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PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Date of Meeting: 16th August

Held At: 17:30 in the West Dean Centre

Public Forum: A member of the public was in attendance for the discussion about application P0975/22/FUL – Builders Yard, Mount Pleasant, Parkend

Present: Cllrs P Dunford, B Evans, F McGuinness, S Yeates, S Dunford, A Bruce & J Dale

- 1 **Apologies:** Cllrs J Richmond, S Francis & A Grant
- 2 **Declarations of Interest:** None
- 3 **Minutes of last meeting:** Agreed as an accurate record of the meeting held on 2nd August
- 4 **Planning Applications and consultation – For consideration.**

4d) Pillowell Ward

P0182/22/FUL – Bailey House, Bailey Hill, Yorkley

West Dean Parish Council would like to see the following recommendations included as conditions on this application:

- The hours of construction work to be restricted to between 08:30 – 17:00 hrs
- Gloucestershire Highways to be consulted on the potential problems with visibility at the crest of the hill and close to a junction, the doctors' surgery, and shop regarding the offloading of construction materials and the parking of construction traffic.
- There is a potential for this to be used as tourist accommodation or as a separate dwelling, there should be a condition to ensure that any change of use requires an application for the change, this is especially applicable to tourist accommodation usage.

4e) Parkend Ward

P0975/22/FUL – Builders Yard, Mount Pleasant, Parkend

West Dean Parish Council still formally object to this development on the grounds already provided in the provisional report submitted to FODDC planning department but would like it noted that they support the recommendations for a Coal Mining Risk Assessment of the site as detailed in the Coal Board letter as it falls within a high-risk area due to past mining activity.

WDPC also note that Gloucestershire Highways are yet to submit any comments or recommendations to this application.

P1913/21/FUL – Dean Forest Greenway, Parkend, Lydney

West Dean Parish Council welcome this application to provide a safe walking and cycling route between Parkend and Lydney, it is identified as a strategic link in the District's Active Travel Strategy as well as being identified in the Southern Edge NDP as a desirable route for safe travel towards Lydney for leisure, commuting and shopping.

The route also fits with the objectives of the Local Plan meeting in the climate and biodiversity objectives, it provides enhancements to not only active travel but also encourages a healthier lifestyle. The area is seeing a growth in tourism, much of which is related to cycling, and this route will provide the gateway link from Lydney into the centre of the forest and its many linking cycle ways to other towns and villages providing a means of carbon neutral travel options for leisure, commuting and shopping journeys.

5. Local Plan Consultation

The meeting discussed the local plan consultation documents and questions, these raised several questions concerns and issues that required more detailed discussion than the time remaining of the planning committee meeting would allow.

The decision was taken by the meeting to work through the consultation document section by section to respond to the consultation questions. It was recognised that this would take some time and would need to be completed before the submission deadline of 26th September 2022. It was decided by the meeting that three additional meeting were scheduled to facilitate these discussions. The meetings are arranged for:

- Thursday 1st Sept – West Dean Centre - 17:00 – 19:00
- Thursday 8th Sept – West Dean Centre - 17:00 – 19:00
- Tuesday 13th Sept – West Dean Centre - 17:00 -18:45 (due to another booking in main hall)

There are also community drop-in events being organised by FODDC, the dates for these sessions are detailed below:

- Tuesday 30th August – Newent Memorial Hall – 15:00 – 19:00
- Wednesday 7th September – Lydney Community Centre – 15:00 – 19:00
- Thursday 8th September – FODDC Offices 0 15:00 – 19:00

Further dates may also be added to the FODDC schedule of community drop-in events.

6. Next meeting: 5.30 pm, Tuesday 6th September 2022 at the West Dean Centre, Bream.