

# WROTHAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD ON Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February 19 at 9.00am  
in Pilgrims Close, Whitehill, Wrotham

**Present:** Cllr's P Gillin (Chairman), H Rayner, D Beach, K Denton, C Mills & Mrs P Parker

**In Attendance:** Lesley Cox (Clerk)

**1. Apologies for absence:**

None – Full attendance

**2. Attendance Register**

The register was signed and the following declarations noted:

All meetings

Cllr's Gillin, Rayner, Beach and Denton members of Keep Borough's Green

Cllr Beach member of the St George's Bell Ringers

Cllr Gillin member of Friends of Wrotham & Wrotham Xmas Lights

Cllr's Rayner & Gillin member of Friends of St George's

Cllr's Rayner & Beach member of Kent Association of Change Ringers

Cllr's Gillin, Rayner, Beach and Denton members of the Campaign for the Protection of Rural England – WPC corporate member

Cllr Rayner member of St George's Church of England Wrotham

Cllr Rayner retired member of the Baltic Exchange Ltd

Cllr Rayner Life member of the National Trust

Cllr Gillin committee members of Tonbridge & Malling branch of the Campaign for the Protection of Rural England.

Cllr Mills chairman of Friends of Wrotham

Cllr Mills Wrotham Parish Magazine Editor

Cllr Rayner assistant Village Magazine Deliverer

Cllr Rayner Life member of the Royal National Lifeboat Institute

Cllr Rayner Conservative Party Member

Cllr Rayner Member of Tonbridge & Malling Conservative Party Executive & Management Committees

**3. Minutes**

Planning Meeting Minutes of 14<sup>th</sup> November 18, approved by the Parish Council on the 5<sup>th</sup> December 18

