



Chailey Parish Council

Minutes

A meeting of Members of the Chailey Parish Council Planning & Environs Committee (Urgent Planning Matters) was held on Tuesday 17th November 2015 in the Reading Room, Chailey Green commencing at 7.30 pm.

Present: Cllr. J Millam, (Chairman).
Cllrs. P Atkins, S. Avery, R Barnard, M. Evans, K. Matthews, P O'Connor, P Olbrich, A Scott.

Public present: One

In attendance: S Treharne (Clerk)
One member of the public

15/131 Apologies: Cllr. K Jordan

15/132 Verbal representations by members of the public: none.

15/133 Declarations of Interest by Councillors: the following declarations of interest were made in relation to Tomkins Farm (LW/15/0292):

Cllr. Millam declared an interest and asked that another Councillor should take the chair when this application was discussed. Cllr Millam did not take part in the discussions and voting recorded under 15/135 below.

Cllr. O'Connor declared an interest and in view of his close involvement with the application left the meeting.

Cllr. Olbrich declared an interest and did not take part in the discussions and voting recorded under 15/135 below.

Cllrs Avery and Barnard declared interests as neighbours to Tomkins Farm and Cllr. O'Connor. Cllr Avery disclosed that Cllr. O'Connor has grazed his sheep on his land but no charge was made and this was a neighbourly gesture on both sides. Cllr. Barnard explained that he is a neighbour of Cllr. O'Connor but has no financial dealings with him. The Clerk reminded Councillors that the advice received at the time that the application was first considered by the Council was to the effect that that any Councillor who regards him/herself as a neighbour should declare this as an interest, but it would not be considered prejudicial and the Councillor may take part in the discussion and vote on the outcome.

It was agreed that Cllr Atkins would take the chair for item 5 on the agenda. The Clerk advised that those Councillors able to take part in the discussions and in any decision that may be made constituted a quorum.

15/134 Items not on the agenda considered as a matter of urgency: none.

15/135 Planning appeal in relation to Tomkins Farm (LW/15/0292): Cllr Atkins took the chair for this item. He read to the meeting item 5 on the agenda and asked Councillors how they wished to proceed.

Cllr. Avery advised the meeting that the version of his statement circulated with the agenda had been changed in a minor way and was not quite the final version as used by him when addressing the planning committee meeting in Lewes. His view was that his statement contained some additional comments which had not been included in the Council's written response when objecting to the application and that therefore it would be useful to submit

this to the appeal. Cllr Evans agreed but Cllr Matthews suggested that the Council had made its views known in its written objections and that therefore an alternative way forward was to leave matters as they are.

After discussion, Cllr. Atkins proposed and Cllr. Scott seconded a motion that a copy of the final version of Cllr Avery's statement should be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate. This was agreed unanimously and Cllr Avery was asked to provide the Clerk with the final version of his statement for sending to the Inspectorate.

15/136 Date of the next Planning & Environs Committee meeting: Tuesday 1st December 2015 at 7.30pm in the Reading Room.

Signed: *J Millam*
Chairman

Date: *1st December 2015*