West Itchenor Parish Council

Minutes of a Planning Meeting of the West Itchenor Parish Council held on Monday 3 April 2017 in The Itchenor Memorial Hall.

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

In attendance: 2 members of public

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr Dunn and the Clerk. Cllr Mead-Briggs agreed to take the minutes.

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

Cllr Colbourne declared a personal interest in the ongoing discussion concerning the Itchenor Sailing Club sign.

3. MINUTES OF THE PLANNING MEETING HELD ON 20 March 2017.

The Chairman called for the approval of the Minutes of the planning meeting held on 20 March 2017. **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Planning Meeting held on 20 March 2017 be confirmed as a true and correct record and that they be signed by the Chairman.

4. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

4.1 WI/17/00718/TCA –Land on the North Side of Itchenor Road, West Itchenor
Notification of intention to fell 4 no.Elm trees and associated sucker growth.

Comments from members of the public: two members of the public spoke

- Firstly: that they expressed disagreement with the view that the 4 elms cause interference with the line of sight for vehicles leaving the shared drive; that if the trees are diseased then it's good to replace them but they will need more than just 2 oaks because it's a long strand of trees that are protected
- Secondly the view was expressed that the 4 elms have no impact on the line of site unless one is leaving at speed. The application offers to replace with two oaks "in a more appropriate location" but there is no indication as to where and that this is not acceptable.
- That there was recent clearance undertaken to this strand of trees causing loss of habitat.
- That the application says the trees are not diseased.

- The Chairman thanked the public for their contribution.

Members then contributed their views which were:

- That there was a mistake in the application which states the owner of the trees as N Oundjian c/o St Nicholas Church. It was suggested the trees are likely to belong to Bookers Barn.
- That the application states the trees are not at present diseased and they don't block the view at the junction.
- That replacement trees should be planted in the same location and not elsewhere.

- That the trees form part of a group that was identified by CDC in the Conservation Area Character Appraisal of 2009/10 and were included in the Conservation Area as part of "an important tree group" shown in green on the CA Map that appears in the VDS 2nd edition 2012 on page 23.

Resolved: that the Parish Council objects to this application. No supporting evidence is given to indicate the need for their removal to meet sight line requirements; the application admits the trees are not diseased; the trees form part of a group that was identified by CDC in the Conservation Character Appraisal of 2009/10 and were included in the Conservation Area as part of "an important tree group" shown in green on the CA Map that appears in the VDS 2nd edition 2012 on page 23 and should be protected. If however the District Council decide to approve the application we seek replacement trees that are mature to be planted in the same location.

5. PLANNING DECISIONS

None reported.

6. ENFORCEMENT ISSUES

Northshore Shipyard, Itchenor

There were no signs of further clearance. That in view of the long period of dry weather the Clerk be asked to write once again seeking clearance of the material.

Oldfield House.

In the absence of a reply to the email to Graeme Barrett dated 30th March, that the Clerk be asked to write to CDC (Nicola Golding) attaching the correspondence between WIPC and Graeme Barrett and asking that the Planning Officer be made aware that we have asked for a Red Card if CDC are minded to approve.

Itchenor Sailing Club Notice Board, The Street, Itchenor

Members were asked for their views on the verbal request made via Cllr Colbourne regarding a replacement Club Notice Board. Members agreed that the design should follow the Oak Framed Notice Boards used by WIPC and the Harbour Conservancy and that the Club should seek advice from the Harbour Conservancy.

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday 18 April 2017 at 9.00am.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.30am.

Signature _____ Date: _____