

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council of Farningham held virtually on the 'Zoom' platform on Wednesday 5th August 2020 at 7.00pm

Present: Cllr. L. Bourne (Chair)
Cllr. D. Burns
Cllr. R. Hirons
Cllr. P. McGarvey (District Councillor)
Cllr. L. Oztosun
Cllr. C. Salmon
Cllr. K. Shanmuganathan

- 1. Chairman's Welcome to this Planning Meeting, Apologies for absence:** Clerk Jane Gray.
- 2. SE/20/01858/HOUSE 2, The Barn, Maplescombe Lane, DA4 0JY**
"Loft conversion with loft conversion roof lights balconies and alterations to fenestration". Chair recused herself.
NO COMMENT. (FPC deadline 6 Aug)
- 3. Sevenoaks District Council's refusal of planning permission for application SE/00762/FUL; APP/G2245/W/20/ 3256002 Appeal Dunbrae, Sparepenny Lane, Farningham**
regarding Removal of existing swimming pool and pool room and construction of a new detached house with associated parking, bin storage and landscaping.

NO COMMENT. Originally No Comment from FPC. It does have Green credentials; there is nothing proposed that FPC would consider detrimental except that it will be visible, therefore there is a negative impact on the openness.
- 4. 20/01491/FUL Re-submission Meadowside, Beesfield Lane DA4 0BZ**
Erection of detached bungalow on plot to rear & extensions / alterations to existing house.

OBJECT in order to include comments: (FPC deadline 13 Aug). An Ecological Enhancement Statement is still required: on the ecological impact, and how to increase the biodiversity. The height of the bungalow roof needs to be reduced significantly to reduce the overbearing bulk of the proposed bungalow and to ensure that the roof space cannot be used as nor turned into habitable space. The side facing (bathroom) window needs to be opaque glazed. Previous objection on fire safety grounds (inaccessibility of fire engines) appears to have been resolved by installation of a sprinkler system. Previous objection on road safety grounds (insufficient sight lines from new driveway to Beesfield Lane) appears to have been resolved by taking control of the outer side of the adjoining hedge, which will be cut back.
- 5. 20/01319/FUL Re-submission Little Thyme, Calfstock Lane**
Replacement plans submitted Replacement of existing forestry building with new building to be used for storage associated with existing forestry yard.

NO COMMENT (FPC deadline 6 Aug)
- 6. 20/01935/LDCPR Far Folly, Calfstock Lane DA4 9JH**
Formation of loft conversion including rear flat roofed Dormer window; two hip to gable extensions to existing roof.

NO COMMENT
- 7. 20/02049/WTPO The Glass House, Farningham Mill, High St DA4 0DG**

Various works to trees (TPO).

AWAIT COMMENT FROM SDC TREE OFFICER (defer to 2 Sept FPC)

8. 20/02062/HOUSE Land WEST Of The Mount Sparepenny Lane DA4 0JH

Partial demolition of side ext. Erection of 2 side extensions.

NO COMMENT (FPC deadline 17 Aug)

9. 20/02142/WTCA 1 Old Parsonage Mews High St DA4 0BS

T1 Mature sycamore – fell.

NO COMMENT

10. APP/ (ref to be advised) see SDC 20/00469/LDCPR & 20/00380/LDCEX (refused); and then SDC Enforcement ref 17/00602/MCU Maplebank Poultry Farm, Maplescombe Lane, Farningham DA4 0JY (but in WEST KINGSDOWN Parish).

Appeal against Enforcement Notice for: Change of use of the land & associated buildings from Agriculture

Requires further discussion: Chair and District Councillor

11. 20/02153/LBCALT Maplescombe Farm House Maplescombe Lane DA4 0JY

Minor Internal alterations to Listed Building: removing modern fabric on Ground & First Floor. Chair recused herself.

NO COMMENT

12. 20/02185/WTCA Lion Hotel High Street DA4 0DP (Trees are in Conservation Area) Crown reduce the line of Field Maple Trees

as identified within site plan enclosed by 4-5 meters.

NO COMMENT

13. AOB:

a. Agreed to split the FPC Planning Log so that trees and non-consultations will be shown on separate tab within the Planning Log spreadsheet.

b. Farningham Village Hall can reopen, and bookings are being taken, but to maintain social distancing, FPC meetings would have to be in the main hall. (Shand Hall will be able to accommodate any physical meetings that are required at short notice (2 weeks?) such as Planning meetings.)

c. FPC on 2 September and any Planning meeting in 16 September will meet on Zoom (at 7pm).

d. SDC enforcement team are aware of the extension of business and sloth of owner of Eglantine Lane stables and will visit; lockdown has prevented earlier action.

e. The illegal dumping of rubbish on a site in Maplescombe Lane continues although, following complaints, burning of said rubbish appears to have ended. It also seems people are living on the site, which now has heavy metal gates at the entrance. SDC enforcement officer Jack Wheeler is aware of situation.

f. Boundary wall at village hall (from driveway entrance towards the tree) is in need of repair. **Jane to obtain quotes for survey & repair (include PAYE as reference point at least).**

Meeting closed at 8.20pm.