

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT THE ASHURST VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 15th DECEMBER 2016 AT 6.30PM

ATTENDANCE: Cllr Hammond (Chairman),
Cllrs Fischel, Hedley, Jesse, Nicholson and Russell
Cllr Willett (Horsham District Council)
In attendance - Elizabeth Leggo (Clerk)

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Knight, Cllr Barling (West Sussex County Council) and from Cllr Lloyd (Horsham District Council).

2. Declaration of members' interest

None for this meeting.

3. Planning matters

DC/16/2551: Erection of replacement dwelling at Cedar Cottage, Steyning Road, Ashurst, Steyning, BN44 3AN.

Cllrs don't object in principle but feels that the application represents overdevelopment of the site and loss of a small dwelling.

4. Late planning applications

DC/16/2816: Sand school, Spithandle, Spithandle Lane, Wiston, Steyning, West Sussex, BN4 3DY.

No objection.

5. Neighbourhood plan

Cllr Fischel updated. The meeting at Horsham District Council was a positive one and had a representative from each parish. They went through evidence base on houses and green spacing. HDC are very supportive of the work done on the SWAB NP. The representative from Action in Rural Sussex suggested that HDC uses the SWAB NP as a template for others. The new approach to NPs will be launched in January by HDC.

SWAB are currently working on the pre-submission document. Ashurst and Wiston are ready to proceed.

6. Recreation Ground matters

The results of the annual Wicksteed playground inspection showed medium risk for three items in the playground – the equipment is still safe for ongoing use, but must be looked at with knowledge of the site. Cllrs will look at these and make improvements in the new year.

7. Youth matters

The Council agreed to the costs of the youth agreement at £263.23 for operational costs, and employment costs of £1095.88 subject to the remainder of the contract.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.20pm.