

# **HEATHFIELD AND WALDRON PARISH COUNCIL**

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

**MONDAY 9 JANUARY 2017 AT 7.30 PM**

**At Heathfield Community Centre**

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

The Assistant Clerk was in attendance.

2 members of the public were present.

A member of the public advised that he had been monitoring the traffic lights at Vines Corner. He has met with a representative from ESCC Highways and has copied the Parish Council in on the correspondence he has had with them. The configuration has been changed on the traffic lights and the sensors have been removed. There is currently a problem with drivers going through the red lights. The representative from ESCC is looking into what changes have been made to the lights, why they were made and what the results have been from these changes.

01/17 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies had been received from Cllrs Hart, Stevens, Taylor and Thomas

02/17 **MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:** that the Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 19 December 2016, having been previously circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

03/17 **DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST IN MATTERS ON THE AGENDA**

Cllr Coffey	Personal	WD/2016/3001/O	Knows the agent & working with him on a different (unconnected) application
Cllr Holmwood	Personal	WD/2016/2884/F	Knows the applicant

04/17 **MATTERS ARISING**

Nothing raised.

05/17 **TREE WORKS**

There were none to report.

**PLANNING APPLICATIONS****WD/2016/2849/F**

POOK REED, POOK REED LANE, HEATHFIELD TN21 OAU. Demolition of existing building and removal of lean-to container and erection of new replacement steel-framed storage building in association with landscaping and ground work contractor's yard

**OBSERVATIONS:** The Council support the application as it tidies up and is an improvement to the site, however appropriate conditions should be added to protect the amenities of the neighbouring properties.

**WD/2016/2932/LDP**

BIRCHAM TOFFS, ALEXANDRA ROAD, HEATHFIELD TN21 8EH. Construction forming a new WC under a projecting roof dormer (matching existing) to an existing first floor bedroom

**OBSERVATIONS:** The Council support the application as they feel it is in keeping and in character with the surrounding area.

**WD/2016/2964/F**

LITTLE DUDSLAND, LEWES ROAD, CROSS IN HAND, HEATHFIELD TN21 OTA. Proposed single storey side extension

**OBSERVATIONS:** My Council support this application and considers the size and appearance to be in keeping in the locality. Neighbours' views should be taken into account as they may be adversely affected.

**WD/2016/3001/O**

BRACKEN, THORNY CLOSE, HEATHFIELD TN21 OAA. 3 bedroom detached house in the garden of existing dwelling (re-submission of WD/2016/1843/O)

**OBSERVATIONS:** My Council do not support the application for the following reasons:

- It is overdevelopment of the site;
- Out of character for the area;
- The design is imposing on the street scene and the adjoining properties;
- Inadequate parking for the 2 properties which will exacerbate parking and traffic conditions in the area.

**WD/2016/2884/F**

SPRING COTTAGE, MAYFIELD FLAT, CROSS IN HAND, HEATHFIELD TN21 OUT. The replacement of the existing building yard and associated

buildings with a single 4-bedroom dwelling with associated parking, detached garage, access and hard and soft landscaping.

**OBSERVATIONS:** The Council do not support the application as it is in an Area of Outstanding Beauty and would set a precedent. We also feel that the proposed building is too large.

**WD/2016/2379/F**

EASTLAYS, HAILSHAM ROAD, HEATHFIELD TN21 8EA. Change of use of ground floor to residential with extension to existing residential unit on first floor. Conversion of loft into new residential unit

**OBSERVATIONS:** The Council supports the application and considers the size and appearance to be in character and would tidy up the site. There should be no windows on the flank wall. The small unit of housing was welcomed.

07/17 **PROPOSAL FOR MINI ROUNDABOUT AND 30 MPH SPEED LIMIT AT ISENHURST JUNCTION REJECTED BY ESCC**

The committee went through the response from ESCC. It was agreed for the *Assistant Clerk to respond to ESCC Highways advising that the Council consider that the potential for a speed limit reduction should still be pursued as part of traffic calming measures in the area, thereby providing a justification for a new mini roundabout.*

**Assistant Clerk**

08/17 **MINUTES OF PARISH PLANNING PANEL**

The minutes had been copied to Councillors prior to the meeting. The Chair went through some of the items with the committee.

09/17 **FOOTPATH MATTERS**

The meeting was advised that a member of the public is looking at the state of the fingerpost and footpath signs and will report back to the Parish Council. The *Assistant Clerk will request that Highways clean the fingerpost at the junction of Battle Road and School Hill.*

**Assistant Clerk**

10/17 **DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Monday 23 January 2017 at 7.30 pm at the Heathfield Community Centre, Sheepsetting Lane, Heathfield.

11/17 **MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS**

None received

12/17 **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 effects arising from items on the Agenda

The Meeting closed at 8:26p.m.

Signed:

Chairman

Dated: