

The meeting of the Planning Committee scheduled for Tuesday 19 March 2024 was CANCELLED as inquorate.

The following notes record the discussion of the agenda carried out among councillors by email. Informal consultation responses were sent to the South Downs National Park Authority for each of the new planning applications on the agenda.

P.588 Minutes of previous meeting

The Minutes of the planning committee meeting held on 20 February 2024, and the notes of the informal discussion held in place of a formal meeting on 19 March 2024 will be put on the agenda for approval at the next Committee meeting on 16 April 2024.

P.589 NEW APPLICATIONS

SDNP/24/00626/HOUS – Downs House, 1 Mill Close, Friston BN20 0EF

Proposed extensions and reconfiguration to existing dwelling to consist of part single storey side and rear extension, part first floor extensions

Councillors noted that there had been no objections to this application, possibly due to the private position of the property and thoughtful plans. It was agreed to be reasonable to recommend that the application be approved.

SDNP/24/00234/TPO - The Dipperays, Upper Street, East Dean BN20 0BS

Cherry (T2) – Fell, outgrown its space and the roots are beginning to lift the surrounding paving

Councillors noted that there had been no objections to this application. It was agreed that it would be reasonable for the proposed works to be carried out.

SDNP/24/00897/TPO – Mapleswood, Old Willingdon Road, Friston BN20 0AT

T1 pine tree - to remove dead and broken branches from tree. Group 1 (T28 and T29) - to reduce approx. 3 to 4 m below where they were cut last time. All other highlighted trees - last reduced in 2017 and looking to reduce again to the same.

Councillors noted that there had been no objections to this application. It was agreed that it would be reasonable for the proposed works to be carried out.

P.590 DECISION NOTICES

Councillors took note of the following application approved, the parish council having recommended approval:

SDNP/23/05051/HOUS – Belvedere, 12 Warren Lane, Friston, BN20 0EL

Proposed single-storey extension to the rear with adjacent raised patio terrace area, enlargement of existing first-floor area with hip to gable roof extension to side and replacement dormers to front and rear, roof windows and associated alterations

Councillors took note that the following application made by the parish council to the SDNPA, had been approved:

SDNP/24/00013/TPO Land at Michel Dene Road East Dean East Sussex - Acacia (T1-7 inclusive) - *Reduce crowns by 20-30%, remove all deadwood and raise crowns over buildings to ensure a 2m clearance and statutory heights over highway.* **Beech (T8 & 9)** - *Raise crowns to statutory heights over highway*

Councillors took note that the following application had been approved, the parish council having made no objection, though it had noted pre-application advice not to proceed, and concerns raised by the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group regarding the loss of smaller properties:

SDNP/23/04644/FUL and 04645/LIS - Darby Cottages and Old Wheelwrights, Upper Street, East Dean, East Sussex

Internal alterations to provide seven en-suite holiday guest rooms, together with construction of an associated boiler/drying room and bike store

Councillors took note of the following major planning application (outside the parish) which had been approved. The parish council had objected to the application at their meeting on 7 December 2023:

SDNP/23/04238/FUL - Change of use of Black Robin Farm, Beachy Head Road, Eastbourne BN20 7XX

Hybrid Application: Change of use of Black Robin Farm to a cultural and education centre with business studios, refectory, and event space. In outline: the erection of a refectory building in place of the covered yard building (due to be relocated); the internal reconfiguration of the flint barn to form a heritage visitor centre; and the erection of a prep kitchen and learning kitchen (matters of layout, scale, appearance, and landscaping reserved).

Approved at the SDNPA Planning Committee meeting on 15 February, by 5 votes to 4, subject to some amendments for SSSI protection at the bus stop

P.591 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN – no update: next Steering Group meeting 21 March 2024

P.592 WEALDEN DRAFT LOCAL PLAN – no update

P.593 ENFORCEMENT – no update

P.594 CORRESPONDENCE - none

P.595 URGENT ITEMS – none

P.596 DATE OF NEXT MEETING: - Tuesday 16 April 2024 in the Small Hall of the Village Hall, East Dean, starting at 7.30 pm.