

Minutes of the Annual Sarratt Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 18th June 2019 in The Village Hall, The Green, Sarratt

Present: Councillor S Dobson

Councillor D Turner Councillor J Gell Councillor A Soothill Councillor P Thorp Councillor D Rees

In attendance Mrs J Dawes, Clerk to the Council

4 Members of the public

37/19 APOLOGIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Apologies for absence were received, recorded and accepted from Councillors Bloom and Rugg

Action

38/19 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Councillor Dobson recorded a non pecuniary interest in planning application 19/0986/PDA as it is a neighbouring property.

39/19 MINUTES

It was proposed by Councillor Thorp, seconded by Councillor Gell and **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 21st May 2019 be signed as a true record.

40/19 MATTERS ARISING AND ACTION PLAN

The Clerk updated Council on the action plan. The Clerk was asked to remove NM from the action plan. Councillor Turner reported that he would be unable to act a representative for KGV an additional rep would be elected in due course.

41/19 RESIGNATION OF COUNCILLOR

Thanks were expressed to Nick Mortimer for the work that he had put in over his years as a councillor. He would continue to volunteer with the litter picking. The post was being advertised in accordance with the regulations and the TRDC notice would expire on 5th July. If no election is called the council will be free to co-opt.

42/19 CHANGE OF MEETING DATES

It was proposed by Councillor Turner, seconded by Councillor Gell and **RESOLVED** that the meetings would move from the 3rd Tuesday of the Month to

the second Tuesday from September. The April 2020 date would remain as the 3rd Tuesday to accommodate the Easter holidays

43/19 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES TO OTHER BODIES

Councillor Rugg had circulated a report from the previous KGV meeting. Councillor Gell had attended a meeting with the Residents Association and a discussion had taken place regarding the defibrillators. The RA would prefer a defibrillator at the steak house rather than the telephone boxes. The Council acknowledged that if the RA would rather work with the steak house in providing a defibrillator that was fine and it would revisit putting its own one in the telephone boxes next year.

44/19 CLERKS REPORT

The Clerk reported that the audit would take place on 26th June. It was agreed that the Council would meet on 27th June at 2.00 pm to sign the annual return.

45/19 LEAD COUNCILLORS REPORT FOR PLANNING

Councillor Rees updated the Council on the RBL site. TRDC were taking the application seriously and were taking advice on the affordability of the units. Concern was expressed regarding the activities at the Mulberry Bush as it was no longer being used for agricultural purposes. It was agreed that a letter should be sent to the TRDC solicitor expressing our concerns regarding the approval received and the future of the site.

46/19 TO COMMENT ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS

It was resolved that the following observations be made on the planning applications as shown on the attached sheet.

47/19 TO NOTE PLANNING DECSIONS

The decisions on the attached sheet were noted.

48/19 PLANNING APPEALS

A planning appeal for Coniston White Shack Lane had been made. No further representations were permitted.

49/19 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE

There had not been a meeting since the last update. The grant application had stalled as quotations were required. These had now been received and a new application would be submitted.

50/19 LEAD COUNCILLORS REPORT FOR POLICY AND RESOURCES

51/19 RESIGNATION OF THE CLERK

The Clerks resignation had been received giving 3 months notice from 1st July. A short part 2 would be held to discuss this further.

52/19 RISK ASSESSMENTS

Councillor Thorp would be looking at a sample of the risk assessments to review.

53/19 FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

The Clerk was asked to bring the policy back with the publication list updated.

54/19 RISK ASSESSMENTS

The Clerk was asked to look into purchasing risk assessment software.

Clerk

55/19 APPROVAL OF CHEQUES

It was proposed by Councillor Turner, seconded by Councillor Thorp and RESOLVED that the cheques to the value of £15,108.54 as attached to these minutes be approved.

56/19 LEAD COUNCILLOR REPORT FOR ENVIRONMENT

The Chandlers Cross sign showed signs of damage from the interior blowing up inside to form a big bubble the Clerk would be discussing this with the company that made them.

57/19 THE JASMINE TRAIL

It was agreed that the Council would send a letter of support for this to become an adopted bridleway.

58/19 GREENS AND FOOTPATHS

There was no report this month.

59/19 REPLACEMENT SIGN AT THE CRICKETERS

Consent was given for the replacement sign under health and safety grounds.

60/19 LEAD COUNCILLOR FOR HIGHWAYS REPORT

Councillor Gell had submitted his report that had been circulated.

