

MEDSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 3rd May 2023

PRESENT: Councillors Charles Clark (Chair), Georgy Fuzzard, Phil Quinlan & Cllr Mike (Jo) Smith.

Also present: Peter Baston (Parish Clerk).

23.07 OPEN SESSION

None.

23.08 APOLOGIES.

Cllr. Georgy Fuzzard

23.09 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

23.10 MINUTES

- i. The minutes of the 22nd March 2023 were agreed as an accurate record of the Planning section of the meeting.
- ii. No matters arising.

None

23.11 CHAIRMAN REPORT

This is the final meeting of the Committee before the local elections take place and it has been an extremely busy year.

I suspect that the most important issue in the Parish in respect of Planning has been the loss by EHDC of the 5 Year Land Supply. This, together with the volte face by HCC Highways over the junction of Boyneswood Road and the A31, has resulted in previously refused applications at Willowfield, Watercress Way and Friars Oak being approved by EHDC following new applications.

This makes life very difficult when local objections are overridden by the National Planning Policy Framework. Residents, Councillors and local action groups must be very alert to the possibility of developers taking advantage of this situation in the future. Together we must continue to do what we can to preserve the rural character of our village.

I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank my fellow Councillors for their support over the past four years and wish good fortune to those Councillors who are not seeking re-election. In addition I would like to thank our Parish Clerk, Peter Baston for his help and guidance.

23.11 EHDC DECISION NOTICES

None

23.12 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

i. 57758/001

Conversion of garage to annex and single storey extension to rear Field View House, Wield Road, Medstead, Alton, GU34 5NJ.

Medstead Parish Council have reviewed the details of the application and whilst there is not any objection, we would like to ensure that the Planning Officer addresses the comments made by the neighbour regarding the extension of the wall, which will have party wall / boundary separation implications.

ii. 24396/005

Construction of a domestic inground swimming pool and changing hut. To confirm the response submitted to EHDC. Barnfield, West End Lane, Medstead, Alton, GU34 5QA

Medstead Parish Council (Planning Committee) have reviewed the application and have no objection.

iii. 27752/012

Temporary change of use of land for the storage of generators and pumps (retrospective). Keri, 21 Abbey Road, Medstead, Alton, GU34 5PB

Medstead Parish Council have reviewed the details of the application and note that this is a retrospective application.

We would like to point out that there is an error in the application where it states that in the Planning Statement under the "Relevant Planning History" that the previous application (27752/011) has permission granted. This is NOT true as the Decision Notice from the Planning Officer (Susie Ralston) on the EHDC planning portal, states that the application was withdrawn by the applicant.

Medstead Parish Council strongly object to this latest application on the basis that the site is outside of the Settlement Policy Boundary and is in contravention of the Joint Core Strategy CP19 and CP20 and Policy 1 of the Medstead and Four Marks Neighbourhood Plan.

Additionally, it should also be noted that there is also a current a planning application for this plot (57804), which is awaiting a decision by EHDC for which Medstead Parish Council also object for the same reasons given above.

Signed Chairman	Date
There were no further matters to discuss and the meeting was closed at 11.25am.	