



**FERNHURST
PARISH
COUNCIL**

**Planning Committee Meeting
Minutes
Wednesday 11 January 2023**

Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held at Fernhurst Village Hall at 6.00pm.

Councillors Participating: Mr J Buchanan, (Chairman), Mrs H Bicknell, Mr W Black, Mr C Lloyd, Mr J Smith.

Apologies For Absence: Mr N Barker, Mr M Giffin, Mr G Inns, Mrs M Jenkins, Mr G Williamson.

P/06/23 Declaration of Interests: None.

P/07/23 Public Representations: None

P/08/23 Previous Minutes: Minutes of the meeting of the **3 January 2023** were approved.

Proposed: Cllr Lloyd, seconded Cllr Black.

P/09/23 Planning Applications & Appeals:

a.) Case No: SDNP/22/05714/HOUS
Case Officer: Lydia Jeram

Closing Date for comments: 1 February 2023
Letter Reference DC/TU/RMILMZTUIKL0L

Location: 15 Midhurst Road, Fernhurst, GU27 3EE

Proposal: Single storey extension following demolition of existing outbuilding.

Decision: No objection.

Proposed: Cllr Lloyd, seconded Cllr Smith.

b.) Case No: SDNP/22/05843/ADV
Case Officer: Lydia Jeram

Closing Date for comments: 31 January 2023
Letter Reference DC/TU/RMZ6TYTUIT80E

Location: 6 Midhurst Road, Fernhurst, GU27 3EE

Proposal: 1 no. fascia, 1 no. projecting sign, 1 no. Window Vinyl's and 1 no. poster case.

Decision. The council strongly objects to these proposals. This site is more sensitive than most, even within a National Park, as it is prominent in views into and out of the Fernhurst Conservation Area.

The existing signage is unsightly. The proposed signage is more unsightly, and would detract from, rather than improve, the street scene in the centre of our village. There should be no external lighting, and a more muted colour palette should be used. With the proposed illumination and bright, garish, colours it may also constitute a distraction for road users on the approach to a busy junction. There is a presumption against external lighting of such frontage in the SDNP Local Plan (SD52.3), and the council considers it to be unjustified here. If this this objection should be overruled, any proposed lighting should at the very least, by

condition, be dark skies compliant (no compliance information has been submitted) and only illuminated during permitted opening hours.

The strident and discordant design of the proposed signage is not sympathetic to the rural street scene. A much softer colour scheme should be used, to respect the special qualities of the location, as outlined in the SDNP Design Guide SPD.

Also, extensive use of white text on a pillar-box red background is potentially misleading, as this "visual language" suggests that this site is, or may be, a Post Office. Fernhurst already has an excellent Post Office, being a tenant of Chichester District Council, a few metres distant at Crossfield. There is no prospect that the site in question will become a Post Office.

Proposed: Cllr Black, seconded Cllr Lloyd.

P/10/23 Planning Decisions & Appeals.

None to note.

Date of Next Meeting: TBC

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