The Minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee of Upchurch Parish Council held remotely on 17th March 2021

Present: Cllr Gary Rosewell (Chairman), Cllr Pam Denny, Cllr Gerry Lewin, Cllr Janet Marshall and Cllr Tyrone Ripley; and Mrs Wendy Licence (Clerk).

Cllr Rosewell welcomed everyone to the meeting.

41. Apologies for absence

All Members were present.

42. Declarations of Interests

None were declared.

Public Time

No members of the public were present.

43. Planning Applications

i. Ref: 21/500690/FULL

Address: Orchard Barn Twinney Lane Upchurch Kent ME9 7FS

Proposal: Change of use of land to residential garden, erection of garage/tractor shed including alterations to gated entrance.

Councillors considered the application and had no objections to the proposal.

ii. Ref: 21/500853/FULL

Address: 27 Homefield Drive Upchurch Gillingham Kent ME8 8RS Proposal: Demolition of conservatory and erection of single storey rear extension Councillors considered the application and had no objections to the proposal but the views of neighbours must be given due weight.

iii. Ref: 21/500990/FULL

Address: 75 Forge Lane Upchurch Sittingbourne Kent ME9 7AD

Proposal: Erection of single storey rear extension.

Councillors considered the application and had no objections to the proposal in principle but were concerned that the flat roof was not in keeping with the area, consideration should be given to a pitched roof. The views of neighbours must be given due weight.

iv. Ref: 21/500778/FULL

Address: 10 Hartlip Hill Hartlip Sittingbourne Kent ME9 7PA

Proposal: Erection of a single storey rear extension and detached garage to the rear (part retrospective revised scheme to 20/500039/FULL).

Councillors thanked the Planning Officer for consulting on this application but felt it inappropriate to comment as the proposal is not in the parish.

v. Ref: 21/501136/PNEXT

Address: 9 Woolbrook Close Upchurch Gillingham Kent ME8 8ST

Prior notification for a proposed single storey rear extension which: A) Extends by 4.92 metres beyond the rear wall of the original dwelling. B) Has a maximum height of 2.80 metres from the natural ground level.

C) Has a height of 2.40 metres at the eaves from the natural ground level

Councillors considered the application and agreed that this was a technical matter for the Planning Officer.

44. Swale Local Plan Review (Reg 19)

Cllr Ripley said the Council wanted to give the Ward Member time to submit his comments, the Council will comment after 1 April.

Cllr Lewin said it would be simpler to send the response as one document.

Cllr Rosewell said the document will be presented to Full Council for the Ward member to comment.

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45. Any other matter arising

Gladman Developments for residential development at Otterham Quay Lane, Upchurch

Cllr Rosewell said the developer is consulting for a proposed seventy-four houses with open spaces in Otterham Quay Lane, at the moment there is no formal planning application on which to comment. Residents are worried about the proposal.

Cllr Lewin said the challenge to the Parish Council is how it will respond. There is no point in responding to the developer, comments will need to be made to the Planning Authority in due course. If the Council responds it has to concentrate on the demonstrable harm of the development.

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Date of next meeting: Wednesday 14th April 2021 at 7.30pm

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.55pm

Signed as a true record of the meeting

Chairman Date: 1st April 2021