61/19 **COMMUNICATION**

Letters of thanks had been received from Days Charity, Sarratt Care and the School for their grants.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME 62/19

A Local plan meeting would be held at TRDC on Thursday. The flower festival would be taking place 28/29 & 30th June.

COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS 63/19

It was hoped that the effect of having no chickens at the chicken farm would mean that the village would not suffer from fly blight this year.

First Aid training would be held on 26th July.

The contact list would be updated and reissued.

64/19 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 16th July 2019 at 7.30 pm in the back room of the Village Hall.

65/19 **PART II**

It was proposed by Councillor Dobson, seconded by Councillor Rees and **RESOLVED** that the Press and Public may be excluded due to the confidential nature of the business under Section 1 Sub Section (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meeting) Act 1960 from any items on the Agenda which are deemed to relate to exempt information

66/19 **CLERKS RESIGNATION**

The resignation was discussed and the Clerks request to move to a four day week approved.

The meeting closed at 9.40 pm

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New Applications Received Between 01/06/2019and 30/06/2019

Item No: Ref No:

Application No Date Recd Case Officer Applicant Name Location

New Application

19/0829/FUL

04/06/2019 Adam Ralton Ralph Trustees Ltd The Grove

Grove Mill Lane Grove Mill WD3 4TG

Proposal: Four storey side extension to north west of existing building to provide 76 additional bedrooms.

leisure and conference facilities, associated landscaping, and provision of additional car

parking spaces throughout the site

Observations: The Parish Council have no objection to this application in principle but however it feels that

there is a total deficiency in added parking spaces. A net increase of 11 spaces is inadequate

for the number of new rooms and facilities proposed.

19/0831/LBC

04/06/2019 Adam Ralton Ralph Trustees Ltd The Grove

Grove Mill Lane Grove Mill WD3 4TG

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leisure and conference facilities, associated landscaping, and provision of additional car

parking spaces throughout the site

Observations: The Parish Council have no objection to this application in principle but however it feels that

there is a total deficiency in added parking spaces. A net increase of 11 spaces is inadequate

for the number of new rooms and facilities proposed.

19/0947/FUL

04/06/2019 Katy Brackenboro Mr D H 6 Dawes Lane

WD3 6BB

Proposal: Single storey rear extension and first floor rear extension, removal of existing roof to kitchen and

replacement with flat roof

Observations: The parish Council have no objection to this application but would like officers to ensure that the

45 degree rule is adhered to also taking the roof overhang into account.

19/0986/PDA

04/06/2019 Aaron Roberts Mr M G Ravenswood Farm

Church Lane Sarratt WD3 6HL

Proposal: Change of use of agricultural building to one residential dwelling with operational works to

building and associated curtilage

Observations: The Parish Council do not believe that this application meets the criteria for permitted

development. The structure as shown below from Google and our own photograph is little more than a wood store and has never received planning permission as an agricultural barn

and therefore cannot be classed as such.

No special circumstances have been demonstrated requiring the need to construct a dwelling house in this location.

The site is part in the AONB and is Greenbelt and has undergone recent development of a large barn and further construction would be to the detriment of these areas.

The land in question is covered by the Watford Rural District Council (Town and Country Planning) (Direction Restricting Permitted Development) (Sarratt) order 1963 and therefore permitted development should not be granted.

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19/1012/FUL

04/06/2019 Katy Brackenboro Mr & Mrs A W North End

The Green Sarratt WD3 6BR

Proposal: Conversion of existing garage to habitable accommodation and alterations to the roof form of

the existing garage, installation of entrance gate and alterations to driveway.

Observations: The Parish Council have no objection to this application. As owners of The Green it would not

permit any parking of works related vehicles on its land.

19/1014/FUL

04/06/2019 Suzanne O'Brien Mrs L B Woodlea House

Windmill Hill Chipperfield WD4 9DA

Proposal: Erection of single storey rear extension

Observations: The Parish Council had no objection to this application

Applications Received :- 6

NOTIFICATIONS OF PLANNING DECISIONS FROM Three Rivers District Council

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' C ' Contrary to District 'CD' Contrary Delegated ' D ' Delegated

'E' Endorsed by District 'ED' Endorsed Delegated

E 19/0738/FUL Approved Dartrey, Bucks Hill

E 19/0766/FUL Approved 20 Church Lane

E 19/0437/FUL Refused Long Roofs, Commonwood

Signed.......Date..... Page 6