

# **HEATHFIELD AND WALDRON PARISH COUNCIL**

## **HIGHWAYS, PLANNING & STREET LIGHTING COMMITTEE**

**MONDAY 14 MARCH 2016 AT 7.30 PM**

**At Heathfield Community Centre**

**PRESENT:** Cllr Coffey (Chair), Cllr Hart, Cllr Kentish-Barnes, Cllr Leach, Cllr Taylor and Cllr Thomas.

The Assistant Clerk was in attendance.

6 members of the public were present.

### **ST BARTHOLOMEW'S**

Mr Dixon, churchwarden, gave the Committee details of the church's plans for an extension to the church in order to provide a meeting room, disabled toilet and catering facilities and for a new parking area. Councillors asked questions on the church's plans and confirmed that emergency access would still be required and that the graves must be protected from cars.

### **WD/2016/0243/FA**

The applicants explained the reasons for their application and Councillors asked them questions on it. A member of the public commented that within 6 months of opening the school had achieved an 'outstanding' Ofsted report.

### **WD/2016/0436/F**

The applicants confirmed that no trees with preservation orders on them would be affected by the application. They have also researched the sustainability and have responded to Wealden District Council's previous concerns. The Chair reiterated the Parish Council's response to the previous application.

### 65/16 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr Clark, Cllr Hatcher, Cllr Holmwood and Cllr Stevens and from Cllr Rivers after the meeting.

### 66/16 **MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:** that the Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 29 February 2016, having been previously circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

**DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST IN MATTERS ON THE AGENDA**

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| Patrick Coffey | WD/2016/0243/FA | Personal | Knows objectors and was planning officer on original application. |
| Patrick Coffey | WD/2016/0424/F  | Personal | Knows the architect   |
| Patrick Coffey | WD/2016/0198/F  | Personal | Knows the leaseholder   |

All members of the Committee disclosed a personal interest in WD/2016/0243/FA as they know the owner of the land as he used to be a Parish Councillor

**MATTERS ARISING**

There were none.

**TREE WORKS**

There were no works to report on.

**PLANNING APPLICATIONS****WD/2016/0198/F**

58-62 HIGH STREET, HEATHFIELD TN21 8JB. Conversion of first floor from commercial use to five 1 and 2 bedroom flats

**OBSERVATIONS:** The Committee support the application, they feel the use is acceptable and welcome the provision of small unit housing. They are disappointed at the lack of a parking provision.

**WD/2016/0300/PD**

WOODBERRY, HAILSHAM ROAD, HEATHFIELD TN21 8AS. Single storey rear extension

**OBSERVATIONS:** The Committee object on the grounds that it is overdevelopment of the site. They are concerned about the party wall aspect of the application and questioned whether the application constitutes permitted development.

**WD/2016/0424/F**

MAYNARDS OAK, FRARY WALK, MAYNARDS GREEN TN21 ODH.  
Alterations and additions

**OBSERVATIONS:** The Committee object to the application on the grounds of overdevelopment of the site. They feel that the application is out of character to the rest of the building and that there is also a potential adverse impact on the neighbouring house.

**WD/2016/0243/FA**

KIRBY FARM, FOXHUNT GREEN, WALDRON, HEATHFIELD TN21 ORU. Variation of conditions 6 and 7 of WD/2001/2808/F (Conversion of agricultural building to private nursery school and associated change of use of land to provide access, parking and turning facilities and garden), in order to change the opening hours and increase the number of children to 30

**OBSERVATIONS:** The Committee support the application. They feel that the increase in the number of children and the longer hours is justified in terms of the spread of car journeys and the accessing of the site. The Committee welcome the additional employment and do not consider there will be highways safety issues.

**WD/2016/0345/FR**

FARNFIELDS BARN, POTTENS MILL LANE, BROAD OAK, HEATHFIELD TN21 8UA. *Retrospective application for an extension to stable to form tack room*

**OBSERVATIONS:** The Committee support the application subject to the use being as applied for. They feel that the size and appearance of the tack room is in character with the locality. They are disappointed with the retrospective nature of the application.

**WD/2016/0173/FA**

EASTLEA, NORTH STREET, PUNNETTS TOWN TN21 9DT. Minor material amendment to WD/2013/1474/F (two-storey extension to existing house) – alteration to roof pitches to rear and use of velux windows instead of casements

**OBSERVATIONS:** The Committee support the application and consider that the proposed modifications are acceptable and in character with the current building.

**WD/2016/0395/F**

HERRINGS LANE, CROSS IN HAND, HEATHFIELD TN21 OUG. Proposed single storey outbuilding to replace existing

**OBSERVATIONS:** The Committee support the application and feel that the size and character of the outbuilding is in character with the locality and that the application is an improvement to the building.

**WD/2016/0457/F**

9 BROAD HILL CLOSE, BROAD OAK TN21 8SG. Single storey pitched roof extension to side elevation to form bathroom

**OBSERVATIONS:** The Committee support the application and feel that the size and appearance of the extension is in character with the locality. Neighbours should be consulted for their views on the application.

**WD/2016/0412/F**

LITTLE TREES, HARLEY LANE, HEATHFIELD TN21 8AG. Single storey rear extension with raised patio and side porch and canopy above new kitchen door

**OBSERVATIONS:** The Committee support the application and feel that the size and appearance of the proposed development is in character with the locality. Neighbours should be consulted for their views on the application.

**WD/2016/0479/F**

14 BROAD HILL CLOSE, BROAD OAK, HEATHFIELD TN21 8SG.  
Conversion of rear facing dormer to form habitable rooms

**OBSERVATIONS:** The Committee support the application subject to neighbours' views that will be sought by WDC.

**WD/2016/0436/F**

LAURELHURST, POSSINGWORTH CLOSE, CROSS IN HAND,  
HEATHFIELD TN21 OTL. Detached house and garage. Resubmission of  
WD/2015/1832/F

**OBSERVATIONS:** The Committee objects to the application on planning policy grounds, as it would provide a new dwelling in the countryside in an unsustainable location. The new access onto the busy B2101 is considered unacceptable and it is felt that further access is setting a precedent.

71/16 **FOOTPATH MATTERS**

A Councillor highlighted that a fingerpost at the junction of Moat Lane and Foxhunt Green appeared to have been pulled out and placed on the ground. *The Assistant Clerk will report to Highways* **Assistant Clerk**

72/16 **DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 29 March 2016 at 7.30 pm in the Ian Price Room, Heathfield Community Centre, Sheepsetting Lane, Heathfield.

73/16 **MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS**

A Councillor commented on the flooding at Mayfield Flats and it was agreed for the *Clerk to write to the Head of Highways requesting that the continuing flooding problem at this location be resolved.* **Clerk**

74/16 **CRIME AND DISORDER ACT SECTION 17**

There were considered to be no implications under the above Act.

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**RISK MANAGEMENT**

There were considered to be no risk management implications arising from matters discussed at the meeting.

The Meeting closed at 9:15p.m.

Signed:

Chairman

Dated: