

**Minutes of the Special Meeting of Brightling Parish Council held on
Monday 19th August 2019 at 6.00 p.m. at Brightling Village Hall**

Parish Councillors present: Cllrs Caroline Croft, Daniel Lambert-Gorwyn, Jane Oxenford, Andrew Wedmore (Chair) and Judy Petty.

Parish Councillors absent: Cllr Rodderick Wrenn & Cllr Dianne Mower

In attendance: Gilly Lowe, Clerk to the Council
5 Members of the public

1. Apologies for absence

Received from Cllr Mower

2. Planning

Edlins Farm, Mountfield Lane, Mountfield TN39 5LD

Ref: RR/2019/1682/P

To demolish Edlins Farm House & adjacent barn. Build a house on the existing foundations of the present residential part of the barn.

The Chairman of the Parish Council proposed the following resolution, which was seconded by Cllr Oxenford and duly passed:

- i). Brightling Parish Council objects to this application.
- ii). This is an application for a new house in a green field site. It is not a sustainable location. A new house in this position would create significant damage to the AONB in a prominent position
- iii). We object to the implied change of use to a dwelling house since this is allowing development of a new house in a green field site by the back door.
- iv). The present building is not a house, it is one end of a steel-framed metal-clad barn. It has never been a farmhouse. The application form describes the present use of the barn as agricultural, but there has been no viable agricultural activity on the holding since the present barn was built.
- v). We understand that there is a Certificate of Lawful Development allowing part of this building to be used as a guesthouse. Local knowledge is that the building has never in fact been operated as a guesthouse. A site visit will confirm that the building is self-evidently incapable of being operated as a successful guesthouse. It would appear from the application form that the applicant admits to simply using part of the building for his own residential purposes and we request that Rother District Council take appropriate enforcement action.

3. The meeting closed.

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Signed (Chairman)

Date