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**BLETCHINGLEY PARISH COUNCIL
PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD IN THE
COMMITTEE ROOMS ON MONDAY 24 AUGUST 2009**

P R E S E N T

Councillor D Martin – Chairman
Councillors A Butler and SA Ray
K Wantling - Clerk

43/09 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Trotman, Bridger and Moore.

44/09 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no changes made to the Declarations of Interest.

45/09 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the planning meeting held on 27 July 2009 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

46/09 RESIDENTS' REQUESTS

A resident had notified the Parish Council of various complaints relating to the business being carried out at The Works, Bletchingley. The complaints were noted and the following actions were agreed to be taken:

1. Hours – it appears that the hours of work regularly take place outside the times in the planning permission quoted (the Parish Council had not seen the document in question). Opening hours for the workshop regularly extend to 8pm during the week and into a Saturday afternoon/evening. The Clerk would write to TDC Planning to bring this to their attention. KW

2. Work Location – work regularly takes place on the forecourt, with vehicles being left there overnight. The Clerk would bring this to the attention of TDC Planning. KW

3. Parking – Vehicles being worked on are regularly left on the road outside the Church both day and night. This issue has also been raised by other users of the Church and surrounding properties. Some of these vehicles also have “For Sale” signs on them. It was agreed that the Clerk would also bring the matter of the “For Sale” vehicles to TDC Planning. The Clerk would write a letter to The Works bringing to their attention the complaints received in relation to the unneighbourly parking and asking them to try to resolve the issue. KW
KW

4. It was also agreed that the Clerk would write to the resident notifying them of the actions taken by the Parish Council. KW

47/09 CURRENT PLANNING ISSUES

5.1. **TA/2009/824** – 7 Crescent Road, Bletchingley, RH1 4RB – Conversion of loft space to habitable room incorporating erection of dormer window to rear roof slope and roof lights to front roof slope. (Certificate of Lawfulness for a Proposed Development).

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RESOLVED: No comment.

KW

5.2. **TA/2009/597** - 101 Coneybury, Bletchingley, RH1 4PR - Retention and partial erection of single storey rear extension.

RESOLVED: No comment.

KW

5.3. **TA/2009/785** - Land at North Park Farm Quarry, North Park Lane, Godstone, RH9 - Details of two substations pursuant to condition 6 of planning permission ref: TA00/0326 dated 25 September 2008 (County Determination).

RESOLVED: No comment.

KW

5.4. **TA/2009/896** - Old Allotment Field, Stychens Lane, Bletchingley - Expansion of allotment to create 10 plots with associated parking (Certificate of lawfulness for a proposed development).

RESOLVED: No comment.

KW

Gareth Owen entered the meeting.

Further discussion took place about the resident's complaint. It was suggested that the resident make a complaint about the environmental noise nuisance in relation to the works by contacting TDC.

Gareth Owen left the meeting.

5.5. **TA/2009/132** - Land at Ten Acre Shaw, West of Public Footpath No.184, Caterham - Erection of detached dwelling with linked store/garage providing staff accommodation over. Formation of new driveway with associated works and erection of gates. Alterations to public right of way.

RESOLVED: The Parish Council object for the following reasons: For this development to be approved, it is necessary to demonstrate that the harm caused to the openness of the green belt would be clearly outweighed by the development related enhancements. This has not been done. The applicant first wanted a golf course and has now changed to a very large house. The house in this situation contravenes Policy nos RE2, RE17, RE16, BE2, BE9 and BE15. It is proposed that the house will have "lots of glass", "bright white rendering to reflect sunlight". This will be intrusive next to a war memorial and the North Downs long distance footpath. There will be a loss of and major disturbance to wildlife habitat and destroy one of the few wilderness areas in Caterham. This application should be rejected.

KW

5.6. Any other planning matters – listed below are the actions taken by TDC.

TA/2009/611 – Waterhouse Farm, Rabies Heath Road, Bletchingley, RH1 4NB – Erection of steel framed agricultural building for housing cattle. – GRANT.

TA/2009/708 and 700 – 38 High Street, Bletchingley, RH1 4PA – Erection of dormer window to north facing roofslope. – GRANT.

48/09 MATTERS FOR REPORTING OR INCLUSION ON FUTURE AGENDA

Nothing to report.

49/09 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Full Parish Council Meeting – 14 September 2009

Planning Committee Meeting – 28 September 2009

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.15 pm