

NUTHURST PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Councils Planning Meeting, held on Thursday 7th October 2021,
commencing at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr O Hydes OBE (Chairman) Cllr D Harber
Cllr J Assassi Cllr W Ingram
Cllr J Bromley Cllr C Kenny
Cllr N Bryant (Vice Chairman) Cllr T Nelson
Cllr J Chaytor

The Clerk to the Parish Council, Sarah Hall, and one member of the public also attended the meeting.

PC022-21/22 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

It was **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** that there were no apologies for absence.

PC023-21/22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

It was **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** no declarations of interest, as defined under the Localism Act 2011 and the Parish Councils Code of Conduct, were made.

PC024-21/22 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the [Planning Committee meeting](#) held on 2nd September 2021 be confirmed as a correct record and be recommended for approval to the Full Parish Council (Vote – unanimously approved).

PC025-21/22 CHAIRMANS ANNOUNCEMENTS

“I’d like to give you an update on what is happening regarding our efforts to get Buck Barn removed from HDC’s Local Plan. Things are moving quickly.

The chairs of the four parish councils most affected by Buck Barn are meeting every Monday via zoom and we are exchanging information.

The most concerning thing I have heard is that the Chairman of the Horsham Conservative Association is working for Thakeham, the developer of Buck Barn. This knowledge emerged at the Tory Party Conference and journalists apparently picked up on it so we will see what happens. The West Sussex County Times has just reported that he has resigned.

The four parish councils are also discussing strategy and so far, we have agreed to put pressure on HDC planners and politicians by each of us sending them separate, weekly letters. A chore, but well worth a try. You have seen the first letter that was sent earlier this week. I have just drafted a second letter and I would like this one to bear all our names. I will send it to you first thing tomorrow morning. And I would like you to read it urgently and give your approval to it bearing your name. I would like your approval by Sunday evening so I can send it to HDC on Monday.

I also need to tell you that HDC has paused consideration of all planning applications until it has received legal advice. All planning meetings have been cancelled. The reason is complex. Natural England has written to Chichester, Horsham and Crawley District Councils to tell them that Hardham Water Treatment works will not be able

to supply drinking water to all the proposed new housing in their areas. Natural England has said that in future, any new housing must prove “water neutrality”. This means that the new housing must not add to the existing level of demand for water.

This statement from Natural England affects not only small applications for new houses, Planning Appeals but crucially, the three Districts’ Local Plans. It is thus very likely that HDC’s Local Plan will now be held up until Natural England produce a detailed policy about water neutrality.

You might ask, well how can water neutrality possibly be achieved? Natural England is looking at ways and these may include the re-use of grey water, water-saving devices and collecting rainwater. I imagine that the government will also engage with Southern Water to see if it can increase the supply of water to much of West Sussex. This obviously, even if geologically possible, could take a longish time to achieve and cost a lot of money.

In essence then, I foresee the Local Plan being held up by Natural England but for how long is anyone’s guess“.

The Clerk will circulate Natural England’s statement and HDC’s subsequent statement.

PC026-21/22 PUBLIC FORUM

No member of the public present wished to speak in the public forum.

PC027-21/22 PLANNING

i) PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Comments to Horsham District Council on current planning applications were unanimously agreed.

Number	Applicant & Reason
DC/21/2120 17.09.2021 RESOLVED	Erection of a two storey side extension, single storey porch and detached carport with garden store. 16 Masons Field, Mannings Heath The Parish Council has no objection. It notes that the materials proposed match those of the house and therefore comply with the guidance in the Parish Design Statement.
DISC/21/0249 14.09.2021 RESOLVED	Approval of details reserved by conditions 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 to approved application DC/21/0685 Holly Farm, Winterpit Lane, Mannings Heath The Parish Council has no objection to the approval of condition 7 as the materials of construction proposed appear to comply with the guidance in the Parish Design Statement. The Parish Council does not have the experience or expertise to comment on the approval of conditions 3, 4, 5 and 6 and leaves these matters to HDC’s specialist officers and consultants.
DISC/21/0190 23.09.2021 RESOLVED	Approval of details reserved by conditions 1 and 2 on application DC/20/1667 Figgy Barn, Waves arm, Kerves Lane, Horsham The Parish Council does not have the experience or expertise to comment on the two new documents dealing with contamination

	and therefore wishes to leave this to HDC’s specialist officers and consultants.
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ii) **PLANNING APPEALS**

It was **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the draft [written representation](#) for submission to the Planning Inspectorate ([DC/20/0579](#) outline application for the erection of 2 no. detached dwellings with all matters reserved – Church Road, Mannings Heath).

PC028-21/22 PLANNING UPDATES

It was **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** that the planning updates were covered in the Chairman’s Announcements.

PC029-21/22 SOUTHERN WATERS DUTY TO SUPPLY WATER AND DISPOSE OF SEWAGE

Cllr C Kenny prepared a [report](#) to assist with the discussions on Southern Waters duty to supply water and dispose of sewage. It was **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council should take a proactive approach and write to HDC, sending a copy of the letter to WSCT.

PC030-21/22 MINOR MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS TO BE REFERRED TO ON THE NEXT AGENDA

It was **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** that the Councillors did not ask for any matters to be included on the next Planning Committee agenda.

PC031-21/22 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** the next Planning Committee meeting will be held on Thursday 4th November 2021.

The meeting closed at 7.59pm

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Chairman of the Planning Committee

Date