

**Minutes of The Planning Committee
of Rusthall Parish Council
held at The Rackliff Centre on Thursday 6th April 2023 at 7.45pm**

Members Present: Committee members: Cllr B Edwards, Chairman; Cllr E Ellicott and Cllr D Funnell.

Officers Present: Alison Stevens, Locum Clerk

Others and members of the public; There was one member of the public present.

- 1. Enquire whether anyone present intends to film, photograph and/or record the meeting.** No one
- 2. To receive and approve apologies for absence.** Cllr Smith sent apologies for his absence. His apologies were accepted by the rest of the Committee.
- 3. Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests.** None
- 4. Declarations of Lobbying.** Councillor Funnell has received emails about the application for 7 The High Street in his capacity as a Borough Councillor.

5. Minutes

Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on **23rd January 2023** were agreed and it was RESOLVED that the Chairman sign them as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

5.1 Matters outstanding from these minutes (not listed as separate agenda items): None

5.2 Matters outstanding from previous minutes: None

6. Open session for questions from the public:

Ms Foster was concerned that her garage might be damaged during the construction phase of planning application 23/00545/FULL. The Chairman said it was unlikely but if it does happen she should come back to the Parish Council.

7. Planning applications for discussion and decision

a) Reference: 23/00545/FULL

Address: 1 Westwood Road, Rusthall, Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN4 8TP

Proposal: Single storey rear extension and new decking.

Rusthall Parish Council voted unanimously to recommend this application for Approval.

b) Reference: 23/00592/FULL

Address: 7 Rusthall High Street, Rusthall, Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN4 8RL

Proposal: Demolition of existing sheds, erection of single storey ancillary building.

Rusthall Parish Council appreciates the changes the applicant has made but still has concerns because;

i. The access is unsuitable – contractors will need to load and unload in a bus stop and cross a busy public footpath. There is only an alley which means the contractors will only be able to use a wheelbarrow and the dust caused by the work will impact negatively on the businesses nearby. Councillors ask that a Traffic Management Plan is put in place to help minimise the disruption.

iii. If this is built there will be no access for the utilities or the emergency services.

Because of these concerns Rusthall Parish Council respectfully asks for this application to be called into Committee for a Decision.

Reference: 23/00765/FULL

Address: 29 Fremlin Close, Rusthall, Tunbridge Wells Kent TN4 8SF

Proposal: Erection of two storey side extension.

Rusthall Parish Council recommends this application for Approval.

Reference: 23/00705/FULL

Address: Dingley Dell, Langton Road, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN4 8XG

Proposal: Single storey lower ground floor extension with new steps access.

Rusthall Parish Council recommends this application for Approval but would like to see a Traffic Management in place to minimise damage to verges and disruption to local residents and because there is also a bus route by Dingley Dell. It is on Rusthall Road, just before the junction with Langton Road, impacting traffic approaching the junction from Rusthall and also traffic turning into Rusthall Road towards Rusthall.

Meeting ended at 8.15pm

Chairman

Date