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MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF ASHURST PARISH COUNCIL, HELD AT ASHURST VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 6th AUGUST 2020 AT 6.30PM VIA ZOOM

Attendance

Chairman	Cllr Fischel
Ashurst Parish Council	Cllrs Jesse, Knight, Nicholson and Russell
Horsham District Council	Cllr Lloyd
Clerk	Elizabeth Leggo

Further to the Coronavirus Act 2020, this meeting was held remotely via Zoom. Members of the public were given the opportunity to email or telephone the Clerk in advance with any questions or statements and were invited to ask for a link to observe the meeting remotely.

To discuss any questions submitted by the public.

None for this meeting.

1. Apologies for Absence.

None for this meeting.

2. Declaration of Members' Interests.

Cllr Fischel and Cllr Russell declared an interest in planning application DC/19/1307

3. Planning: To discuss and make comments on the following planning applications:

• **DC/20/1273** | Conversion and extension of existing barns to form 1x two storey dwelling and 1x single storey dwelling. | Wellens Farm Steyning Road Ashurst West Sussex BN44 3AN

The Clerk was asked to submit the following comments:

Stance: Neutral

Comments: The Council feels that this is the type of dwelling that the Parish needs, and would support the application if it could be agreed that it will stay this size.

• **DC/20/1402** | Erection of a first floor extension above existing garage to create habitable living space. | Sixberries Golden Lane Ashurst Steyning West Sussex BN44 3AU

The Clerk was asked to submit the following comments:

Stance: Support

Comments: The Council supports this on the basis that it is ancillary accommodation and does not impact on neighbouring properties.

• **DC/20/1337** | Conversion of existing ancillary accommodation to a holiday let. | The Wisp North Blows Bines Green Partridge Green Horsham West Sussex RH13 8EH

The Clerk was asked to submit the following comments:

Stance: Support

Comments: No comments.

• **DC/19/1307** | Demolition of existing buildings and erection of a two storey detached dwelling with associated landscaping, parking and access | Batts School Lane Ashurst Steyning West Sussex BN44 3AP

Cllr Fischel and Cllr Russell did not take part in the discussion on the next planning item.

The Clerk was asked to submit the following comments:

Stance: Object

Comments: Ashurst Parish Council objects to this application as the Council strongly believes that the size and density of the building is too large and far exceeds the size of the existing house. The Council does not think that there has been any significant change to the application since the last comments.

4. To discuss the safe re-opening of the play equipment at the Recreation Ground

The play equipment is technically closed, but in practice it is open as members of the public have been removing the closed signs.

In their role as Recreation Ground Trustees, the Council RESOLVED that they should reopen the play equipment and put up the sign from Horsham District Council that says that the equipment is open but that people use the facilities at their own risk. It was agreed that it is not practical for the equipment to be regularly cleaned, but Cllrs Fischel and Russell agreed that they would meet at the Recreation Ground over the coming weekend to undertake a risk assessment, put up some laminated signs and decide whether any cleaning or hand sanitizer at the site is feasible.

The Clerk forwarded the Trustees the generic signage for play equipment provided by Horsham District Council, along with a copy of the risk assessment.

Date of the next Ordinary Meeting of the Council: Thursday 1st October 2020 via Zoom

Signed (Chairman) _____ **Dated** _____