**KIRDFORD PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Parish Council Planning Committee meeting held at the meeting room in Kirdford Village Stores, Kirdford on Friday 30th January 2015 commencing at 4 p.m.

Present: Cllr. Mrs. J. Robertson (Chairman)

Cllr. Mr. I. Campbell

Cllr. Miss. S. Pinder  
 Cllr. Mr J. Ransley

31. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr. Mr. D. Allfrey (work commitments) and Cllr. Mrs L. Nutting (work commitments).

32. **TO RECEIVE** **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – Cllr. J. Ransley declared a personal interest in planning application number KD/14/03541/FUL for the reason that the property is close to his own.

33. **To consider and comment upon the following applications:**

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| **Application No.** | **Details of Application** | **Comments** |
| KD/14/03541/FUL – additional information supplied | Mrs Monica Harris, Slifehurst Wood Farm, Scratchings Lane, Kirdford, Billingshurst, RH14 0JN – Barn extension to be used for seasonal lambing and storage of agricultural machinery. | **STRONG OBJECTION.** The additional information supplied for this application does not make it clear as to whether the applicant is applying for the building to serve the small-holding or whether it will be serving broader land holdings. The Parish Council’s original objection stands as it believes the barn is too big for the land and requirements. |
| KD/14/04192/DOM | Mr Graham Lord, Robin Cottage, Plaistow Road, Kirdford, West Sussex, RH14 0JY – Replacement of dilapidated timber garage and workshop with timber stables. | **STRONG OBJECTION.** The parish council believes this application to be overdevelopment of the site within the domestic curtilage. No evidence has been given to demonstrate that there is a need for an agricultural building. No evidence has been given to demonstrate that horses can be maintained on the site in a sustainable manner. |
| KD/15/00073/TCA | Mrs Tracy Saunders, Trerose Cottage, Blind Causeway, Village Road, Kirdford, Billingshurst, W.Sussex, RH14 0LU – Fell No. 1 Eucalyptus tree. Crown reduce by 33% (back to previous points) on No. 1 Willow tree. | **NO OBJECTION.** |
| KD/15/00095/TCA | Mrs Tracy Saunders, Gamel House, Village Road, Kirdford, Billingshurst, West Sussex, RH14 0LU – Intention to reduce western sector by 3 metres and reduce height back to previous pruning points of 1 No. Yew hedge. | **NO OBJECTION.** The Parish Council is anxious to preserve the existing hedgerows and tree lines in the village. |
| KD/15/00151/TCA | Mr Malcolm Eustice, Little Gables, Village Road, Kirdford, RH14 0NB – Notification of intention to fell 1 No. Apple tree. | **NO OBJECTION.** |

34. **Decisions received from Chichester District Council**. The following planning decision from Chichester District Council was noted:

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| KD/14/03540/FUL | Mr Nigel Waite, Idolsfold House, Kirdford, Billingshurst, West Sussex, RH14 0JJ – variation of condition 4 of permission KD/4/82, removal of agricultural occupancy. | **REFUSE.** |
| KD/14/03617/DOM | Dr Collin Meanock, Chapmans Farm, Kirdford, Billingshurst, West Sussex, RH14 0JR RE: Great Common Cottage, Plaistow Road, Kirdford, Billingshurst, West Sussex, RH14 0JR – Two storey extension. | **WITHDRAWN.** |
| KD/14/01220/ELD | Mr G Griffiths, Idolsfold Barn, Kirdford, Billingshurst RH14 0JJ - Use of land as residential garden land associated with Idolsfold Barn. | **REFUSE.** |
| KD/14/03352/FUL | Mr & Mrs John & Sandra Beckett, Filliams Farm, Plaistow Road, Kirdford, Billingshurst – Demolition of existing derelict dwelling. Erection of 1 No. three bedroom family home and garage. Formation of a new garden and agricultural pasture. | **PERMIT.** |
| KD/14/03227/DOM | Mr James Steel, 3 Creamery Cottages, Village Road, Kirdford, Billingshurst, West Sussex, RH14 0NB – Double storey extension to rear. | **PERMIT.** |

35. Crouchlands. Members noted that the case officer’s report regarding 14/02349/CMA, WSCC Ref: WSCC/042/14/PS Crouchlands Farm, had been temporarily withdrawn following a letter highlighting legal concerns with the report from a legal firm commissioned by Plaistow Parish Council and Kirdford Parish Council. The legal counsel opinion obtained by the Parish Councils, demonstrated a view that the approach of the Report to Committee is flawed in law. The Parish Councils will await what arises from an assessment by WSCC of the information submitted. Kirdford Parish Council Members will discuss the council’s contributions towards legal costs incurred in this process at the next Parish Council meeting to be held on 16th February 2015 at Kirdford Village Hall. The Clerk will circulate the QC’s full report to all members of Kirdford Parish Council. It was noted that Cllr Mr Ian Campbell and Cllr Mr Josef Ransley would be interviewed on BBC Radio Sussex at 6.45 am on Monday 2nd February 2015 regarding the Crouchlands Biogas application.

36. Appeals: Members asked the Clerk to send a letter to the Planning Inspectorate regarding the appeal by applicants at The Workshop, Village Road, Kirdford (KD/14/00840/FUL). The letter is to reiterate the point that the Parish Council commented on the original submission regarding the Leconfield Estate’s restrictive covenant which impacts upon the proposed change of use and the building’s value.

37. There were no enforcements reported.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 5.30 pm.