West Itchenor Parish Council

Minutes of a Planning Meeting of the West Itchenor Parish Council held on Monday 3 December 2018 in The Itchenor Memorial Hall.

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

In attendance: Mrs C Smith (Clerk)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

Cllr Dunn, Cllr Mead-Briggs, Cllr Trevelyan and Cllr Watson declared a personal interest in the application for Tree works as members of the Parish Council which owns some of the land on which a number of the trees are situated.
Cllr Dunn, Cllr Mead-Briggs and Cllr Trevelyan declared a personal interest as members of the Itchenor Sailing Club which is adjacent to the Boat Store.

3. MINUTES OF THE PLANNING MEETING HELD ON 22 October 2018.

The Chairman called for the approval of the Minutes of the Planning Meeting held on 22 October 2018. It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes as presented be confirmed as a true and correct record and they be signed by the Chairman.

4. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

4.1 WI/18/02915/TCA – Land west of Rosiane and Limpet Cottage, Itchenor Road

Notification of intention to reduce height of limbs (over road) by 3m of 7 no. Alder trees (TG1). Pollard height down to 9m and reduce lateral limbs back to 3m on 1 no. Willow tree (T2). Fell 5 no. Willow trees (T4, T10, T15, T16, T17) and 1 no. Unknown tree species (T14). Reduce height to 10m and lateral limbs back to 3m on 4 no. Willow trees (T8, T9, T11, T12). Reduce height to 5m and lateral limbs to 1m on 1 no Willow tree (T18).

Cllr Watson expressed some disappointment that this application had been made without some involvement from the Parish Council, or from him as the Parish Tree Warden. It was noted that the Tree Survey contained some references to work that had been carried out by subsequent working groups. There had also been some discussion with Chris Drake (Manhood Wildlife and Heritage Group) around whether there was a need for some of the work proposed.

It was noted that there were some trees in the group T1 that had well established Woodpecker holes and there was some concern that the proposed work may damage these. It was reported that the area was a significant location for Bats and that these may now be nesting/hibernating in the trees for the winter.

It was noted that the Woodger Trust had some concerns regarding trees T8, T9 and T10 overhanging a neighbouring property with potential for damage to their tennis courts. Reducing the height of some of these trees may make the trees in T1 more vulnerable to the prevailing South Westerly winds and could affect the calming area for bats.

There was some discussion about tree T2 and whether it might be better to take this down and make a feature seat out of the base. If the tree was pollarded to 9m this may result in it producing a significant load that could fall into the pond.

It was agreed that Cllr Watson and Cllr Dunn would liaise with the agents for the Woodger Trust to request a withdrawal of the application so that further consideration be given to the proposed works in light of concerns about bats and the additional work that has already been undertaken by parish working groups.

4.2 WI/18/02703/FUL – 1 Boat Store, Chandlers Reach, Itchenor
1 no. Velux roof light to south elevation.

Reference was made to the Chichester Harbour Dark Sky Designated Area and the desire to reduce light pollution in this area. It was also noted that there were a number of other velux windows along the line of this building.

Agreed Response: West Itchenor Parish Council notes that this application has the potential to affect the Harbour Dark Sky Discovery Site which it considers a village asset. However, it notes that the building does already have several small velux windows on the southern side of the building. Notwithstanding this, the Parish Council has no objection to this application.

5. PLANNING DECISIONS AND UPDATES ON PENDING APPLICATIONS

It was reported that the application for the Itchenor Memorial hall had been red carded by Graeme Barrett, District Councillor, in view of the level of public interest in the application.

The hearing for the Old Haven appeal had taken place and there was some cautious optimism for a positive result. An outline of the visit to the appeal site was given and the result of the appeal should be given in the next four to six weeks.

6. ENFORCEMENT ISSUES

There was no update and the Clerk was asked to clarify the latest position on both Northshore and Magnolia House.

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday 17 December 2018.

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