

Swilland and Winesham grouped Parish Council
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Minutes of Planning Committee meeting held on Monday 17th March 2008 at
Winesham Baptist Chapel.

Present: Mr.Lightfoot, Mr.Rush, Mrs.Shaw, Mr.Noble, Mr.Laughlin. Four members
of the public also attended.

1. Apologies received from Mrs.Reynolds.
2. Declarations of interest: Mr.Rush in respect of application CO8/0418, (and he took no part in the discussion/decision on it.)
3. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.
4. Decisions received: CO8/0282 – Red House Farm, Winesham. Plans approved.
5. Applications: CO8/0418. Laurel House, Upper St., Winesham. Demolition of existing house and erection three three bedroom properties(resubmission).

The new plans differ from the original ones in providing one single dwelling and two semi-detached. There is a new shared vehicular access for the semi-detached pair.

Following discussion it was agreed that the planning line had not moved significantly from the original plans, resulting in the same proximity of the new houses to nos.14 and 16 Coopers Close, particularly regarding fenestration and the privacy of the residents in Coopers Close. It was felt strongly that the bulkiness of the design of the semi-detached pair was totally out of keeping with the surrounding dwellings and the general appearance of the village. It was noted that the access arrangements had been altered.

The application was not supported.

CO8/0385 11 Burwash , Winesham.
Erection of two-storey extension.

Application supported.

CO8/0514. Land East of Hillside, The Street, Winesham.
Erection of dwelling with integral garage (existing garage to be demolished.)

The committee supported the style of the building but felt the access to the new property was wholly unsatisfactory. The bend in the road is particularly dangerous and there are no driveways which access immediately onto the road on that stretch. We suggest an alternative be found: possibly shared access with Hillside and a different garage arrangement. It was also felt that we would be unwilling to see the bank with its planting spoilt by a new vehicular access.

The proximity of the plan to the physical village outline was also noted.
The application was supported but with the above reservations.

6. There were no further applications.
7. Documents: Mr.Lightfoot reported 1) a letter concerning Planning/Gypsy/Traveller site issues which he will email to all councillors for comment, but discuss at the next Planning Committee meeting..
2) Training: there are two SPS Training workshops on Nov.,5 and 19, details of which will be forwarded to councillors to encourage some take-up.
8. Affordable Housing – nothing to report.
9. The next meeting provisionally fixed for 14.4.08.