

**Minutes of a meeting of Planning Committee
held on Thursday, 12th August, 2021
from 4.00 - 4.24 pm**

Present: G Marsh (Chairman)
P Coote (Vice-Chair)

P Brown
R Cartwright
J Dabell

R Eggleston
B Forbes
C Phillips

M Pulfer
D Sweatman

Absent: Councillors E Coe-Gunnell White and N Walker.

Also Present: Councillors S Hillier and R Salisbury.

1 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies were received from Councillor Cllr Walker.

2 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FROM MEMBERS IN RESPECT OF ANY MATTER ON THE AGENDA.

Councillor Pulfer declared a personal interest in the application DM/20/4659 - Land at Barn Cottage Haywards Heath as he is a Member of the Haywards Heath Town Council Planning Committee. He confirmed that he comes to the meeting with an open mind to hear representations from Officers, Public Speakers and Members of the Committee.

3 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE HELD ON 15 JULY 2021.

The minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committees held on 15 July 2021 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

4 TO CONSIDER ANY ITEMS THAT THE CHAIRMAN AGREES TO TAKE AS URGENT BUSINESS.

The Chairman had no urgent business.

5 DM/21/1441 - KEMPS HOUSE, LONDON ROAD, BALCOMBE, HAYWARDS HEATH, WEST SUSSEX, RH17 6JH.

Caroline Grist, Planning Officer, introduced the report which sought temporary planning permission for the retention of two marquees for two years at Kemps House, London Road, Balcombe.

Nikolas Antoniou, Agent of the Applicant, provided a written statement in support to the application which was read in his absence.

The Chairman noted that the application is situated in his Ward and welcomed it being brought forward. He noted that whilst there potentially is harm to the identified listed buildings , he however agreed with the officers that that the proposal would cause less than substantial harm and that the economic benefits outweigh the harm.

The Chairman took Members to a recorded vote on the item, proposed by Councillor Coote and seconded by Councillor Eggleston, which was agreed unanimously.

Councillor	For	Against	Abstain
P. Brown	Y		
P. Coote	Y		
J. Dabell	Y		
R. Eggleston	Y		
B. Forbes	Y		
G. Marsh	Y		
C. Phillips	Y		
M. Pulfer	Y		
D. Sweatman	Y		

RESOLVED

That permission be granted subject to the conditions as outlined at Appendix A.

6 DM/21/1758 - WILLOW TREE PRE SCHOOL, BARN COTTAGE PAVILION, BARN COTTAGE LANE, HAYWARDS HEATH, WEST SUSSEX, RH16 3QW.

Anna Tidey, Planning Officer, introduced the report which sought planning permission to build a new mixed use purpose-built community centre with use by a day nursery and a joining tunnel to link onto the existing pavilion building at the site, to the western side of the Playing Field off Barn Cottage Lane in Haywards Heath. She noted that the application was reported to committee as MSDC is the landowner. She drew attention to the Agenda Update Sheet which provided amended comments from the Environmental Health Officer, an amendment to the first paragraph on P.35 to outline Policy DP26 of the District Plan in full, amendments to the references of the Mid Sussex Design Guide DG37 on P.94 and DG39 on P.104, an amendment to the final paragraph on P.37 and an amended informative on P.43. She recommended an additional condition 9 requiring details of the proposed fencing around the play area.

Councillor Hillier, Ward Member, spoke in favour of the application. He stated that since being elected a representative of his ward it has long been an aspiration of his to have a genuine community centre in Bentswood. The current building which was built to be a community centre has never effectively been used since it was consistently used by the nursey. With the proposed new building, it is hoped that the nursery will be move in and the existing pavilion will be extended and refurbished. He noted that Ward Members at all tiers are strongly in favour of this as are key partners in the community. Not only providing the community with a facility it deserves, but the presence of the scouting movement will also benefit the young people in the area and with the venue being used every evening will hopefully cease the anti-social behaviour that occurs behind the current pavilion.

A Member supported the comments of the Ward Member and said it would be a welcome addition to the area. He hoped that the centre cuts down on the anti-social

behaviour that occurs in the area and hoped that the Environmental Health Officer would not be too harsh on the fencing as the young people need to see outside of the area when they are playing.

The Chairman noted that the Committee thoroughly supported the application when it was brought forward at a previous meeting.

The Chairman noted that no Member wished to speak so took Members to a recorded vote on the item, proposed by Councillor Coote and seconded by Councillor Pulfer, which was agreed unanimously, including the additional condition 9.

Councillor	For	Against	Abstain
P. Brown	Y		
P. Coote	Y		
J. Dabell	Y		
R. Eggleston	Y		
B. Forbes	Y		
G. Marsh	Y		
C. Phillips	Y		
M. Pulfer	Y		
D. Sweatman	Y		

RESOLVED

That permission be granted subject to the conditions as outlined at Appendix A and amendments set out in the Agenda Update Sheet.

7 QUESTIONS PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 10.2 DUE NOTICE OF WHICH HAS BEEN GIVEN.

None.

The meeting finished at 4.24 pm

Chairman