

SHERE PARISH COUNCIL

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Peaslake, Shere and a large part of Abinger Hammer*

Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 1 May 2014 at Tanyard Hall, 30 Station Road, Gomshall

Present: Parish Councillors: R Smith (Chairman), R Davey, M Fontana, R Andrews, C Carlisle, M Taylor-Cotter, M Urban and the Clerk: J Millett and Assistant to the Parish Clerk: B Greatrex.

Election of Chairman

C Carlisle 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

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

Apologies for absence – apologies were received from Parish Councillor C Brooke.

Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary and Other Interests – R Andrews declared a personal interest in 14/P/00703 – The Old Post Office, Holmbury St Mary. M Taylor-Cotter and M Urban both declared a personal interest in 14/P/00622 – The Hurtwood Inn, Peaslake.

The Minutes of the meeting held on 2 April 2014 were **APPROVED AND SIGNED** as a correct record.

Ratification of decisions made by Clerk, in consultation with Chairman (due to cancellation of 23rd April meeting) in order to meet consultation dead-line:

14/P/00549 Northdown Cottage, Plaws Hill, Peaslake

Single storey conservatory on southern elevation. **NO OBJECTION.**

14/P/00565 Pudding Cottage, Rad Lane, Peaslake

Proposed construction of a side extension, enlargement of the existing first floor area including the construction of four dormer windows and the construction of an open porch following demolition of an existing conservatory and double garage. **NO OBJECTION.**

14/P/00535 The Hut, Mackies Hill, Peaslake

Proposed two storey 4 bedroom replacement dwelling with detached garage. Comment: suggest patio is constructed from permeable materials in order to minimise run-off.

14/P/00548 Sunnyside Bungalow, Mackies Hill, Peaslake

Proposed two storey 4 bedroom replacement dwelling. Comment: concerned about drainage of water from property into Mackies Hill

M Urban expressed concern about the adverse drainage consequences of the work proposed to both The Hut and Sunnyside Bungalow. There were already existing issues with flooding at East View Cottages and onto Ewhurst Lane. It was **NOTED** that this work would be cutting further into the water table and might cause further flooding. It was **AGREED** that the council write a letter of concern to Guildford Borough Council highlighting the current issues surrounding drainage on the site.

Consideration of Planning Applications:

14/P/00576 Oak Trees, Burrows Lane, Shere

Erection of oak framed garage and car port **NO OBJECTION**

14/P/00616 Hollytree Cottage, Parklands, Shere

Two storey extension following demolition of existing garage **NO OBJECTION**

14/P/00622 TheHurtwood Inn, Walking Bottom, Peaslake

Installation of three numbered bi-fold doors to existing restaurant bay window **NO OBJECTION**

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

14/P/00679 Blackstone, Hound House Road, Shere

Single storey side extension to create a link between the main house and the existing out-buildings plus erection of two front facing dormer windows and minor alterations of the existing door and window openings. **OBJECTION** as the proposed extensions are a disproportionate, cumulative increase on the original size of the property. 5 Councillors voted in favour of the objection while 2 abstained.

Applications received after the agenda had been printed:

14/P/00703 The Old Post Office, Pitland Street, Holmbury St Mary

Erection of a new oak framed double garage following demolition of existing garage, conversion and extension of existing external toilet into a boiler room/store and insertion of two rooflights into the kitchen roof. **NO OBJECTION**

R Andrews declared a personal interest in this application and left the room during discussion of this application.

Consideration of Tree applications including those received after the agenda had been printed - None

Planning Inspectorate Appeal Decisions: None to report.

No further news had been reported on the appeal made with regard to a new house at Sutton Place. It was **AGREED** that the Clerk contact the Inspectorate to ascertain what had been decided.

It was also **AGREED** that the Clerk would request a timescale for the decision on the Hollybush appeal.

Local Plan:- As reported to Council immediately prior to the meeting at the Annual Council meeting. See Council meeting minutes 1 May 2014 for details.

Planning Correspondence received which may be of interest to the Committee – None.

Enforcement Action:It was **NOTED** that two trees had been removed on Willow Walk to allow for increased parking. M Taylor-Cotter remembered an application involving Willow Walk but the contents of this could not be recalled. It was **AGREED** that the Clerk would look in the archive of Tree Applications to see if an application was made for this.

It was brought to the attention of the council that a report had been made of a resident using a spray to tend to weeds on land belonging to others. The substances used were thought to have led to the poisoning and death of a cat. The resident had continued to use this substance despite being asked on a number of occasions to not interfere with land aside from his own. It was **AGREED** that the Environment Agency should be informed so that they may investigate the substance being used and take action accordingly.

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

M Fontana – Proposed that the engineers involved with the traffic calming measures in Shere be made aware of the Open Gardens event taking place on 29 June in the village. It was **DECIDED** that they be advised to either stop all traffic lights on this weekend or to consider the timing of them carefully.

R Andrews –Reported the potential presence of knotweed at the Felday Chapel. It was **AGREED** that the Clerk speak to Naia Edwards to assess the situation.

Date of the next Planning meeting: Wednesday 14 May 2014, 7.30pm at Tanyard Hall.