

# **SHERE PARISH COUNCIL**

*Serving the villages of Gomshall, Holmbury St. Mary,  
Peaslake, Shere and a large part of Abinger Hammer*

## **Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 30 May 2013 in Tanyard Hall, 30 Station Road, Gomshall**

**Present:** Parish Councillors R Smith (Chairman), R Andrews, C Brooke, B Cohen, R Davey, B Grover, M Taylor-Cotter, Michael Urban and the Clerk: J Millett and one member of the public.

### **Election of Chairman**

R Andrews proposed and M Taylor-Cotter seconded R Smith as Chairman. R Smith was duly elected as Chairman for the forthcoming year.

### **Election of Vice-Chairman**

M Taylor-Cotter proposed and R Davey seconded R Andrews as Vice-Chairman. R Andrews was duly elected as Vice-Chairman for the forthcoming year.

**Apologies for absence** were submitted on behalf of Parish Councillors, C Carlisle, D Hall and R Newman.

**Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary and Other Interests** – no declarations were received.

**The Minutes** of the meeting held on 11 April 2013 were **APPROVED AND SIGNED** as a correct record.

### **Consideration of Planning Applications:**

#### **13/P/00764 29 Tower Hill, Gomshall**

Single storey side extension and front porch. **NO OBJECTION.**

#### **13/P/00757 The Croft, Hoe Lane, Abinger Hammer**

Ground floor side & rear extensions following demolition of conservatory and loft extension to provide enlarged habitable accommodation. **OBJECT** as the proposed extensions are a disproportionate, cumulative increase.

#### **13/P/00750 Lane End Farm, Lawbrook Lane, Gomshall**

Prior Notification under Part 6 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order for the erection of agricultural building for storage of machinery and agricultural produce following demolition of existing barn. **NO OBJECTION.**

#### **13/P/00774 Foxlands, Knob Field, Abinger Hammer**

Timber framed double garage and workroom with log store. **OBJECT** as concerned about cumulative effect of extensions to this property; the planning history needs to be checked.

## **Consideration of applications received after the agenda had been printed:**

### **13/P/00792 Land outside 2 Pursers Lea, Pursers Lane, Peaslake**

Prior Approval application under Part 24 of the Town and Country (General Permitted Development Order) 1995 for the site and design of a DSLAM equipment cabinet (ref pcp 006) to be sited outside 2 Pursers Lea, Pursers Lane, Peaslake. **OBJECT** to the size and design of the cabinets; given their intrusive appearance, is there anything more suitable available, ie, longer, lower and more in keeping with the rural setting?

### **13/P/00793 Land opposite 2 High Hoe Cottages, Hoe Lane, Peaslake**

Prior Approval application under Part 24 of the Town and Country (General Permitted Development Order) 1995 for the site and design of a DSLAM equipment cabinet (ref pcp 006) to be sited opposite 2 High Hoe Cottages, Hoe Lane, Peaslake. **OBJECT** to the size and design of the cabinets; given their intrusive appearance, is there anything more suitable available, ie, longer, lower and more in keeping with the rural setting?

### **13/P/00841 6 Shere Court, Hook Lane, Shere**

Erection of side ground floor disabled annexe and relocation of front door and garden entrance gate. **NO OBJECTION.**

*M Taylor-Cotter declared a personal interest in this application.*

**Consideration of Tree applications** including those received after the agenda had been printed.

### **13/T/00096 West Burdens, Upper Street, Shere**

T1 Yew – remove main stem re-growth. Reduce by 2 metres the lowest branches close to the apple tree. T2 Yew – cut back lower branches, cut back on the garden side to expose the main stem, reduce 2 – 3 over-extended lateral branches to improve balance. G1 Holly and Yew – reduce down to the height of the existing hedge to improve light. G2 two apple trees – reduce in height by approx. 2 metres to maintain. All work is to be undertaken to improve light and appearance (Shere Conservation Area). **NO OBJECTION** provided the Arboricultural Officer does not object.

## **Planning Correspondence**

The following correspondence was **NOTED**:

- comments from the Council for the Protection of Rural England (Guildford District) on 13/P/0434 and 13/P/00500, Lawbrook House, Lawbrook Lane, Gomshall – planning application for stable block, storage barn and associated access track.
- e-mail from local resident to Chairman of Planning Committee advising that the resident had submitted an objection to planning application 13/P/00541, Wayside Gate, Holmbury St Mary.

- e-mail from Surrey Association of Local Councils attaching guidance from the Local Government Association on probity in planning, for councillors and officers – this document would be **CIRCULATED** to members of the Planning Committee.

### **Enforcement Action**

**‘Arden’, Peaslake Lane** – it was **NOTED** that Planning Enforcement Team had confirmed that this property is not within a conservation area and none of the trees on site are protected by a Tree Protection Order. Therefore the owner does not require permission to remove or carry out works on any of the trees on the site.

**‘Pursers Lea’, Peaslake** – it was **NOTED** that the Enforcement Officer had been in touch with the owner to set out the concerns of the Parish Council regarding the dedicated wildlife area being used as a garden.

**‘Manor House’, Upper Street, Shere** – use of grounds for play area – it was **NOTED** that the Planning Enforcement Team did not object to this activity and so there was no need for the Parish Council to comment further.

**‘Old Farm’, Horsham Road, Abinger Hammer (13/P/00084)** – excavation works. It was **NOTED** that the Planning Enforcement Team would be investigating these works.

### **Bin storage at Beaufield Mews Flats, Middle Street, Shere**

It was **NOTED** that the position of the recently constructed bin store at this location varied from that approved under application 11/P/00652. It was **AGREED** that the following comments be passed to the Planning Enforcement Team:

- if there has to be a bin store, it should be sited in the originally agreed location
- is the bin store adequate or even necessary at all - usually in the Parish, where there is no adequate facility for a bin, ie, in a flat, black bags are used for general waste, together with recycling boxes and these are put out for collection on one day per week - clarification is sought on plans for recycling household waste from the flats.
- the bin store, as it is currently sited, obstructs parking on the courtyard

**Councillors’ Business** (for noting, delegation to the Clerk or inclusion on the agenda for the next meeting)

B Cohen asked that applications that came in on the day of the Planning Committee be considered at the next meeting. The Chairman advised that such applications should still be considered where possible and deferred, if necessary.

R Davey commented that there had been a proliferation of ‘A’ boards and other signage relating to businesses in Middle Street, Shere. It was **AGREED** that this matter be placed on the next Council agenda.

It was **NOTED** that there was a banner advertising Edgley Park country lodges on the fence on the east side of the railway line and that this was an enforcement matter.

**Date of the next Planning meeting:** 7.15 p.m. 21<sup>st</sup> June 2013.