



**Arborfield & Newland Parish Council**  
**Minutes of Meeting of the Planning Committee**  
Held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> August 2020  
Remotely via Zoom Conferencing: 7.30pm

In accordance with the Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 this meeting was held virtually via Zoom Conferencing.

**Present:** Cllrs Murphy, McIntosh, Hughes, Stevens & the Clerk

**Not Present:** Cllr Strong, Cllr Clint

1. **Receive any apologies for absence – Cllr Clint**
2. **To receive any declarations of interest in items on the agenda - None**
3. **Public Participation (15 minutes) - None**
4. **Clerks update report – for information only**
  - **Planning applications decisions:**
    - 201302 – Highbank, School Road - Householder application for the proposed erection of a single storey rear extension including 1 no rooflight, single storey side extension following demolition of existing single storey side extension, alterations to roof, single storey front extension to create porch after demolition of existing porch and changes to fenestration – approved
    - The Londis village shop is planning to submit an application to extend the floorspace of the shop.
5. **Planning Applications – to discuss and agree responses to applications received before the date of the meeting – to include:**
  - 201573 - Bound Oak Industrial Estate** - Full application for the erection of 8 No buildings for B1c, B2 and B8 industrial and commercial use with the addition of a sui generis Energy Centre comprising a Combined Heat and Power facility and a Lithium Ion Battery store in Unit 1 to include landscaping and access works, following demolition of the existing buildings.  
It was reported that Cllr Murphy and Cllr McIntosh had met with the developer and neighbouring residents regarding this application. It was agreed to support this application.
  - 201458 – Newlands, Mole Road** - Full application for the proposed erection of an equestrian facility for training and livery purposes including fifty horseboxes, foaling yard, indoor and outdoor riding arenas, lunge ring and horse walker, reception, office, members clubhouse with bar, parking for 25 cars, three parking areas for HGV horse lorries, and three units of residential accommodation comprising manager's three bedroomed house, staff two-bedroomed flat and staff five-bedroomed flat, with access via Gravel Pit Hill Lane and Ellis's Hill.  
Following discussion it was agreed to request a site visit to better understand the application and background to the business. The Clerk to arrange.

**201762 & 201763 (Listed Building Consent)** - Householder application for the proposed creation of a dropped kerb onto Swallowfield Road and provision of a gated vehicular access and private driveway. No objections.

For information only:

**201817 – Reddam House Bearwood Road** – application for tree works (TPO/1740/2020)

**201836 – Land at the Coombes** – PD Agricultural Notification - Provision of an agricultural storage building for the purpose of forestry

It was agreed that although this is for information only the Council will submit the agreed standard response highlighting that no development is welcomed within the Coombes woodland.

- 6. White Heart Grove – Small Woodland Management Plan - Forestry Commission Working Document**  
– to discuss email received from the owner of White Heart Grove and agree response – Clerk to respond with standard response not supporting work in the Coombes Woodland.
- 7. Arborfield Village Improvement Scheme** – update report from Cllr Murphy. It was reported that Caroline Lavelle is the chair of the Steering Group and that the consultation material will be circulated soon. The consultation ends on 14<sup>th</sup> September to allow time to respond after the school holidays have ended. Speed limit changes will be reviewed by the Police. Declassification and signage will be finalised at a later date. The relief road is due to open mid-October which provided sufficient time following the consultation for the scheme to be completed.
- 8. Risk Management** – nothing to report
- 9. Correspondence and any matters the Chairman considers urgent** – None
- 10. Date of next meeting** – TBC

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.42pm