



WEST BERGHOLT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Planning and Village Design Statement Committee Meeting

Held on - Wednesday 17th February 2010 at 7.30pm - *in the Committee Room with the rickety stairs above the Orpen Hall*

Present	Andrew Savage, Chris Stevenson, and Bob Tyrrell	Next meeting	17 th March 2010 (<i>St Patricks Day</i>)
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CURRENT APPLICATIONS

Application No.	Proposal	Applicant/Location	Comments
100077	Two storey chalet style side extension. Repositioning of front entrance, replacement of windows, replacement of section of slate roofing and removal of timber framed conservatory and brick built sheds	Mr Curtis, Frimley, The Avenue	NO COMMENTS
100120	Single storey side extension	Mr Colbert, 118 Lexden Road	NO COMMENTS
100134	Change of use of farm buildings to a trampoline activity centre for those with physical disabilities and special learning needs	Mrs Amoss, Hill House Farm, Colchester Road	<p>The PC are surprised and concerned at this application, as it took an enforcement notice by CBC to stop the use of these buildings for 18 months as commercial storage. Whilst we sympathise with the applicant we are concerned that these only recently built agricultural buildings, now appear to be redundant. These building are in a very prominent location, the buildings will also require a large amount of external lighting in the winter months, as a majority of the users are disabled. We are also concerned with the proposed new road running adjacent to the boundary in front of Hill House Barn and the ad hoc junction with Colchester Road outside the 30mph speed limit together with the limited visibility and turning for vehicles entering and leaving the site.</p> <p>In addition, we are troubled at the capital cost of conversion of agricultural buildings which are not normally built to commercial standards and the new road. Is this a sustainable location for such an business, operation or is this an application to establish change of use?</p> <p>These proposal are contrary to the adopted West Bergholt Village Plan. (now SPG)</p> <p>The PC would like to think CBC will refuse this application for the above reasons. However, should CBC be minded to Grant Permission the PC strongly requests that it must be under licence for a limited period, so as not to set a precedent for any permanent change of use.</p>



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100186	Provision of integrated car port and double garage	Mr Richard and Mrs Jackson, 179 Colchester Road	<p>The proposed extensions to the property are totally out of keeping, to this pleasant 1930s bungalow. The proposed extension are poorly proportioned, the rear dormer is unattractive and detracts from the quality of the existing building and natural environment. The proposals have no architectural design quality and are totally against all principles set out in the Essex Design Guide.</p> <p>The West Bergholt Village Plan (now SPG) and draft VDS actively seeks a high quality design. There is already strong precedent established for quality architecture in the village.</p>
100189	Ground and first floor extensions to form a kitchen, dining area, bedroom and en-suite	Mr Nicholson and Miss Gibson, 15 Armoury Road	No Comments

PLANNING DECISIONS

Application No.	Applicant/Location	Decision
91460	Mrs Smith, White Thorne, Bourne Road	APPROVED
91474	Mr Gooday, Rutlands, 151 Chitts Hill	APPROVED
91551	Mr Maller, Topaz, Chapel Lane	APPROVED
91566	Mr Longman, Meadowsides, Chapel Lane	APPROVED

OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

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