

# POYNINGS PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk to the Council  
Mr Colin Warburton

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Minutes of the Extraordinary meeting of Poynings Parish Council held in the Village Hall on  
Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> ~~June~~ <sup>AUG</sup> 2018 at 7.00pm

Present: Mr Mike Airey Chair  
Mr Matthew Cutress  
Ms Sheila Marshall  
Ms Jan Nichols

Mr Colin Warburton Clerk to the Council

12 members of the public attended

## 1. Apologies

None

## 2. Minutes

The Minutes of the previous meeting, as circulated, were agreed, with a slight amendment, and duly signed by the Chairman.

## 3. Planning Applications

Prior to the meeting various comments/observations were made by members of the public which the Parish councillors took into account.

New planning applications (2 amendments)

**Location: Rose Cottage Mill Lane Poynings West Sussex BN45 7AE Amendment**

Proposal: Variation of condition 1 on planning consent SDNP/18/02982/NMA - to vary the approved plans

<https://planningpublicaccess.southdowns.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?keyVal=PBLFXPTUMOK00&activeTab=summary>

MA outlined the history of the application in that the council initially objected to the application and then supported it after amendments were made. It was felt that as the council had supported the application previously and the main change is that it has moved only 41.1 cms due to a measuring error it would support it again.

**Location: Glebe Cottage The Street Poynings Brighton West Sussex BN45 7AQ**

Proposal: SDNP/18/03496/TCA | Notice of intention to fell 3 No. Ash Trees, 1 No. Hawthorn, 1 No. Plum Tree, 1 No. dead Silver Birch Tree, Pollard/reduce height by 3m 1 No. Lime tree. Plant: 1 No. Cherry Tree, 1 No. Olive Tree and 1 No. Apple Tree - all approx. 4-6ft tall.



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SM felt that the Lime tree should not be pollarded as it is by a prime footpath to the Devils Dyke where they can be seen. Also, the Ash trees are healthy and due to the die back of Ash trees healthy ones should be kept as they may have a resistance to die back. JN was concerned that there was no reason given why the trees should be removed.

The council decided to remain neutral but make the comments and suggest the SDNP should send a tree expert to see if there was good reason to remove them as they are concerned about the necessity of removing healthy trees.

**Location: Downmere Poynings Road Poynings BN45 7AG Amendment**

Proposal: SDNP/18/01971/HOUS | 1. The refurbishment and extension of the existing ancillary building to the north of the site to provide a 5 bedroom family dwelling together with the erection of a 2 bay garage with bin and cycle storage adjacent. Access to the new dwelling from the highway was previously approved under application number SDNP/16/02946/HOUS, Dated 28th September, 2016. 2. Provide a separating / dividing fence between the existing dwelling known as Downmere and the proposed refurbished dwelling.

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MA read out the letter the clerk had received explaining why planning had been given with the need for amendments to the front entrance.

SM was concerned that new materials would be used but the applicant gave assurances that existing material would be reused wherever possible. There was concern that the wall across the entrance was very high on the plans, but the owner gave assurances that it would only be about knee high, using stone as existing and only between the existing walls, not the curtilage of the property as on the plans. SM felt that a chain link fence would be more appropriate.

Pointed out by JN that there was an apparent inconsistency of amending plans to preserve the iconic features of the clock tower and then putting a wall + planting around the curtilage of the property which would effectively screen anyone from seeing those features. The applicant said he was not aware that these details for the wall were on the plans and if this was the case then the plans were incorrect as this was not what had been agreed with the SDNP Conservation Officer. (They had agreed that small stone wall approx knee height to delineate area).

The applicant explained that the reason for the barrier is for safety reason as people try to turn around in the entrance and it is a blind bend.

The Council decided on a neutral response with comments about the above concerns.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.00pm



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