

MINUTES

Tuesday 22nd November 2016

7.30pm

Top Room, Charing Parish Hall

1.	Apologies: Borough councillor C Bell. Cllrs S Heuch; S Hallam M Weekes. In attendance: Chair J Leyland; vice chair C Bain-Smith; T Reed; S Hawkins; A Gudge; C Prinn; H Billot; N Blunt; S Crawley & the clerk.
2.	Declaration of Interest. H Billot & J Leyland item 5
3.	Ten minute public discussion and question time. No members present.
4.	Six minute Borough Councillor question time: No none present
5.	Carter Jonas agents for Wheler Trust. Kieron Gregson attended a meeting from Carter Jonas the agents for the Wheeler Trust regarding both proposed sites. Gladmans are purchasing a property in Pluckley Road to gain access to the southern site; the northern site access would be to the western point of The Swan. The proposed number of dwellings would be up to 245 on the southern site and 100 on the northern site. Comments from councillors: If the two developments went ahead it would be an increase of 50% which is not sustainable. The village does not have the right infrastructure to accommodate the developments. Station Road is narrow and has pinch points; the crossroads has a number of accidents on a frequent basis. Concerns were raised on their description of Garden City Values. The draft local plan states that Ashford is to bear the brunt of development and it would be in rural areas. The council has concerns that such a large development would entice major retailers into parish thus effecting and having a detrimental effect of the village High street.
6.	Planning Applications:
6.1	16/01563/AS 20 Hither Field Charing: Demolition of existing garage erection of two storey side and rear extension incorporating garage for Mr W Sutton (unanimous) recommend support)
6.2	16/01590/AS Swan Street Barn, Charing Heath Road Charing: Proposed retrospective application for the conversion of part of outbuilding into annexe unit at Swan Street Barn for Mrs J Stokes (unanimous)(recommend support)
7.	Planning Decisions:
8.	Minutes of Previous Meetings: These were agreed and signed
9.	Matters Arising:
9.1	Neighbourhood Plan: A meeting will take place on 15 th December with D Carter and S Cole from A.B.C. Documents circulated by Cllr Billot summarising the findings from the workshop and proposed initial negotiating position were discussed and agreed.
9.2	The Oak (update) Leaflets encouraging residents to comment on the appeal will be distributed this week.
10.	Correspondence:
11.	Information:
There being no further information the meeting closed at 9.50pm Signed..... Parish Clerk	