

EWHURST PARISH COUNCIL with Ellen's Green

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NOTICE
MEETING OF THE **EWHURST PARISH COUNCIL**
PLANNING COMMITTEE

To be held in **EYSC**

Minutes –Monday 15th October 2018 6.30 pm

1. Present Val Henry, Mike Turner, Ian Davis, Julie Francis, Mike White & Michael Benoy
2. Apologies for Absence had been received from Tom Fawcett and Elaine Benson
3. Declaration of Interests Ian Davis 1531
4. Open forum – public speaking yes, Applicant for 1547
5. **APPLICATIONS & CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED** for consideration –

WA/2018/1496 4 Mascalls Cottages, The Street, Ewhurst.
Construction of a dropped kerb.

Happy to support.

WA/2018/1531 Greenside, The Green, Ewhurst.
Erection of a dwelling and extension to existing garage to provide ancillary accommodation following demolition of existing dwelling; relevant demolition of unlisted building in a conservation area.

As a new build in a conservation area, the Parish Council could not imagine a project aesthetically less suited to its environment. A largely one-storey rectangular block with a first floor addition at the southern end screened from the road by an existing hedge, but fully visible through a wide gateway. The Design, Appearance and Materials would seem to be alien within this prominent situation within Ewhurst Green Conservation Area. Whilst the Parish Council appreciate the low levels of the proposed build in relation to the neighbouring Surgery dwelling, the new build does look like a container block and is, therefore, out of keeping within the rural Surrey landscape

The Design is not in harmony with the characteristic form of the area and surrounding buildings in terms of scale, height, layout, building style and materials.

The duty to defend a conservation area from an alien development suggests that the Parish Council should express opposition to this application.

Conclusion: Strongly object. .

WA/2018/1547 High Copse, Wykehurst Lane; Ewhurst.
Change of use of agricultural buildings along with an extension and alterations to provide a dwelling with associated amenity space
(revision of WA/2018/0943)

The Parish Council was pleased to learn that the applicant has addressed the various concerns relating to the refusal of the initial application as set down by Surrey Hills AONB Officer – namely, timber weatherboarding, the fenestration issue together with door apertures, guttering and rain pipes and the relationship between the two buildings.

The Parish Council considers it unfair to refuse the application based on photographs and a desktop survey alone. The buildings are a part of the intrinsic character of the locality and remind us of

another age. They are a part of our heritage and will remain on the landscape until such time that, they fall into complete ruin or are taken on as a renovation project.
The Parish Council is happy to support this application for the renovation of these disused farm buildings into a modest, hillside dwelling.

WA/2018/1634 Wandle Mapledrakes Road, Ewhurst. GU6 7QP
Erection of extensions and alterations to existing bungalow to provide a chalet bungalow.

The Parish Council would like to comment as follows –
the proposals present as a rather squat and unattractive roof extension to an existing bungalow. The elevations as drawn offer little detail on fenestration and materials and a street scene would have assisted the evaluation of the proposal, particularly given the proximity of the building to the southern boundary.

Neither object, nor support.

WA/2018/1619 Claremont, Ockley Road, Ewhurst. GU6 7QF
Construction of wall and railings together with entrance gates and new access.

Subject to compliance with SCC's requirements, happy to support.

WA/2018/1474 Change of use of land to Gypsy/Traveller site incorporating 7 private pitches each including 1 dayroom, 1 mobile home, parking area for touring caravans to also be used as seasonal transit pitches; and associated hardstanding and landscape areas.

Ewhurst Parish Council strongly object to this retrospective application. There is a long and acrimonious planning history to this site which has caused considerable distress to residents of the parish living adjacent to the land. There is a significant history of refusals, dismissal at appeal and high court judgements, all of which are of a highly technical nature upon which this Parish Council is not qualified to comment, save to say that the accumulated rejection of the intended use of the land, at the highest level, points to a fundamental incompatibility of the proposals with the location. It is understood that alternative transit pitches are the subject of future allocation via consultation at Borough/County level through the democratic process.

Conclusion: Strongly object.

Planning Committee Meetings – next meeting Tuesday 6th November 2018 7pm EYSC (subject to applications)
Parish Council Meetings – next meeting: **Monday 19th November 2018 7.45pm** at the EYSC, Ewhurst

***THE PUBLIC AND PRESS ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO BE PRESENT
and may speak during the Open Forum only***