

Draft Minutes of BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL'S PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

Held at 7.00 p.m. on **Wednesday 21 September 2016** in the Hunter Room

Present: Cllrs Fawke(Chair) Hodges,Davies and Corfield

24/16-17 Consideration of the minutes of the meeting held on 8 September 2016 was deferred until the next meeting on 13 October 2016.

25/16-17 The Planning Committee considered the following applications and **raised no objections** to them:

- CA/16/02093/FUL **Tanglewood, Patricbourne Rd, Bridge CT4 5AP**
Proposed first floor extension and porch
- CA/16/02037/FUL **The Old Forge, 49 High St, Bridge CT4 5LA**
Proposed single-storey rear extension following demolition of existing garden room with internal alterations
- CA/16/02038/LB **The Old Forge, 49 High St, Bridge CT4 5LA**
Proposed single-storey rear extension following demolition of existing garden room with internal alterations

26/16-17 The committee considered the following application.

- CA/16/00877/FUL **Cedars, Higham Lane, Bridge CT4 5BB**
Erection of 5 no. detached dwellings with associated site access and garages following demolition of bungalow and garage.

It decided **to object** to it for the following reasons:

Bridge Parish Council decided to object to this proposed development for very similar reasons to the objections raised previously in May 2016. The amended plans do not go far enough to assuage the concerns made previously.

The Committee fully concurs with the views of the owners of numbers 3 5 and 6 Bridge Down who have made clear their objections in terms of the effect of the development on their living conditions. The development -even in its revised form- will be oppressive and given the previous history of the development in the area and also given the very obvious impacts outlined by these residents. These include loss of sunlight, overshadowing and domination by buildings that remain too large and too close to these properties.

The Parish Council remains concerned about the effect of the development on the character and appearance of the area. It considers that the proposed development would compromise the open rural aspect of the area unreasonably and should be therefore be rejected. Too many trees will also be lost-further undermining the character and appearance of the area.

The concerns of local residents about the safety of the road junction between and Bridge Hill remain. The new development will simply exacerbate existing problems- which also include parking and refuse collection issues- which have been well

outlined in submissions by local residents. These concerns were raised in May 2016 and they remain.

The Parish Council therefore remains opposed to this development and urges the Planning Authority to reject it. The Parish Council also supports the assertion that a number of existing and emerging planning policies will be contravened and undermined if the development is approved.

27/16-17 The committee noted that the following application has been **granted** by Canterbury City Council:

- CA/16/01064/FUL **49 Bridge Down Bridge CT4 5BA**
Erection of single storey extension to replace garage

The meeting closed at 7.15 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting of Bridge Parish Council's Planning Committee will be on Thursday 13 October 2016 at 7.15 pm in the Village Hall