

# **HEATHFIELD AND WALDRON PARISH COUNCIL**

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

**MONDAY 9 MAY 2016 AT 7.15 PM**

**At Heathfield Community Centre**

**PRESENT:** Mrs Clark, Mr Coffey (Chair), Mrs Holmwood, Mrs Leach, Mr Rivers, Mr Stevens, Mr Taylor and Mr Thomas.

The Clerk was in attendance.

20 members of the public were also present.

### **PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AT VINES CORNER**

Representatives from Parker Dann, MJB, GTA and Samuel and Son gave a presentation regarding proposed development at Vines Corner. It was currently a preliminary scheme of around 235 dwellings on three identified sites, 82 of which would be affordable housing units and with a high density of 2/3 bedroom units throughout the sites.

The Chairman reminded members of the public that these were preliminary plans and a Public Exhibition would be held on 8<sup>th</sup> June at which everyone would be given the opportunity to comment.

### **WD/2016/0866**

Owners of a neighbouring property spoke to the Committee about their objections to the application which sought to grant permanent permission for a hand car wash at Little London Garage.

**The meeting commenced at 8.08 p.m.**

116/16 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence had been received from Mr Hart, Mr Hatcher and Mrs Kentish-Barnes.

117/16 **MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:** that the Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 25 April 2016, having been previously circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

118/16 **DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST IN MATTERS ON THE AGENDA**

WD/2016/1782	Mr Thomas		Advised members he would be speaking at Wealden's Planning Committee regarding this application
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119/16 **MATTERS ARISING**

There were none.

120/16 **TREE WORKS**

There were no works to report on.

121/16 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**WD/2015/1782/MRM**

LAND TO THE REAR OF THE POLICE STATION, HIGH STREET, HEATHFIELD TN21 OUP. Reserved matters application pursuant to WD/2013/0635/MEA – Erection of 115 new residential dwellings of which 40% are to be affordable amended design to the following plots:70-73, 74-77, 100-104, 88-89, 95-99 and 3-5. *Amended site layout plan*

**OBSERVATIONS:** The Committee objected to the application. Whilst welcoming progress on some aspects of the scheme, including the realignment of some units, the concerns previously raised had not been addressed. The Committee supported the concerns of the Environment Agency regarding drainage and were saddened by the size of dwellings proposed, which did not meet local need.

**Mr Coffey left the meeting at 8.34 following consideration of the above item and Mrs Holmwood (Vice-Chairman) took the Chair.**

**WD/2016/0034/F**

POTTENS MILL FARM, POTTENS MILL LANE, BROAD OAK, HEATHFIELD TN21 8TY. Extension to farmhouse and the demolition of a store and stable and their replacement with a new storage building

**OBSERVATIONS:** The Committee supported the application and considered the size and appearance to be in keeping in the locality. The new storage building should be used for stated purposes only, ancillary to the dwelling.

**WD/2016/0035/LB**

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**WD/2016/0898/F**

TANGLEWOOD, POTTENS MILL LANE, BROAD OAK TN21 8TY.  
Proposed extension and internal alterations

**OBSERVATIONS:** The Committee supported the application and considered the size and appearance to be in keeping in the locality

**WD/2016/0808/MAJ**

VIP PRINT LTD (FORMERLY QUENTIN PRESS), GHYLL PRINT CENTRE, GHYLL ROAD INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, HEATHFIELD TN21 8AW. Change of use to Trampoline Centre and Café

**OBSERVATIONS:** The Committee supported the application and were pleased to see new business opportunities arising from the re-use of the building.

**WD/2016/0866/FA**

LITTLE LONDON GARAGE, LITTLE LONDON ROAD, HEATHFIELD TN21 OAY. Removal of condition 8 of WD/2015/0190/FR (Retrospective application for change of use from automotive sales area to hand car wash area) to enable the use of the site to continue permanently

**OBSERVATIONS:** The Committee objected to the removal of condition 8 and considered the use to be unacceptable due to the dangerous site access and noise nuisance to neighbouring properties. It was also considered that the hours of operation should be brought in line with other businesses on the site.

**WD/2016/0765/F**

HOMESTALLS, NEW POND HILL, CROSS IN HAND TN21 OLX.  
Replacement dwelling following the demolition of the stables and adjacent outbuildings (revised application following WD/2015/0093/F)

**OBSERVATIONS:** The Committee supported the application and considered the size and appearance to be in keeping in the locality. The reduction in size of the proposed dwelling was welcomed.

**WD/2016/7011/AD**

BODELLS FARM, NEWICK LANE, HEATHFIELD TN21 8PU. Formation of forestry track.

**OBSERVATIONS:** The Committee supported the application but raised concern that there were no protective layers in place to protect pipes under the track.

**WD/2016/0826/FR**

CHAPEL FARM, BATTLE ROAD, CHAPEL CROSS, HEATHFIELD TN21 9DB. Gates and walls (*part retrospective*)

**OBSERVATIONS:** The Committee objected to the application and considered it to be ostentatious and out of keeping in the locality. There were concerns that it could set a precedent in the locality.

**WD/2016/0954/F**

PEDLARS COTTAGE, SWIFE LANE, BROAD OAK TN21 8UU. Single storey kitchen extension to rear of dwelling

**OBSERVATIONS:** The Committee supported the application and considered the size and appearance to be in character in the locality.

122/16 **FOOTPATH MATTERS**

There were no matters to report.

123/16 **DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Monday 23 May 2016 at 7.30 pm in the Ian Price Room, Heathfield Community Centre, Sheepsetting Lane, Heathfield.

124/16 **MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS**

Mr Coffey had been approached by local residents about the condition and appearance of the hoarding at the rear of Heathfield Police Station. It was agreed that a letter should be sent to the developers requesting that they be tidied up and if possible repainted a more muted colour.

125/16 **CRIME AND DISORDER ACT SECTION 17**

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

126/16 **RISK MANAGEMENT**

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

The Meeting closed at 8.58 p.m.

Signed:

Chairman

Dated: