

Findon Parish Council

**Minutes of Planning Committee Meeting held
13 December 2018 at 7.30 pm at Findon Village Hall**

Present: Cllrs Gear (Chairman), Carr, Wilson, Robinson and Martin.

In Attendance: Clerk Fiona MacLeod and members of the public.

Item No		<u>Action By</u>
P 18.100	To receive and note apologies for absence	
	Apologies were received and noted from Cllrs Goldsworthy, Barnett and Smith.	
P 18.101	Chairman's announcements	
	None.	
P 18.102	Approval of the Minutes of the meeting held 25/10/2018	
	It was proposed and seconded that the minutes of the meeting held on 25 October 2018 be signed as a correct record.	
P 18.103	Declarations of Interest.	
	None.	
P 18.104	Public Question Time (PQT)	
	PQT started at 7.33pm Geoffrey Wyatt, the applicant, spoke in support of application SDNP/18/05896/FUL and provided background on the history of the site and the current proposals. Rebecca Hill spoke in support of the application regarding the change of use and provided details of her professional background in the equine industry. For clarification, the riding school would be for non-professional riders, provide a safe environment for younger riders, and offer employment for five people in the yard. It was also hoped to run college/Pony Club courses and riding holiday breaks, thus providing tourism benefits for the village. In response to a question, overflow car parking was already available at Cissbury. PQT closed at 7.38pm.	
P 18.105	Matters Arising	
	None.	
P 18.106	To consider the following application	
	a) SDNP/18/05896/FUL – Cissbury, Nepcote, Findon, BN14 0SR Change of use to equestrian: livery stables and riding school and associated works. The development includes: i) Change of use of stable buildings from equestrian: stabling of race horses to equestrian: livery stables and riding school ii) Change of use of agricultural fields to equestrian use: keeping of horses incorporating the erection of fences iii) Creation of equestrian arena (Manege) and erection of associated floodlights (x8) and covered seating area iv) Conversion of small barn to staff room / office / lecture room incorporating physical alterations v) Creation of pedestrian path from existing car park to proposed arena and associated ground lighting	

Signed:

Dated:

	vi) Conversion of store to stables incorporating installation of new door Councillors had reviewed the available documents and site location and made the following comments: • the proposal would benefit the local economy and community, • the proposal would maintain Findon's equine heritage, and • any lighting would need to conform with the SDNPA's Dark Night Skies policy. Resolved: that the Clerk informs the SDNPA that Findon Parish Council raises no objections to the application.	FM
P 18.107	Review of the SDNPA Planning Applications List	
	The List (as previously circulated) was reviewed and noted. Attention was drawn to the notice of revised plans for 4 Summerfields received by FPC on 12 December 2018. The Clerk had arranged an additional Planning Committee meeting on 17 January 2019 to consider the revised application. It was noted that the appeal by the applicant against the refusal of planning permission at the land east of Pony Farm (SDNP/17/05058/FUL) had been dismissed by the Inspector.	
P 18.108	SDNPA pre application advice requests	
	The List (as previously circulated) was noted.	
P 18.109	Items for discussion (and future ratification if appropriate) at a future meeting None. The meeting closed at 7.48pm.	