Section 215 notice that was requested has not been carried out. Response to this request from District Councillor Graeme Barrett was that the Planning Committee was to await a report from Enforcement. He then informed the Planning Committee that Enforcement had spoken with the planning agent acting on behalf of the owner.

The agent said they were prepared to cut back overgrown vegetation which may have been done already and they were expecting to put in another application soon, date not specified.

It was agreed that the Clerk should write directly to Shona Archer (CDC Enforcement Manager) to ask why government guidance of the issuing of Section 215 notices was not being followed.

Tree works at Cedar House

Although there had been concerns that the works carried out at Cedar House had been drastic, it was noted that the work done had been within agreed guidelines. It was also noted that the work had been carried out very late and that in future the Planning Committee should request that timescales should be contained within any permit conditions.

Tapners Field, Shipton Green, Itchenor

It was noted that the Chairman of the Parish Council has spoken at length with the owner. The Common had been cleared of debris and other matters should be dealt with in due course.

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday 23 May 2016.

Signature _____ Date: _____
Chairman, Planning Committee