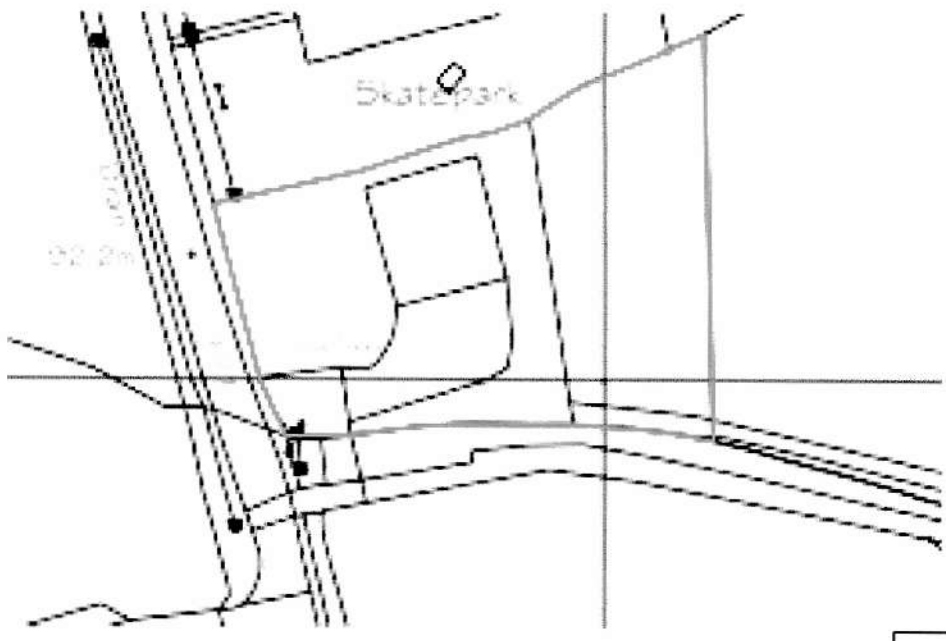
**4. Public Question Time**

No public in attendance

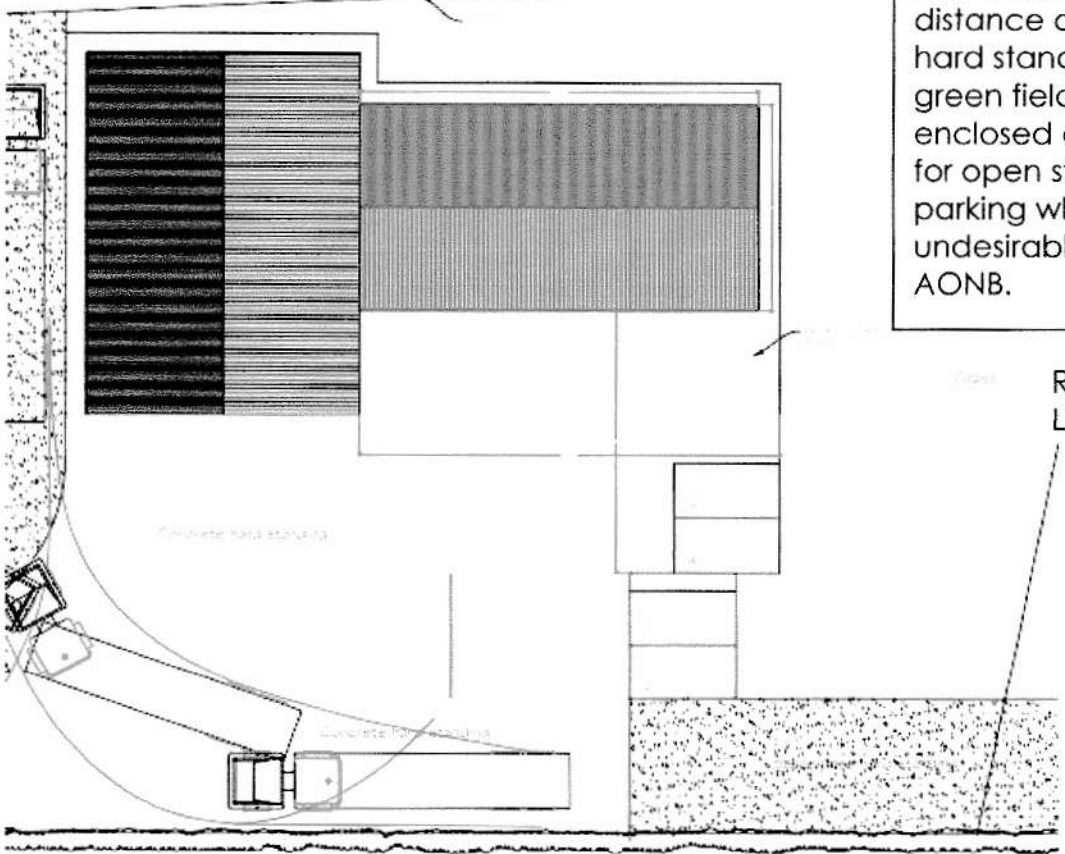
**5. Planning Committee to Consider**

1. Applications received

**Wrotham Parish Councils comments on 18/02591**



The red line appears to still be a significant distance away from the hard standing in the green field. The area enclosed could be used for open storage and car parking which would be undesirable within the AONB.



The site is visible from MR251 and MR259 PROWS. An indigenous hedgerow located on the boundary of the hard standing and parking areas would significantly mitigate the impact on the AONB of the proposed expansion of commercial activity.

The agent states that this leaseholder does not park many cars but the consent must designate the area such that it is suitable for other lessees. This should include the marking out of car parking bays.

It is noted that the applicant has stated that the old warehouse will be decorated to match the new one. This is a positive step but should also be conditioned to ensure it happens in a timely manner.

The new site layout as specified in the revised Site Plan, designates areas of the site for parking and vehicle loading activities. The newly created separate warehouses could not be satisfactorily operated as two separate facilities. The use should therefore be conditioned for single occupancy by one lessee.

WPC could only support the application, given its AONB location, with adequate conditioning to mitigate the potential harm.