Planning Committee Details of Delegated Comments May

Decisions can be delegated to the Chairman (or Vice-Chairman) plus two other members if agreed by the Chairman.

The following decisions were made under delegated authority by Keith Brandon (Chairman), Tony Hall and Maria Naylor. (The Chairman has the casting vote in any tie).

 WD/2021/0915/F – Replacement dwelling Pound Farm Cottage, Pound Lane, Framfield TN22 5RR. The Parish Council supports the application which is a relatively modest proposal with minimal impact on the street scene and includes some environmental improvements.

WD/2021/0806/F – 2 No. replacement office buildings. Oak Tree Barn, Lewes Road, Blackboys, East Sussex TN22 5JL. The Parish Council supports the application for the replacement of the fire damaged building. It is requested that there be included a condition on 'Building B' that this remains as a commercial office space in order to support the business.

 WD/2021/0819/FA – Removal of condition 18 of WD/2019/1903/F (demolition of the existing building and construction of eight new dwellings consisting of five terraced dwellings, two semi-detached dwellings and a detached dwelling with associated landscaping, car parking, refuse space and access) relating to provision of pedestrian crossing.

The Old Crown, High Street, Blackboys TN22 5JR.

The Parish Council can appreciate the predicament in the implementation of the pedestrian crossing due to restrictions with street furniture and the unique layout of the surroundings. However, the Parish Council are disappointed that the developer, Wealden Planning officers and ESCC representatives have all failed to recognise that this was going to be a problem prior to approval. Whilst the onus is on the developer to factor in any planning requirements, albeit it appears that they were not expecting this specific condition to be applied, it would be expected that this kind of issue should have been highlighted with the respective professional parties at pre-application meetings. Imposing a condition that appears to be impractical or unachievable would appear to be counter-productive and unfair on the applicant, and the Parish Council would encourage all parties to work together to find a suitable solution.

• WD/2021/0688/FR – Retrospective application for the erection of a double open carport with attached shed.

Wheelers Bank, Chapel Lane, Blackboys TN22 5LB.

The Parish Council supports the application. There will be minimal impact on the street scene and neighbours. The Parish Council are disappointed that this is a retrospective application.

- WD/2021/0968/F Proposed 2 storey side extension.
 15 Cleve Close, Framfield TN22 5PQ.
 (Councillor Keith Brandon took no part in the discussion on this application as he has a prejudicial interest as a near neighbour).
 The Parish Council supports the application.
- WD/2021/0733/MAJ Erection of new substation to include new 400kV GSP substation operated by National Grid, new 132kV substation operated by UK Power Networks, single-storey substation amenities building to house welfare facilities and switching room, auxiliary rooms, widening of existing bellmouth to provide permanent access, internal access road, electric fence, parking and associated landscaping.

Land to the west of Crockstead Farm, Eastbourne Road, Halland BN8 6PT. The Parish Council supports this application but would like reassurance from the applicant and WDC that the environmental and ecological mitigations are given due weight and implemented to ensure as much protection is given to the fauna that have been identified on and around this site. This needs to be done during construction and in perpetuity of its operation.

WD/2021/0928/F – Detached two bay timber garage. Thymari, High Street, Blackboys TN22 5LR

The Parish Council objects to this application. The proposal needs to be evaluated in conjunction with application WD/2021/1013/FR as it has an impact on the requirements for this application. The Parish Council object based on the negative and imposing impact to the street scene.

The design of this garage is not in keeping with the surrounding area and will be adversely prominent.

• WD/2021/1013/FR – Retrospective application for the conversion of integral garage into bedroom with en-suite and provision of two new parking spaces on extended gravel drive.

Thymari, High Street, Blackboys TN22 5LR

The Parish Council objects to this application. This proposal needs to be evaluated in conjunction with application WD/2021/0928/F as it has an impact on the requirements for this application. Whilst the Parish Council do not have an objection in principle to the change of use and conversion of the existing garage, there is a separate application to rebuild the garage in an alternative position, which the Parish Council object to. Although the area is rural, there are immediate neighbours next to, and opposite the proposed site, and the use of gravel driveways can be nuisance, especially during night time hours. The fact that this is also a proposed turning area will only exacerbate the noise.

The Parish Council are disappointed that this application is retrospective.

Circulation: Planning Committee/All other Parish Councillors.