

HEATHFIELD AND WALDRON PARISH COUNCIL

HIGHWAYS, PLANNING & STREET LIGHTING COMMITTEE

MONDAY 4 JULY 2016 AT 7.30 PM

At Heathfield Community Centre

PRESENT: Mrs Clark, Mr Coffey (Chair), Mrs Holmwood, Mrs Kentish-Barnes, Mr Rivers, Mr Taylor and Mr Thomas.

The Clerk was in attendance.

8 members of the public were also present

WD/2016/1493/F

A resident of a property to the rear of the site spoke against the application.

WD/2016/1121

A nearby resident spoke against the application.

He then asked whether the Council had prepared, or were thinking of preparing, a Neighbourhood Plan. The Chairman explained that the process involved was a long and complicated one and in the past there was perceived to be no need due to the lack of housing allocated for Heathfield. Even if a plan was started now, a decision would have already been reached on the site allocations now being proposed, so a plan could not influence that consultation.

WD/2016/1439

Residents of the adjoining property spoke against the application.

The meeting commenced at 8.07 p.m.

172/16 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence had been received from Mr Hart, Mr Stevens and Mrs Leach.

173/16 **MINUTES**

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 20 June 2016, having been previously circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

174/16 **DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST IN MATTERS ON THE AGENDA**

Mr Coffey	personal	WD/2016/1126	Acquaintance of the applicant
Mr Coffey	personal	WD/2016/1193	Acquaintance of the planning consultant

Mr Coffey	personal	WD/2016/1471	Acquaintance of the architect
Mr Coffey	prejudicial	WD/2016/1121	Acted as planning consultant for the application
Mr Taylor	prejudicial	WD/2016/1475	Lives in adjacent property
Mr Taylor	personal	WD/2016/1332	Distant neighbour

175/16 **MATTERS ARISING**

There were none.

177/16 **TREE WORKS**

There were no works to report on.

178/16 **ESCC LIAISON MEETING**

Mrs Holmwood advised on matters discussed at the meeting and advised members to ring and report incidents of flooding at Mayfield Flat so that the gullies could be emptied. It had been reiterated that parking was no longer a matter for the Police, who would only act if it was considered to be dangerous.

The Heathfield parking review was discussed and a list had been produced by ESCC of possible identified sites. Only around 12 sites could be progressed and members were asked to look at the list to enable recommendations to be agreed at the next meeting.

179/16 **WDC – APPEAL RE: APP/C1435/W/16/3151715 – LAND ADJACENT TO CUCKMERE RISE, BROWNS LANE, CROSS IN HAND, HEATHFIELD**

The Committee noted that an appeal had been lodged.

180/16 **WDC – APPEAL RE: REDLANDS, 12 FOREST PLACE, CROSS IN HAND – OUTLINE APPLICATION FOR A SINGLE NEW BUILD PROPERTY**

The Committee noted that an appeal had been lodged.

181/16 **ESCC - STREET LIGHTING COLUMNS**

The Committee noted that two street lighting columns needed to be tested for structural stability and it was **RESOLVED** that this work be carried out through ESCC at a cost of £80.00 + VAT.

182/16 **WDC – WD/2016/0866/FA**

This related to continued use of the car wash business at Little London Garage and the Committee noted that it had been approved, with a restriction in hours. The Committee commented about excessive advertising signs.

183/16 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

WD/2016/1493/F

MUTTON HALL COTTAGE, MUTTON HALL LANE, HEATHFIELD TN21 8NT. Demolition of the existing dwelling and the erection of two 3-bedroom replacement dwellings with associated parking and widened access

OBSERVATIONS: The Committee objected to the application which was considered to be over-development of the site and out of character in the locality. It was considered that parking provision was insufficient and vehicles turning out of the driveway would present a hazard to pedestrians and other vehicles in this narrow lane. Neighbours' views should be taken into account due to potential overlooking of nearby properties.

WD/2016/1332/LDP

52 GEERS WOOD, HEATHFIELD TN21 OAR. Remove an existing predominantly glass conservatory extension attached to the rear of the semi-detached property and replace it with a single storey extension under a pitched roof

OBSERVATIONS: The Committee noted the application.

WD/2016/1471/F

13 SWAINES WAY, HEATHFIELD TN21 OAL. Ground floor extension to front of property forming additional bedroom and en-suite shower room

OBSERVATIONS: The Committee supported this application and considered the size and appearance to be in keeping in the locality. There should be no windows on the south elevation.

WD/2016/1475/LDP

77 GEERS WOOD, HEATHFIELD TN21 OAR. Single storey extension to rear of house

OBSERVATIONS: The Committee noted the application.

WD/2016/1126/F

NORTH LODGE, HEATHFIELD PARK, HEATHFIELD TN21 8RB. First floor extension to existing garage/studio to form guest accommodation

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

WD/2016/1439/F

HILLSIDE, 1 WEAVERS BROOK LANE, HEATHFIELD TN21 9AN Erection of new garage and workshop

OBSERVATIONS: The Committee objected to the application due to its height and bulk which are intrusive on the site and considered it to be less favourable than the previous proposal. There are considered to be unauthorised and inappropriate commercial activities already taking place at this site which is on a very narrow lane and a report will be made to the enforcement section in this regard.

WD/2016/1392/LDP

WHITEWOOD COTTAGE, SWIFE LANE, TN21 8UR. Conversion of porch to create cloakroom form new entrance

OBSERVATIONS: The Committee noted the application.

WD/2016/1331/F

DOWNS VIEW, HIGH STREET, CROSS IN HAND TN21 OSR. Two storey extension to rear of the property to include utility room on ground floor and bedroom on first floor.

OBSERVATIONS: The Committee supported this application and considered the size and appearance to be in keeping in the locality. There should be no windows on the east flank of the extension.

WD/2016/1501/F

BEAVER BEECH FARMHOUSE, MAYFIELD FLAT, CROSS IN HAND, HEATHFIELD TN21 OUT. Replacement porch

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

WD/2016/1421/FA

HILL WATERS, FIRGROVE ROAD, CROSS IN HAND TN21 OQL. Minor material amendment to WD/2015/0699/F (erection of new garage, extension of existing sunroom to annexe including alterations to existing garage, first floor extension and ground floor kitchen/breakfast room extension) involving revisions to design of garage

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

WD/2016/1451/F

DOWNVIEW, LEWES ROAD, CROSS IN HAND, HEATHFIELD TN21 OTA.
Extension and alterations to single storey dwelling house

OBSERVATIONS: The Committee supported this application and considered the size and appearance to be in keeping in the locality, providing the extension was used ancillary to the existing dwelling only.

WD/2016/1121/F

ST CATHERINE'S CATHOLIC CHURCH, MUTTON HALL HILL,
HEATHFIELD, TN21 8NL. Demolition of a redundant Church and construction of a terrace block of 3 four-bedroom houses and a further detached three-bedroom house with associated parking and entrance.

OBSERVATIONS: The Committee objected to the application which was considered to be over-development of the site, out of keeping in the locality and inadequate parking provision.

184/16 **FOOTPATH MATTERS**

There were no matters to consider.

185/16 **DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Monday 18 July 2016 at 7.30 pm in the Ian Price Room, Heathfield Community Centre, Sheepsetting Lane, Heathfield.

186/16 **MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS**

Mr Rivers had raised the poor condition of the hoardings outside former Betting Shop, Station Road and it was agreed that it be raised with Wealden.

187/16 **CRIME AND DISORDER ACT SECTION 17**

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

188/16 **RISK MANAGEMENT**

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

The Meeting closed at 8.56 p.m.

Signed:

Chairman

Dated: