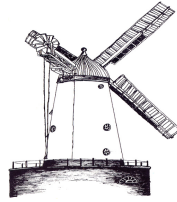


Stone Cross Mill Trust Newsletter March 2020
Issue No 69 Charity Registration No 1172798



Dear Members

PLANNING APPLICATION WD/2018/2034/F Construction of a Two Storey House in the field directly in front of Stone Cross Windmill

The Trust was extremely concerned about a planning application received by Wealden District Council (WDC) detailing a two-storey house directly in front of the Windmill. WDC refused to grant the necessary permission for the above site. The applicant then took this decision to the planning inspectorate which was also dismissed. Below are some extracts from the Planning Inspectors report. The Trust is grateful to the members and neighbours who wrote to WDC objecting to the proposed house.

Don't forget to renew your membership and 100 Club. Over the years the Trust has seen a marked reduction in the number of members limiting the income that helps to maintain this historic building.

Luckily the Trust has received a substantial grant from Shepham Community Fund which will enable major repairs to the Windmill as some of the wooden structures have been in place for over 100 years. This work will be undertaken by the volunteer maintenance team.

Due to the current coronavirus pandemic the Trustees have regrettably decided to close the Windmill to visitors for the immediate future including the planned fairs in April and June. This will no doubt effect the generous income that the Windmill receives from members, neighbours and visitors which amounts to over £3,500 per year. This money contributes to the insurance, council tax and utilities (£1700 per year), the on-going maintenance and repairs to this iconic building. Please continue to support the Windmill by renewing your membership, providing generous donations and joining/renewing the 100 club.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Barbara Molog Chair SCMT
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Some extracts from the Planning Inspectors report

The main issue in the appeal is the impact of the proposed development on the setting of the adjacent Grade II listed windmill. The appeal site is currently an undeveloped green space which is located between a number of residential dwellings, both single-storey and two-storey, and a Grade II* listed windmill. The area of open land currently provides a positive contribution to the setting of the listed windmill whose significance is derived from its distinctive vertical form and the contrast with the generally horizontal emphasis of development around it. This contrast is emphasised due to the surrounding land sloping down to the southwest. The proposal seeks to erect a new two-storey Dutch barn style dwelling on the site, which is outside of the curtilage of the heritage asset. The Council have also expressed concerns regarding the operability of windmill after the construction of the proposed development, with the appellant maintaining that the windmill is not used commercially and does not operate frequently enough for the proposal to have a harmful impact in this regard. However, even if the proposal would not affect the operability of the windmill, the harm that has been found to the setting of the listed windmill would not be outweighed by this.*

100 Club Winners February 2019-January 2020

Date 2019	1st	2nd	3rd
Feb	Mr & Mrs Francis	Mrs J Richards	Mr & Mrs Herbert
March	Miss LA Smallbone	Mrs C Baker	Mr D Bennett
April	Mrs A Manuel	Miss LA Smallbone	Mr P Bell
May	Mr & Mrs L Gibbs	Mrs E Samuels	Mrs M Sharwood
June	Mr RE Thomas	Mrs P Wenham	Mrs M Bell
July	Mr A Williams	Mr B Braby	Mr D Thompson
August	Mrs C Orr	Mrs R Plumley	Mrs BM Smith
September	Mrs E Birch	Mrs JE Dallaway	Mrs M Sharwood
October	Mr D Thompson	Mrs BM Smith	Mr D Bennett
November	Mr P Bell	Mr B Richards	Mr M Webster
December	Mr Boniface	Mr D Bennett	Mr AA Smith
January 2020	Mr D Baker	Mrs M Bell	Mr A Williams

2020 Dates for your diary

Details of all events can be found on the website www.stonecrosswindmill.co.uk

DATE & EVENT	VENUE	TIME
Friday 10 April	Good Friday	
Monday 13 April	Easter Monday	
ALL THE FOLLOWING DATES WILL BE SUBJECT TO THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC. PLEASE PHONE OR LOOK AT THE WEBSITE FOR UP TO DATE INFORMATION.		
Saturday 9 & Sunday 10 May Mills Weekend	Windmill Sunday 10 May 2pm Long Man Morris Men	10-4pm each day
Monday 25 May Spring Bank Holiday	Windmill	2-4pm
Saturday 20 June Summer Fair	Stone Cross Memorial Hall	10-12
Saturday 18 July Tombola	Beacon Centre Eastbourne	9-12
Monday 31 August Bank Holiday	Windmill	2-4pm
Saturday 12 & Sunday 13 Sept Heritage	Windmill	10-4pm each day
Sunday 27 September	Windmill closes today	2-5pm
Sunday 11 October Harvest Festival	Windmill	3-4pm
Saturday 10 October Tombola	Langney Shopping Centre	9-12
Saturday 21 November Winter Fair	Stone Cross Memorial Hall	10-12
Sunday 6 December Carol Service	St Lukes Church Stone Cross	3-4pm