
PLANNING WORKING GROUP

MINUTES of the Meeting held at the site listed below on Monday, 3 August 2015 from 9.30 - 9.37 am.

PRESENT: Councillors Mike Baldock, Richard Darby, James Hall, Mike Henderson, Bryan Mulhern (Chairman), Prescott (Vice-Chairman) and Ben Stokes.

OFFICERS PRESENT: Claire Attaway, Philippa Davies and Graham Thomas.

APOLOGIES: Councillors Cameron Beart, Roger Clark, Mike Dendor, Mark Ellen, Sue Gent, James Hunt and Lesley Ingham.

142 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No interests were declared.

143 **15/503484/FULL (2.4) - CHAPEL FARM, HILLSIDE ROAD, STALISFIELD**

The Chairman welcomed the applicant to the meeting.

The Area Planning Officer outlined the application which was for the erection of a single storey side extension linking the garage to the main house. He explained that the property was within the Kent Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. The house was 60% bigger than the demolished house on the site and the extension would measure 3.5 metres wide by 2.5 metres in depth. The extension would utilise matching materials to the existing property.

The Area Planning Officer reported that Stalisfield Parish Council had objected to the application; they considered the dwelling was already large and that the proposed extension was out of keeping with the setting. The Area Planning Officer considered the extension to be modest, with no overlooking or overshadowing issues.

Mr Wright, the applicant, considered the extension was in keeping with the existing dwelling. He explained that it would obscure the staircase between the garage and the house, and also provide sheltered egress from the house to the garage.

In response to a question, the Area Planning Officer confirmed that the staircase would remain and the dimensions of the proposed extension were maximum figures.

Members then toured the site with the Area Planning Officer and Planning Officer.

Chairman

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