

WESTMESTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Extraordinary Council meeting held on Wednesday 30th March 2022 at 6.30 pm at Westmeston Parish Hall

Present: Councillors Rob Mills (Chairman), Cathy Mills (Vice-Chairman), Mark Clark, Clare Farrands
Paul Vidler, Clerk

One member of the public was present.

- 1. Apologies for absence:** Apologies were received from Councillors Dudeney, Houghton and Tickner.
- 2. Declarations of interest:** Councillor Rob Mills and Councillor Cathy Mills, as owners and residents of the adjoining property and relatives of the applicant, declared a prejudicial personal interest in connection with Item 3 (c).

3. Planning:

To agree a response to the following applications for planning permission:

(a) LW/21/0917 Lone Oak Farm, Spatham Lane (in Ditchling Parish)

Erection of 3no holiday lets, pergolas and shed with creation of access and parking and associated landscaping.

The application site is in close proximity to Westmeston Parish. Members raised concerns about the construction of three new dwellings in the countryside outside the settlement boundary; the buildings being an overdevelopment; impact on key views; impact on dark night skies; increased traffic levels and highway safety concerns; increased noise and disturbance; and concerns about the future use of the site. Philip Andrews expressed concern about the expansion of the site and considered the buildings to be elegantly designed.

RESOLVED: Members agreed to object to the application and for Councillor Clark to agree the final version of the comments for submission to Lewes DC.

(b) LW/22/0197 West Wood, Hundred Acre Lane

Prior Notification Under The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended) - Schedule 2, Part 6, Class A for the erection of a building for agricultural or forestry use.

RESOLVED: Members agreed to comment as follows:

Westmeston Parish Council objects to this application for reason that, by virtue of its height, scale and mass, the external appearance of the proposed building, would be visually intrusive.

(c) SDNP/22/01125/FUL Land West of Lewes Road

Redevelopment of the existing stable block with a holiday accommodation unit.

Councillor Rob Mills (Chairman) and Councillor Cathy Mills (Vice-Chairman) withdrew from the room during the discussion on this item. Councillor Mark Clark took the chair for this item. As two members were present the meeting was inquorate and the meeting was closed.

Meeting closed at 7.18pm.