

**ASH-CUM-RIDLEY PARISH COUNCIL
PLANNING APPLICATIONS WORKING GROUP**

Notes of the meeting of the Planning Applications Working Group held by Zoom on
16 August 2023 commencing at 7.45pm

Present: Cllr S Fishenden – Chairman
Cllr M Aspinall
Cllr C Clark
Cllr J Clucas
Cllr F Cottee
Cllr C Gorton
Cllr A Jauch
Cllr P Kirtley
Cllr I MacLeod
Cllr V Ngwenya
Cllr G Pender (Arrived 7.55pm)
Cllr J Scott

In attendance: Alison de Jager, Parish Clerk

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr R Brammer and Cllr S Hobbs (family commitments) and Cllr M Manley (Work).

2. Declarations of Interest

None

3. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 02 August 2023 were AGREED and will be signed. PROPOSED: Cllr F Cottee SECONDED: Cllr C Clark.

4. Applications

23/02050: Copperfield, The Street, Ash, TN15 7 HB – Demolition of existing single storey extension and erection of replacement single storey extension to side elevation together with external terracing and landscaping works. (Cllr G Pender arrived) Cllr F Cottee PROPOSED that local knowledge suggests that the area calculations presented in the application greatly underestimate the increase in size of this property since it was the local police house in the 1960s. However, in view of the compelling medical reasons presented as Very Special Circumstances in this case the Parish Council reluctantly raises no objection to this application provided that it complies with local planning regulations and that SDC has certified medical confirmation of the long-term need for the proposed facilities.

We do have a concern about the cumulative effect of developments on this site, as the significant breaching of Green Belt policy on the size of the main dwelling plus the recent granting of permission for a sizeable family annexe on the site represents a real increase in the potential occupation of the site. We would therefore request that Permitted Development Rights are removed to prevent further encroachment. SECONDED: Cllr J Clucas and AGREED.

5. Decisions

The decisions as set out on the Agenda were NOTED.

6. Other Matters for Discussion

- 6.1 Fawkham Neighbourhood Plan Consultation – the response to this consultation will be actioned under delegated authority to the Clerk. Cllr C Clark PROPOSED that Fawkham Parish Council are congratulated for a well produced, exemplary document. SECONDED: Cllr J Clucas and AGREED.

The meeting closed at 8.05pm

Signed: Date: