

# KNEBWORTH PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES** of the Meeting of the Planning and Environment Committee held on Wednesday 12 February 2019 in Knebworth Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.

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Present: Councillors Paul Ward (Chairman), Rosemary Conybeare, Jeremy Godfrey, Jenny Harrison, Paul Jobling, Steve Hemingway, Colin Stringer and Roger Willcocks

In Attendance: the Clerk plus six members of the public

**1. Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Mr Jobling

**2. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**3. Public Participation**

None

**4. Minutes**

Proposed by Mr Willcocks, seconded by Mrs Harrison and

**Resolved:** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 11 December 2019.

**5 19/03022/FP 15 Wadnall Way Knebworth**

Erection of one attached 2-bed dwelling following partial demolition of existing single storey rear extension of existing dwelling.

The site has obtained planning permission for a three bedroom detached house on the rear of the property. This application proposes a two bedroom end of terrace. Wadnall Way has an open appearance with property set back from the road with large corner plots adding to the openness.

The property is one of four terraced houses with a balanced aspect. The addition of the proposed dwelling will affect this and the character of the area. The backfill development and the addition of a two bed dwelling on this plot is overdevelopment of the site. The committee therefore objects.

**6. 20/00106/FPH 68a Pondcroft Road Knebworth**

Single storey front extension

**No objections**

**7. 20/00142/FPH 35 Park Lane Knebworth**

First floor side extension and single storey rear extension to link existing detached garage to main dwelling

**No objections**

**8. 20/00168/FPH 25 Westland Road Knebworth**

Single storey rear and side extension

**No objections**

**9. 20/00183/FPH 21 Stevenage Road Knebworth**

Two storey side and rear extensions and single storey side extension following demolition of existing rear/side elements

**No objections**

**10. 20/00221/FPH 5 Oakfield's Road Knebworth**

Part single storey, part two storey rear extension, partial attached garage conversion into habitable accommodation, insertion of roof lights to both side roofslopes, front porch extension, and insertion of front and rear dormer windows to facilitate conversion of loft into habitable accommodation

**No objections**

**11. 20/00181/FPH 27 Deards End Lane Knebworth**

Erection of a fence along the front (eastern boundary) of property

The property is within the Deards End Lane conservation area and the front and side hedges are identified as important hedgerows. Deards End Lane is bordered on both sides by high hedges and groups of trees, characteristically native species. The 'green' character of the lane is a key component.

The application proposes to install a panelled fence within the boundary of a sparse front hedge. The fence will therefore be visible from the road and would set a precedent in the conservation area. The Council therefore **objects**.

**12. 20/00226/FPH 22 Wadnall Way Knebworth**

Erection of porch to front elevation, first floor side and single storey rear extension

**No objections**

**13. Applications received after 7 February 2020**

None.

**14. Any Other Business**

14.1 The clerk is to write to Planning Control regarding the quality of plans and the amount of information included on a sheet.

14.2 Mr Stringer reported that the application for the Bushcraft School at Graffidge Woods has been withdrawn.

14.3 Mr Hemingway reported that all saved searches on his account on the planning portal have disappeared, possibly due to an upgrade.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 7.53

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_

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