

# **HEATHFIELD AND WALDRON PARISH COUNCIL**

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

**MONDAY 21 NOVEMBER 2016 AT 7.30 PM**

**At Heathfield Community Centre**

**PRESENT:** Cllr Coffey (Chairman), Cllr Clark, Cllr Hart, Cllr Holmwood, Cllr Kentish-Barnes, Cllr Leach, Cllr Rivers, Cllr Taylor and Cllr Thomas

The Assistant Clerk was in attendance.

4 members of the public were present regarding application WD/2016/2708/F North Dean, Tilsmore Road.

A member of the public explained to the committee his and his wife's reasons for objecting to the North Dean application. The applicant advised the committee of the changes that have been made to the original application. Committee members asked questions on the plans, the location to neighbours and the building line.

### 303/16 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs Stevens and Hatcher

### 304/16 **MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:** that the Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 7 November 2016, having been previously circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

### 305/16 **DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST IN MATTERS ON THE AGENDA**

Cllr Hart	WD/2016/2574/FR	Personal	Knows agent
Cllr Coffey	WD/2016/2708/F	personal	Knows neighbour
Cllr Holmwood	WD/2016/2708/F	Personal	Knows neighbour

### 306/16 **MATTERS ARISING**

It was confirmed that the application for the Beehive site had been approved by WDC.

### 307/16 **TREE WORKS**

There were none to report.

### 308/16 **EMAIL FROM DAN WITCHER, ESCC RE LAND TO REAR OF POLICE STATION, HIGH STREET, HEATHFIELD RE PROPOSAL OF RIGHT TURN LANE ONTO THE A265**

The committee support the provision of a right turn lane into the new development.

309/16 **UPDATE ON THE WEALDEN LOCAL PLAN**

Cllr Coffey advised that WDC are awaiting further reports before they submit the Wealden Local Plan which will hopefully be in early 2017.

310/16 **TO CONSIDER BUDGET FOR 2017/18**

The Assistant Clerk explained the proposed budget.

The fingerposts at the triangle on School Hill and at the bottom of Moat Lane were highlighted as requiring work. *The Assistant Clerk will contact the Councillor undertaking the fingerpost survey and see if it has commenced.*

**Assistant Clerk**

The budget of £7500 for 2017/18 was approved.

The Chair brought the following item forward:

311/16 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS:**

**WD/2016/2708/F**

NORTH DEAN, TILSMORE ROAD, HEATHFIELD TN21 OXU. Proposed front elevation (re-submission of WD/2016/1235/F)

**OBSERVATIONS:** The Committee support the application providing that the parking and turning area is satisfactorily provided in accordance with the plans. Also that the extension is used in conjunction with the existing dwelling. The Committee requests that a condition be added for an appropriate survey to be undertaken to ensure that there is a suitable drainage scheme for the site. They also request that permitted development rights be removed for flank windows on the extension, that the trees and hedges are protected during and after works and that materials are to WDC's satisfaction.

Cllrs Leach and Holmwood requested that their vote against the application be recorded.

**WD/2016/2673/F**

MYTOGEN HOUSE, 11 BROWNING ROAD, HEATHFIELD TN21 8DB. Roof to be raised by 900mm and external refurbishment comprising roof cladding replacements, new stair enclosure and certain external door and window alterations.

**OBSERVATIONS:** The Committee support the application which would benefit a local business and considers the proposals to be an improvement over the existing.

**WD/2016/2417/F**

11 THEOBALDS GREEN, HEATHFIELD TN21 8BT. Side window first floor bedroom, roof light to en-suite and single storey porch extensions

**OBSERVATIONS:** The Committee support the application, the size and appearance is in character with the surrounding area.

**WD/2016/2675/F**

RAGGED DOG HOUSE, RAGGED DOG LANE, WALDRON TN21 ONJ. Erection of new traditional three bay oak fronted timber framed barn over an existing brick paved parking area.

**OBSERVATIONS:** The Committee support the application, the size and appearance is in character with the surrounding area. They request that the barn be tied to the existing house.

**WD/2016/2684/F**

FOXHOLE FARM BARN, FOX HOLE LANE, BROAD OAK, HEATHFIELD TN21 8UY. Replace existing builders storage building that is no longer fit for purpose with a new craft workshop. Change of use from storage to B1 light industrial

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

**WD/2016/2538/F**

PRIORS FARM, STREET END LANE, BROAD OAK, HEATHFIELD TN21 8TU. Demolition of storage barns and construction of 2 no. new dwellings and garages with associated change of use of land to residential curtilage

**OBSERVATIONS:** The Committee do not support the application as it is in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, is out of character with the surrounding area, sets a precedent for the area and is overdevelopment of the site.

Cllrs. Thomas and Hart requested that their vote to support the application be recorded.

**WD/2016/2574/FR**

MERRIEWEATHERS, PROSPECT ROAD, HEATHFIELD TN21 8EN. Construction of a single garage and retrospective approval for alteration of boundary construction against the highway

**OBSERVATIONS:** The Committee support the application, the size and appearance is in character with the surrounding area. The Committee expressed concern that the fence was installed without permission.

**WD/2016/2375/F**

65 HIGH STREET, HEATHFIELD TN21 8HU. Additions to provide two single bedroom flats above existing shop with small extensions for retail unit storage

**OBSERVATIONS:** The Committee support the application, the size and appearance is in character with the surrounding area. The Committee requested that the blocking of the door and window into the neighbours' be clarified. They also requested that the neighbours be consulted.

**WD/2016/2723/LB**

TANNERS MANOR, FURNACE LANE, LIONS GREEN, WALDRON TN21 OPJ. Addition to a garden pavilion

**OBSERVATIONS:** The Committee supported the application and considered the size and appearance to be in keeping. Use should be restricted to stated purposes only, ancillary to the dwelling and archaeological implications should be thoroughly explored before development commences.

312/16 **TO CONSIDER WHETHER PARISH COUNCIL STAFF SHOULD BE ISSUING HEDGE AND TREE CUTTING NOTICES**

A discussion was held on whether staff should issue hedge and tree cutting notices. The Assistant Clerk advised that this would speed up the process however staff needed to ensure that problems reported to them justified the issuing of the notice. Concern was expressed that the Parish Council would be undertaking work previously performed by ESCC Highways.

It was agreed that providing the staff were in agreement with issuing the notices that they would be sent out from the Parish Council office. *Assistant Clerk to raise with staff.* **Assistant Clerk**

313/16 **FOOTPATH MATTERS**

There were no matters to discuss.

314/16 **DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Monday 5 December 2016 at 7.30 pm at the Heathfield Community Centre, Sheepsetting Lane, Heathfield.

315/16 **MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS**

A copy of Councillor South's proposal for a 30mph speed limit from the entrance to Jewson's on the A265 together with a mini roundabout at the junction of the A267 and B2102 (Cross in Hand High Street) had been sent to Committee

members prior to the meeting. The Committee agreed to take this proposal forward to ESCC Highways and to also copy in WDC to see if there was funding available from the Community Infrastructure Levy. *Assistant Clerk to write to WDC and ESCC.*  
**Assistant Clerk**

316/16 **CRIME AND DISORDER ACT SECTION 17**

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

317/16 **RISK MANAGEMENT**

To consider effects (if any) arising from items on the Agenda

The Meeting closed at 9:05p.m.

Signed:

Chairman

Dated: