

# Goudhurst Parish Council



## PLANNING COMMITTEE

Minutes of a Meeting held on Tuesday 21 March 2023 at 6.30pm in Goudhurst Village Hall

Present: Cllrs Craig Broom (chairman), Antony Harris, David Knight, Barry Noakes, Caroline Richards, Claire Reed, Clerk.

1. Apologies for Absence: were received from Cllrs Alison Webster (working) and Oliver Tinkler (working).
2. Declarations of Interest: None.
3. Planning Applications for consideration:

### 3.1 23/00505 The Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church Beresford Road Goudhurst

Demolition of the sacristy, boiler room and outbuildings, Erection of single storey extension to provide meeting room, kitchen, sacristy and disabled toilet, Provision of improved pedestrian access, Resurfacing of and improved layout of car park.			
Location within:		Type of Development	
AONB	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	New build	
Conservation Area	<input type="checkbox"/>	Conversion	
Limits to Build	<input type="checkbox"/>	Listed Building	
		Business or Commercial	
Consider for escalation?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Residential	
		Extension	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Recommendation: **Approve conditional on:**

1. The status of the area used for parking is clarified. GPC believe a separate application for change of use should be submitted.
2. If the wooded area is to be used for parking, an appropriate surface should be used that will protect the roots of the remaining trees.
3. Approval of the environmental and tree officers
4. A planting plan should be submitted and approved.

**3.2. 23/00535 Whitestocks Farm Bedgebury Road Goudhurst**

Non-Material Amendment in relation to 22/03169/FULL - (Replace the approved hig to gable extension with a smaller dormer window, clay tile cheeks/roof, oak picture frame front fascia and fixed glazed picture window)			
Location within:		Type of Development	
AONB	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	New build	
Conservation Area	<input type="checkbox"/>	Conversion	
Limits to Build	<input type="checkbox"/>	Listed Building	
		Business or Commercial	
Consider for escalation?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Residential	X
		Extension	X

Recommendation: **Approve**

**3.3. 23/00372 Land adjacent to the Old Parsonage, Balcombes Hill, Goudhurst**

Variation of Condition 4 of Planning Permission 20/01650/FULL - (Demolition of existing garage and provision of new home office accommodation) - For permission to use property as a short-term holiday let only.			
Location within:		Type of Development	
AONB	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	New build	
Conservation Area	<input type="checkbox"/>	Conversion	
Limits to Build	<input type="checkbox"/>	Listed Building	
		Business or Commercial	
Consider for escalation?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Residential	X
		Extension	

Recommendation: **Approve subject to the provision of adequate parking for the new dwellings and provision of additional public parking.**

**Comments:** Policy T1 of the approved Goudhurst NDP requires new developments in or adjoining the area common to the LBD and the Goudhurst Conservation Area to provide one off-street parking space for each bedroom. The submitted plans do not provide adequate parking provision. Goudhurst Parish Council request provision of public parking to ease the impact of the development on parking in the locality; the 4m strip of land running south from the Old Parsonage driveway to the large oak tree adjacent to Balcombes Hill has been identified as an appropriate site for additional public parking spaces. We would recommend this is considered under a section 106 agreement.

5. Items for information

**22/01066 - The Mobile Home at Crowbourne Orchard Smiths Lane Goudhurst.** It was **noted** that an appeal has been lodged against the refusal of planning permission on the site. The hearing will take place at the Town Hall on 12 July 2023. Residents and the Parish Council have until the 17 April 2023 to submit further comments. It was further **noted** that despite numerous requests, a copy of the enforcement notice has not been provided to the Planning Agent working on behalf of the West Goudhurst Neighbourhood Group nor to the Parish Council. The Planning Authority is expecting a further appeal

against the enforcement notice. It was **agreed** that a decision on the need for representation at the hearing should be added to the agenda for the next Planning Committee meeting on 04 April 2023.

Next meeting Tuesday 21 March 2023, 6.30 pm in Goudhurst Village Hall

Meeting closed at 19.15

Claire Reed  
Clerk