West Itchenor Parish Council

Minutes of a Planning Meeting of the West Itchenor Parish Council held on Monday 12 February 2018 in The Itchenor Memorial Hall.

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

In attendance: Mrs C Smith (Clerk)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr Watson.

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

Cllr Mead-Briggs declared an interest in the planning application for The Black Bungalow as a client of the applicant.

3. MINUTES OF THE PLANNING MEETING HELD ON 15 January 2017.

The Chairman called for the approval of the Minutes of the Planning Meeting held on 15 January 2018. It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Planning Meeting held on 15 January 2018 be confirmed as a true and correct record and that they be signed by the Chairman.

4. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

4.1 WI/18/00076/TCA – The Black Bungalow, Itchenor Road, West Itchenor

Notification of intention to fell 3 no. Oak trees (O1, O3 and O6), 3 no. Willow trees (W1, W3 and W4) and 2 no. Sycamore trees (S1 and S2). Crown reduce by 40% on 1 no. Willow tree (W2). Crown lift by up to 5m (above ground level) and deadwood on 1 no. Oak tree (O2). Removal of 1 no. eastern branch and deadwood on 1 no. Oak tree (O4).

Oak tree O1, it was noted that the applicant was seeking to have remedial work undertaken and that permission was sought at this stage so that if the remedial work was unsuccessful the tree could then be removed.

Willow tree W2, is to be crown reduced and the others are to be removed.

Oak tree O4, has branches leaning over the road and these are to be removed for safety reasons. Oak tree O6 is in a precarious position on the bank and is also to be removed.

It was noted that oak trees can live on despite having cavities although there remained the possibility that branches could fall and cause injury or damage.

It was agreed that the ditch alongside the Black Bungalow being at the head of the rife did need digging out. The willows alongside were considered part of the problems in that area. Removal of the willows would enable proper maintenance of the ditch. The thinning out of other trees was good ongoing management of the area.

It was suggested that the applicant be asked to plant a woven willow style hedge as this would be good for wildlife in the area.

It was also noted that there was a damaged culvert under the road that adjoins the northern boundary of the property and connects up to the ditch network. It was felt that this work would make access to the culvert easier to manage.

AGREED RESPONSE: West Itchenor Parish Council supports this application and considers that the work proposed would be of benefit to maintaining the ditches in this area. In addition, the Parish Council recommends that the applicant be encouraged to put in hedging such as a Sussex woven willow style hedge which would be beneficial to the local wildlife. The applicant is encouraged to make contact with the Parish Council who would be pleased to advise on this matter.

4.2 WI/17/03508/PLD – 16 The Spinney, Itchenor

Proposed lawful development certificate for addition of solar panels to south facing roof.

It was noted that this application was for a Permitted Lawful Development certificate. The fact that the Planning Officer had recommended this application implies that the proposal for the solar panels was lawful.

There was some concern that the panels if reflective might cause an issue for the neighbouring property but it was felt that the panels were sited in such a location that this may not cause any problems.

AGREED RESPONSE: No objection.

5. PLANNING DECISIONS AND UPDATES ON PENDING APPLICATIONS

The appeal for the Owl and Pheasant Cottages was being decided on written representations and a decision was due in March 2018.

It had come to the attention of the Parish Council that the Agents for Old Haven had been in correspondence with the Planning Inspectorate regarding the appeal. The correspondence dated 1 December 2017 had taken some time to appear on the District Council's website due to a backlog in scanning. The Clerk had contacted the Planning Officer as to why the Parish Council had not been made aware of this matter earlier. Issues relating to the type of hearing were matters between the Local Planning Authority and the Applicant only and not any other interested parties. Nonetheless the Clerk had written to the Planning Inspectorate to affirm that the Parish Council may wish to register as an interested party when the type of hearing had been decided upon. Indications are at this time that the matter would be decided upon by means of a hearing rather than an inquiry.

6. ENFORCEMENT ISSUES

Northshore Shipyard, Itchenor

The Planning Committee was made aware of a letter to the owner from the Enforcement Officer notifying that a further enforcement notice would be issued regarding the removal of the boat, moulds and frames from the land north of the previous enforcement notice. This was welcomed by the Planning Committee.

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday 26 February 2017.

Signature _____ Date: _____

Chairman, West Itchenor Parish Council Planning Committee