

FERNHURST PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Planning Applications Committee took place at Fernhurst Village Hall on Monday 27th February 2012 at 6.00 p.m.

PRESENT: Mrs. H. Bicknell
Mr. R. Chapman
Mr. K. Harding
Mrs. H. Pezier
Mr. J. Self
Mr. J. Smith
Mrs. M. Timms

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Mrs. N. Braithwaite (Chairman)
Mr. J. Cottam

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr. D. Bleach (Clerk)
4 members of the public

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

It was proposed by Mr. Self and seconded by Mr. Chapman that Mr. Harding be elected as Vice Chairman of the committee. Carried.

FH/12/00452/FULNP - Mr. W. Speares, Upperfold Farm, Lickfold Road, Fernhurst, Haslemere. Demolition of existing house and outbuilding, erection of new two storey house. Dismantling and re-erection of existing barn to provide indoor swimming pool.

Mrs. Pezier and Mr. Self declared personal interests in this application and both abstained from voting thereon.

The site had been visited by Mrs. Braithwaite and Mr. Harding.

Mr. Harding described the existing house as being some 160 years old and not of particular merit. The proposed new house would be of Sussex farmhouse design and would overlook no other property apart from that of Mr. Self, opposite. The South Downs National Park Authority had stated that the scheme was unlikely to meet with planning officers' approval.

Mr. Speares stated that they had come to the decision to demolish the existing house after a long process and a desire to re-use stone etc. and to gain a front garden and to open up the courtyard.

Members of the public expressed the view that the existing house was worthy of retention, being very pleasant and capable of being improved and updated. They also had concerns that with around 50 acres of land attached to the house, there could later be further applications for agricultural barns as the present barn is to be converted into a swimming pool. The applicant replied that the main working barn is away from the house and will remain available for any agricultural activities. It would be difficult to satisfactorily convert or improve the existing house as it is of difficult design.

Mr. Brown added that part of the existing barn falls within Lurgashall parish, who should be advised of the application.

It was proposed by Mr. Harding and seconded by Mr. Chapman that the Parish Council recommends approval of the application. Carried on the casting vote of the Vice Chairman.

FH/12/00185/DOMNP - Mr. & Mrs. P. Matson, Lower Nappers farm, Vann Road, Fernhurst, Haslemere. Ground floor rear extension and internal alterations to provide improved kitchen/breakfast and utility accommodation following demolition of existing modern garage.

It was proposed by Mrs. Pezier and seconded by Mr. Smith that the Parish Council recommends approval of the application. Carried.

FH/12/00394/DOMNP - Mr. M. Ryder Jones, Rushpool House, Midhurst Road, Fernhurst, Haslemere. Erection of double garage and workshop/garden store on site of a demolished double garage.

It was proposed by Mr. Chapman and seconded by Mrs. Timms that the Parish Council recommends approval of the application. Carried.

FH/12/00716/TPANP - Mr. Kelly, Hatchfield, Midhurst Road, Fernhurst, Haslemere. Fell 1 no. Silver Birch tree. Reduce crown by 25-30% on 1 no. Beech tree. Reduce height down to 4 to 5m on 1 no. Laurel hedge. All within Area A1, subject to FH/02/00489/TPO.

It was proposed by Mr. Chapman and seconded by Mr. Self that the Parish Council recommends approval of the application. Carried.

Decision Received from Chichester District Council

FH/11/05486/FULNP - Greenhill House, Vann Road, Fernhurst. The reuse of existing buildings as ancillary residential accommodation. Refused.