

Minutes of a Planning Committee Meeting held in Simmonds Court Rusthall on 12th June 2013 at 7:30pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cllr Edwards (Chairman) Cllr Clark (Vice Chair) Cllr Mrs Simmons and Cllr Benoy

OFFICER PRESENT: Mrs S Denne – Clerk

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT: One.

1. Apologies for Absence: None.
2. Declarations of Interest: Cllr Edwards declared an interest in application 13/01444/FUL/KLM and did not participate in the decision.
3. Declarations of Lobbying: None
4. Minutes of the meeting held on the 15th May 2013 were agreed
5. Planning applications for discussion and decision – unless otherwise stated all decisions are unanimously agreed:

Members of the public are invited to make representations to the Committee on any application on the Agenda.

a) Application Number: 13/01378/HOUSE/EA1

Proposal: Demolition of existing garage; construction of brick and tiled garage with pent roof store to rear.

Location: 32 Longmeads Rusthall.

Decision: Recommend Approval – Delegated

b) Application Number: 13/01444/FUL/KLM

Proposal: Demolition of entrance arch and gates; installation of new gates; re-configuration of driveway and parking including new surfacing; new footpaths

Location: Molyneux Alms houses High Street Rusthall

A member of the public informed the Planning Committee that he and others were against the removal of the archway, as it was aesthetically pleasing and joy to look at and hid the view of the estate behind it. He said the proposed new entrance would not be any wider. Also the proposed new gates would be too heavy. He also aired his concerns about the removal of the hedge at the front, as this was the habitat for approximately 30 to 40 Sparrows.

Decision: Recommend Refusal– Delegated* this was the unanimous vote of the remaining councillors.

*At the meeting a recommend Neutral – Delegated was passed, however, having taken advice from Tunbridge Wells Borough Council Planning Department, the decision was changed.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45pm