

Wootton Rivers Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 18th October 2021

Present:	Dean Cowley	Parish Council Chair
	Clare Bamforth	Vice Chair
	Cindy Creasy	Councillor
	Nick Jones	Councillor
	Neil Worthington	Clerk

Apologies received from David Butler, Steve Rawlings and Anne Swift

1. Declarations of Interest and the granting of dispensations.

Councillors were reminded of the Code for Conduct and the need to declare any interest relating to the items on the Agenda. Anne Swift had declared an interest in the planning applications on the Agenda and would not attend the meeting.

2. Planning Application PL/2021/09096 Little House – the demolition and rebuilding of the rear extension

A site inspection had been carried out and councillors made the following comments on the application:

1. The proposed changes remove the substandard, unsightly flat roofed single storey extension to the rear of the house
2. The rebuilding of the rear roof enables the roof pitch on both the old house and the new extension to be the same which gives an improved and more uniform appearance
3. It was noted that the changes reduce the total floor area of the house but give a more usable internal layout
4. It was noted that the additional dormer windows have already been given planning consent under application 19/06627/FUL
5. The design still respected the principle of making any extension subservient to the original house
6. It was noted that the external materials were not being altered and were consistent with the new extension
7. Slight concern was expressed about the increase in fenestration to the rear ground floor elevation which could lead to an increase in light pollution. On balance however it was considered that this concern was outweighed by the overall improvement in the appearance of the house, especially as this is the first building seen on this side of the road when entering the village.

Following further discussion, a motion to SUPPORT the application was proposed by Clare Bamforth, seconded by Cindy Creasy and was agreed by all Councillors.

**3. Planning Applications PL/2021/09520
Listed Building Application PL/2021/09808
Primrose Cottage – Replace garage doors with glazed screen and stable doors**

A site inspection had been carried out and councillors made the following comments on the application:

1. The existing garage was not a prominent building and the proposed changes would have little impact
2. The proposed changes would improve the appearance
3. Planning approval had previously been granted for its conversion into a games room (application 17/09853/FUL, now expired). This old application included a new rooflight in the roof facing the road but this was not part of this new application which was welcomed.
4. The proposed changes would have little impact on the setting of the listed building

Following further discussion, a motion to SUPPORT the application was proposed by Nick Jones, seconded by Clare Bamforth and was agreed by all Councillors.

4. Any Other Urgent Business – no items were raised.

5. Date of the next meeting is 15th November 2021 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.