

Park Farm – The Street – Wattisfield

Heritage Statement

Park Farm is a detached period house with a thatched roof in the village of Wattisfield. The property is listed with listing stating:

“TM 07 SW WATTISFIELD THE STREET (EAST SIDE)

3/98 Park Farmhouse

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Former farmhouse. C15, with alterations of circa 1600. Timber-framed; C20 render, pargetted in panels; thatch. 1½ storeys, 3-cell form, with a small projecting C18 single-storey wing to the right of the front. The main range in 6 bays has an internal chimney-stack with a plain rebuilt red brick shaft; 2 eyebrow dormers; C20 casement windows with square leaded panes and a reinstated 6-light hall window. On the upper floor, 2 small 2-light mullioned windows, and an original 3-light window with diamond mullions on the rear wall. C20 boarded entrance door. Inside, the former 2-bay open hall retains its smoke-blackened crown-post roof: the crown-post, braced 4 ways at the head, with moulded cap and square chamfered shaft, has had its base and part of the supporting tie-beam cut away for the insertion of a doorway when the hall was ceiled over. Long arched braces to the tie-beam. At the lower end of the hall, a plank-and-muntin screen divided off the cross-passage; chimney- stack with 2 back-to-back hearths inserted against the upper end partition. The ceiling over the hall, which may be later in date than the stack, has main cross-beams and joists set flat, all with chamfer and curved'stepped stops, and a stair trap, now filled in, an unusual feature in a hall ceiling (cf. Swan Cottage, Lawshall, Suffolk). Plain cambered lintel to fireplace, now with C20 ornamentation on soffit. The parlour end is a late C16 addition: on ground floor, unchamfered joists set flat and a chamfered main beam without stops; plain cambered fireplace lintel; stair trap in ceiling, now blocked, indicates that the parlour is earlier than the inserted hall ceiling. Arched braces to tie-beam in room above; 2 small reinstated diamond-mullioned windows, and a 4-light late C17/early C18 mullion and transome window inserted into the gable end: square section moulded mullions, intermediate bars; one small opening casement with ornate hinges; square leaded panes. The medieval service rooms were replaced by a single 2-bay room in the later C17: the widely-spaced joists rest on clamps.

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Within the grounds is a barn that has been converted to an annexe and is occupied by the applicants' mother. This application is to provide additional accommodation to the annexe in the form of a lean-to conservatory. The annexe itself is not referred to in the property listing but being in the grounds this is relevant. The conservatory will not be visible from the front of the main house so will have no effect on the setting in

the street scene. It is set back from the front elevation of the annex and will be just over 8 metres from the main building. The conservatory will only be visible from the rear garden and has sufficient separation so as not to affect the setting of Park Farm.



Park Farm viewed from the street with annexe in the background



View from rear garden showing separation between annexe and main house