

# **HEATHFIELD AND WALDRON PARISH COUNCIL**

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

**MONDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2016 AT 7.30 PM**

**At Heathfield Community Centre**

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

The Clerk was in attendance.

Mr Barber from MJB and a member of the public were also present.

### **WD/2016/1989/MAJ**

Mr Barber outlined the design for the scheme, which comprised a mix of housing, live/work units and business.

**The Meeting commenced at 7.50 p.m.**

#### 238/16 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

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

#### 239/16 **MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:** that the Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 30 August 2016, having been previously circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

#### 240/16 **DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST IN MATTERS ON THE AGENDA**

Mr Taylor	WD/2016/2136	prejudicial	Close neighbour
Mr Coffey	WD/2016/1989	personal	Acquaintance of agent/archtect

#### 241/16 **MATTERS ARISING**

The Clerk reported on the response received from Wealden District Council regarding the condition of the former betting shop in Station Road. They had been unable to receive a response from the last known owner and did not feel that a Section 215 Untidy Land Notice was appropriate at this time.

#### 242/16 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

##### **WD/2016/1752/F**

FOX HOLE FARM BARN, FOX HOLE LANE, BROAD OAK, TN21 8UY.  
Change of use from storage to B1 Light Industrial. Replacement of existing storage building with a new craft workshop.

**OBSERVATIONS:** The Committee supported the application, considered the use to be suitable in the area and an improvement over the existing building. Use should be for stated purposes only and neighbours' views should be taken into account as they may be adversely affected.

**WD/2016/1895/F**

HIGH VIEW, NORTH STREET, WALDRON, TN21 0QT. Loft conversion with 3 rear dormers with single Juliette balcony and rooflight to front elevation.

**OBSERVATIONS:** The Committee objected to the application, which was considered to be excessive and out of keeping in the locality and would adversely impact upon neighbours.

**WD/2016/1989/MAJ**

THE BEEHIVE PUBLIC HOUSE, BURWASH ROAD, HEATHFIELD, TN21 8RA. The demolition of the existing public house and outbuildings and the erection of 3 B1 commercial units, 2 live-work dwellings and 17 apartments.

**OBSERVATIONS:** The Committee supported the application and considered the use to be suitable in the area. The mix of housing, live/work units and commercial was considered to be attractive and was welcomed. The Committee made the following comments:

Adequate protection of trees during construction should be made

The development should be phased to ensure delivery of the business units

Lighting should be kept to as low a level as appropriate

An appropriate contribution in lieu of affordable housing provision should be made

The need for a geophysical survey was queried, particularly in relation to the car park area.

**WD/2016/2034/F**

THE MANSE, TILSMORE ROAD, HEATHFIELD, TN21 0XU. Second storey side extension.

**OBSERVATIONS:** The Committee supported the application and considered the size and appearance to be in keeping in the locality. There should be no additional window on the side and neighbours' views should be taken into account as they may be adversely affected.

**WD/2016/2066/F**

RINGMERE, HALLEY ROAD, BROAD OAK, HEATHFIELD, TN21 8TG. Enclosure of existing carport to form a single garage of the same size.

**OBSERVATIONS:** The Committee supported the application and considered the size and appearance to be an improvement over the existing. Neighbours' views should be sought as they may be adversely affected.

**WD/2016/2078/F**

LIONS LODGE, LITTLE LONDON ROAD, HEATHFIELD, TN21 0LU.  
Replace existing thatched roof with standard tiles.

**OBSERVATIONS:** The Committee supported the application although expressed disappointment at the loss of the thatched roof of this “Lions Green” style house. The tiles should be in keeping with the age of the building.

**WD/2016/2136/F**

77 GEERS WOOD, HEATHFIELD, TN21 0AR. Single storey rear extension.

**OBSERVATIONS:** The Committee supported the application and considered the size and appearance to be suitable in the locality. Neighbours’ views should be taken into account as they may be adversely affected.

**Mr Taylor left the room during consideration of the above application.**

**WD/2016/1744/FR**

39 SWAINES WAY, HEATHFIELD TN21 0AN. Retrospective application for adjustment of garden levels, new summer house, garden store and new building to be used as a commercial property.

**OBSERVATIONS:** The Committee objected most strongly to the proposed use, which was considered to be totally inappropriate in a residential area by reason of noise, activity and increased traffic, which would have an adverse impact on neighbours. There were concerns about the disposal of cat litter and waste and possible pollution of the ghyll below.

The Committee were also very concerned about the retrospective nature of the application.

243/16 **FOOTPATH MATTERS**

There were no matters to report.

244/16 **VERBAL REPORT – PARISH PLANNING PANEL MEETING 5  
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The Chairman gave a brief report on the meeting and reported that Wealden hoped to have the draft Issues and Options/SHELAA report available on 9 November. The Committee noted that recent High Court decisions over challenges to affordable housing numbers might lead to Wealden revising their figures downwards. The District Council were setting up a housing company and would buy back housing stocks and develop new sites.

245/16 **DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Monday 26 September 2016 at 7.30 pm in the Ian Price Room, Heathfield Community Centre, Sheepsetting Lane, Heathfield.

246/16 **MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS**

There were none.

247/16 **CRIME AND DISORDER ACT SECTION 17**

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

248/16 **RISK MANAGEMENT**

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

The Meeting closed at 8.41 p.m.

Signed:

Chairman

Dated: