

Minutes of the Meeting of the Doddinghurst Parish Council Planning Committee held on the 22nd January 2009 in the Parish Office at 9.30am

Present: Clr D Dicker (Chair), Clr G Bateson, Mr. C. Enderby, B Wickerson

1. Apologies for absence: Clr. Mrs. D. Carroll.

2. Minutes of the meeting dated 27th November 2008: Approved and Signed.

3. Declaration of Interests relating to items on this agenda: Clr Dicker declared a prejudicial interest in application CC/BRW/01/09 (AKA BRW/1/2009) since she is a School Governor.

4. Planning application received.

BRW/1075/2008 Location: 85 The Gardens, Doddinghurst
Development: Single storey rear extension with pitched roof.
Comment: No objection.

BRW/1/2009 Location: Timberland Farm, Solid Lane
Development: Retention of 6m high wind turbine at side/rear
Comment: The Parish Council objects to the above application for the following reasons:

- (i) The development is in Green Belt, albeit adjacent the existing buildings.
- (ii) At 6m high the turbine projects above all the existing buildings and is out of keeping with the surrounding environment.

On the general subject of "Green Energy" The Parish Council considers that a proliferation of micro generating wind turbine is not to be encouraged since such devices are unlikely to be cost effective or efficient and there would be a major adverse visual impact if numerous small turbine were ultimately provided. Such micro generation schemes should not be compared or confused with large scale wind turbine "farms" that are correctly engineered to feed power into the electrical grid and located at sites that are optimal for collecting wind energy.

CC/BRW/01/09 Location: Doddinghurst Junior School, Church Lane
Development: Removal of 2 temporary classrooms and construction of new classroom and library extensions to include hard and soft landscaping and the creation of new pathways.
Comment: The Parish Council strongly supports this application. Whilst the development is in an area of Green Belt the existing building complex is well established and the proposals will remove longstanding but temporary structures and replace them with accommodation that is better integrated into the existing building and has less visual impact than the demountable units

5. Officers Decisions/ Decisions Awaited.

BRW/940/2008 Location: Howes Farm, Doddinghurst Road, Doddinghurst
Development: Replacement stable block and ménage and erection of six, 6m floodlight columns.
Decision Awaited

BRW/86/2008 Location: Land to the rear of Ashwells Lodge Blackmore Road, Doddinghurst
Development: Change of use for the stationing of a wind turbine. **Decision Awaited**

S191/BRW/12/2008 Location: Lorro Park, Church Lane, Doddinghurst.
Development: Application: for Certificate of Lawfulness for the existing use as a Contractor's Yard
Decision Awaited

6. Planning Appeals and Enforcement:

- BRW/1008/2007 Bannister Farm, Doddinghurst Road. Retention of use of land as Arboricultural and Horticultural land together with retention of boundary fence. **Appeal in Progress**
- TB(P)/BRW/715/2008 56 Lime Grove Doddinghurst. Extension of Dormer Window to the front .Appeal by 31/10/2008
- ENF/BRW/137/2006 – Ask Wine 88 Church Lane, Doddinghurst. Enforcement letter re Roller Shutters – letter issued.
- ENF/BRW/322/2008 – TimberLand Solid lane – Wind Turbine attached to one of the buildings

7. Planning Matters - Matters raised by members.

- A closed meeting is to be held on the 4th Feb 2009 @ 19.45 in the Outings Lane Surgery to see the plans for the new surgery.
- A response is awaited re the development activity at Moudaire Farm.

Signed

Dated

12th February 2009