



Loxwood Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council for Planning Matters
held at **7.30pm** on Monday 3rd April 2023 in the main hall at North Hall

- Apologies for Absence - Cllr Rick Kelsey, Cllr Simon Bates, Cllr Hannah, Cllr James Hume, Cllr Janet Duncton, Clerk Jane Bromley
- Declaration of Member's Interest – No declaration of interests from Councillors on matters to be considered at the meeting.
- Public Participation – The meeting was suspended whilst a member of the public outlined his opposition to the application at Beech Farm.
- New Appeal Listings Planning Applications were considered:

LX/23/00432/FUL Loxwood Post Office, Guildford Road, Loxwood
Change of use of former post office and shop to residential in
conjunction with the existing dwelling.

No objection

Cllr Colling outlined the criteria for making a decision i.e. has the shop been marketed for a certain time and is there demand for a shop.

Cllr Colling pointed out that in the village, the John Murray shop covered meat and groceries. In addition, the M & S Shop at Alfold BP Garage and the Ifold Shop provided groceries, so any local demand was met by these shops. In addition, the shop had been marketed sufficiently as evidenced by the letter from Henry Adams. The shop has been closed for 6 months because it has not proven to be viable as detailed in the applicant's accounts.

Cllr Newman commented there was no demand for a new shop and the proposed one at Nursery Green was not forthcoming in the near future.

The council voted and there was a unanimous decision of no objection.

The council also thanked the owner of the Loxwood Post Office continuing to run the shop and post office under difficult circumstances.

LX/23/00428/ELD Beech Farm, Roundstreet Common, Wisborough Green Certificate of Lawfulness for operational development comprising the laying of hardstanding for use as parking area, siting of portacabin for use as toilet facilities, and erection of building used as observers stand relating to outdoor sand school, alongside the continued material change of use of buildings and land for equestrian use.

A member of the public outlined their objections.

The site has a long and complicated planning history which had proven difficult to unravel.

Object The Council discussed the application and agreed to object due to the fact that they did not feel in a position to support this application because of the two previous refusals.

1. A list of recent decisions were given as follows:

LX/22/01216/FUL Loxwood Hall Guildford Road Loxwood West Sussex RH14 0QP

Erection of dwelling with associated parking, landscaping and ancillary structures. REFUSE

LX/22/03039/FUL Mill House Farm Drungewick Lane Loxwood West Sussex RH14 0RS

Retention of a mobile home for residential occupation by an agricultural worker in connection with animal husbandry for a temporary period of three years.
REFUSE

2. Date of next meeting: 16th May 2023
3. Cllr Colling announced he will not be standing at the next election in May