

HARTING PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the **Planning Committee** held at Harting Community Hall at **6.30pm** on **Thursday 21 September 2023**.

Present: Mrs Bramley (Chair), Mr Bonner, Mrs Curran and Mr Miller and Mr Shaxson.

In attendance: Trish Walker, Parish Clerk.

49. Apologies for absence: Mrs Martin.

50. Declarations of Interest: Mr Shaxson declared a non-prejudicial public service interest as a member of the SDNPA's planning committee

51. Members of the Public Present: Two.

52. Minutes of the meeting on 22 August 2023: the minutes were agreed and signed.

53. Matters of Urgent Public Importance: None.

54. Current Planning Applications:

54.1. SDNP/23/01390/FUL

[Construction of two lagoons, measuring 57m x 20m with a 2m maximum height, at West Heath Quarry, in Phase 3 of the existing extension site. The bunds will be constructed of concrete/sand/clay. The bunds will be used to separate out dredged soft sand from the water. Once the dredging operating has ceased in Phase 1, Phase 2 and Phases 4a and 4b the bunds will be removed and Phase 3 worked by excavator.](#)

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The member of public raised the following concerns about the application

- The increase in noise and how this will be monitored and controlled
- It is not clear where the various footpaths will be placed once the restoration process starts
- That following restoration the lakes might be used as a leisure park

After some discussion the members agreed the following comment.

The Council has no objection to this application however it does raise the following concerns:

- About the potential increase in noise levels and subsequent impact on the tranquility of the area for both neighbours and users of the adjacent footpath network which includes the Sussex Border Path and Serpents Way, and how this will be monitored and controlled
- Whether the increase in depth of the lake will make it difficult to support the sides when it is restored and landscaped thereby leading to erosion and failure of the

vegetation. The proper reinstatement of the site is essential in particular to preserve the sand martins that are there

- There was no indication of the potential increase in traffic and how this will be monitored

54.2. SDNP/23/01391/CND

[Variation of condition 3 \(approved plans\) and condition 12 \(extraction methodology\) relating to planning approval SDNP/16/00525/CONDC, to reflect a new order of phase working and restoration that the deeper sands permitted to be extracted in Phase 1 and 2 will now be extracted from Phase 1 and 2 under this permission by dredger rather than long reach excavator](#)

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See comments for 54.1 above.

54.3. SDNP/23/01392/CND

[Variation of Condition 3 \(Plans\) and Condition 5 \(Phasing and Method of Working\) relating to SDNP/16/00492/ROMP to allow for revision to preference the new phasing and method of working plans for Phases 4a and 4b, and to enable Phases 4a and 4b to be worked to a maximum depth of 39mAOD by dredger](#)

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See comments for 54.1 above.

55. To note any planning appeals: None.

56. To note any planning appeal decisions:

56.1. APP/Y9507/W/21/3272030

Three Cornered Piece, Bohemia Hollow, Nyewood GU31 5JJ

It was noted the appeal had been allowed but with conditions restricting who can live on the site, the number of vehicles and use of the site. The occupation of the site is limited to 3 years from 1 September 2023, the date of the appeal decision.

56.2. APP/Y9507/W/23/3314508

Land south of Hurstfield House

It was noted the appeal had been dismissed due to the impact of the infrastructure needed to develop the site.

57. Date of next meeting: 19 October 2023 at Nyewood Village Hall, time to be agreed.

The Chair closed the meeting at 7.03pm.