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## MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF ASHURST PARISH COUNCIL, HELD AT ASHURST VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 26<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2019 AT 7.00PM

### Attendance

Chairman	Cllr Fischel
Ashurst Parish Council	Cllrs Hedley, Hammond, Jesse, Nicholson and Russell
Clerk	Cllr Fischel made notes for the meeting

**To provide an opportunity for members of the public to ask questions or make statements at the Chairman's discretion.**

**1. Apologies for Absence.**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Knight.

**2. Declaration of Members' Interests.**

Cllr Russell declared an interest in planning application DC/19/1708 and Cllr Jesse declared an interest in planning applications DC/19/1871 and DC/19/1878 and did not take part in discussions on these items.

**3. Planning Matters:** To comment on planning applications received from Horsham District Council.

**DC/19/1708**

Address: Gratwicks House Church Lane Ashurst Steyning West Sussex BN44 3AR

Proposal: Installation of an external swimming pool, covered seating area, pump room and children's tree house and play area

**Stance:** Support

**Comments:** No comments

**DC/19/1853**

Address: Wellens Farm Steyning Road Ashurst BN44 3AN

Proposal: Variation of condition 1 of previously approved DC/19/0299 (Erection of a single storey front/side extension and conversion of loft into habitable living space with the installation of a side dormer window and the erection of a front porch) Relating to the removal of the existing dormer window and replaced with the original proposed design.

**Stance:** Support

**Comments:** No comments

**DC/19/1871**

Address: New Wharf Farm Horsebridge Common Ashurst BN44 3AL

Proposal: Change of use of agricultural barn to an indoor dog exercise area, alterations to the external elevations of the barn. Erection of 1.8 metre high deer fencing and change of use of part of an agricultural field to a fenced dog exercise area. Provision of car parking.

**Stance:** Support

**Comments:** Although Ashurst Parish Council supports the application, the Council would want to see firm constraints on the operating hours as there are residents living nearby, and it is felt that the stated hours of 7am until 10pm, 7 days a week are both excessive and unnecessary.

The Council would like to see no operations on Sunday, reduced operations on Saturday for certainly no longer than 9am until 5pm and during the week the Council would like the hours to be no longer than from 8am to 7pm, but again ideally shorter than this.

The Council would like to see no exercising in the outside field after these hours and in the winter no exercising after dark - so NO floodlights.

Regarding lighting – the Council would like the barn to be designed so there is no escape of lighting - i.e. no light pollution as a result of this enterprise - given that the lack of light pollution is an important characteristic in this Parish.

**DC/19/1878**

Address: New Wharf Farm Horsebridge Common Ashurst Steyning West Sussex BN44 3AL

Proposal: Change of use of agricultural barn to B8 storage use, external alterations to the barn and provision of car parking.

**Stance:** Support

**Comments:** No comments

**4. To discuss and make any comments on the Steyning Neighbourhood Plan**

The Council had no comments to make on the Plan.

**5. To discuss and put forward any questions for the Annual Meeting of Horsham District Council and the Horsham Association of Local Councils**

The Council had no questions.

**The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.30pm**