

West Itchenor Parish Council

Minutes of a Planning Meeting of the West Itchenor Parish Council held on Monday 21 January 2019 in The Itchenor Memorial Hall.

Present: Mr J Dunn, Mrs A Trevelyan (Chairman)

In attendance: Mrs C Smith (Clerk)

1/19P APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr Mead-Briggs and Cllr Watson.

2/19P DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

None.

3/19P MINUTES OF THE PLANNING MEETING HELD ON 17 December 2018.

The Chairman called for the approval of the Minutes of the Planning Meeting held on 17 December 2018. It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes as presented be confirmed as a true and correct record and they be signed by the Chairman.

4/19P PLANNING APPLICATIONS

4.1 [WI/18/02953/FUL - West Winds, Itchenor Road](#)

Replacement 1 no. dwelling - amended plans

Further information relating to the presence of Bats and the requirement for a further Bat survey were noted. Demolition of the property would have a detrimental effect on the Bats. The Parish Council expressed grave concern that no measures were being taken to reduce the high overnight light pollution which would have a significant effect of the Bats and was contrary to the Conservancy's Dark Skies Policy.

AGREED RESPONSE: West Itchenor Parish Council continues to object to this application. As previously stated West Itchenor Parish Council objects to this application on the following grounds. The location of the garage is forward of the main building line and therefore conflicts with the West Itchenor Village Design Statement (2nd edition) design guidance for Areas 3 and 4, (3 /4.8) which states that Extensions forward of the main building line should be discouraged. The location of the garage also obscures the natural gap between adjacent properties which contravenes the West Itchenor Village Design Statement (2nd edition) design guidance for Areas 3 and 4, (3 /4.2) which states that Extensions should be to the rear of existing buildings so that gaps between houses are preserved.

Additionally, the existing overnight light pollution contravenes the Conservancy's policy on Dark Skies and the Parish Council is strongly of the opinion that this should be remedied for the protection of the local Bat population and the Dark Skies Area.

4.4 [WI/19/00062/DOM – Spinney Barn, Itchenor Road, Itchenor](#)

Alterations to fenestration in connection with garage conversion.

Concerns were expressed on two counts. The first was the addition of rooflights which conflicts with the Conservancy's Policy relating to the Dark Skies Area and the second relates to the views of the barns across the fields. Whilst it was noted that the property was not visible from the main road, it was felt that the barn like appearance of the building would be removed.

AGREED RESPONSE: West Itchenor Parish Council objects to this application as the addition of windows in the roofline of the property would have an adverse environmental impact on the Conservation Area. The windows in the roof are at odds with the Conservancy's Dark Skies Area and would change the nature of the views across the fields from current rural feel to a more urban feel.

5/19P PLANNING DECISIONS AND UPDATES ON PENDING APPLICATIONS

[WI/18/02187/FUL – Itchenor Memorial Hall, Itchenor Road, Itchenor](#)

Extension of hall to north. Remove main entrance from north east to north west side. Old entrance changed to single opening. Alter the layout of the hall. Re-turf the existing car park. Change of use of land and alterations to form new car park to north west of the hall.

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6/19P ENFORCEMENT ISSUES

Northshore Shipyard, Itchenor

Nothing further to report.

Old Haven (Section 215 notice)

Nothing further to report.

7/19P DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday 4 February 2019.

Signature _____

Date: _____

Chairman, West Itchenor Parish Council Planning Committee