



Minutes of the Limpsfield Parish Council Planning Committee held on Wednesday, 31 August 2022 at 6PM – Parish Office at St Peters Church, Limpsfield

Attending:

Councillors: Mark Wilson, Jenny Williams, Ann Osborn, Bob Harvey

Co-optees: Ted Beresford Knox and Tony Taylor

Minutes taken by Tony Taylor (Clerk on holiday)

1. Planning Applications for Consideration

- **2022/874 1 Stoneleigh Road** – *No comment*
- **2022/862 30 Detillens Lane** – *No comment*
- **2022/839 The Pool House** - It was noted that this request for a new garage followed on from an earlier request for a new property on the site, which LPC had previously objected to. It was agreed that TBK should draft a brief note referring back to our earlier objections and also make mention of this further increase in urbanisation. *Objection*
- **2022/797 16 Park Road** – *permission already granted ahead of comments deadline...*
- **2022/786 The Old Lodge**, Itchingwood Common Road – The previously agreed objections were formally ratified.
- **Westerham Road Monopole Appeal** – It was noted that our comments objecting to the connected Ballards Lane project on grounds of AONB were received too late for inclusion in the Appeal process. TBK confirmed however that our original objections to the proposals would be carried forward and included for consideration as part of the Appeal. In the case of Westerham Road, it was considered that AONB issues were not such a major factor and we need not therefore comment further.
- **2022/963 Gaywood Solar Farm** – Application for a new solar farm consisting of 41,000 panels across one site of approx. 41 acres of green belt land, which is currently being used for sheep grazing purposes only and has not been actively farmed for a number of years.

It was noted by all that it had been difficult and time consuming to download the volume of documents relating to this application from Tandridge's website.

Included in the papers however were a large number of identical letters of support from different 'residents' (none of whom appeared to be living in the

Parish). TBK advised that it was not so much the volume of correspondence received that was relevant here, but more the actual points that were raised in the letters.

TBK also advised that the planning regulations concerning the proposed use of green belt/agricultural land for such purposes and being treated as exceptional circumstances were extremely vague and required further clarification from the Government.

From our perspective, it was felt that the response received from Locogen to MW's original letter merely glossed over the Committee's initial concerns.

In addition to the green belt issues, it was considered that the proposals conflicted with the LNP, which refers to the character of the area and our focus on retaining this.

Further, it was noted that, in the wider setting, the proposed site may be included in the upcoming AONB review and that there were also potential Heritage issues involved.

It was agreed that TBK would summarise these issues and forward to MW who would include these in a redrafting of his original letter to be sent to interested parties, including Sevenoaks Council who are also considering this application.

2. Any Other Business

2.1. TBK highlighted the recent appeal decision on 82 Granville Road and invited comments from other Committee members.

Next meeting – Tuesday, 27th September 2022

Meeting closed 7.00pm

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Jenny Williams, Planning Committee Chair.