

HEATHFIELD AND WALDRON PARISH COUNCIL

HIGHWAYS, PLANNING & STREET LIGHTING COMMITTEE

MONDAY 6 MARCH 2017 AT 7.30 PM

At Heathfield Community Centre

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

The Clerk was in attendance.

District Cllr Bowdler, and approximately 50 members of the public also attended

WD/2017/0153/MAJ

Ms Hayes, Mr Scott and Mr Long spoke in opposition to this application.

The Meeting commenced at 7.57 p.m.

54/17 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies had been received from Mr Hart.

55/17 **MINUTES**

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 20 February 2017, having been previously circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

56/17 **DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST IN MATTERS ON THE AGENDA**

Mrs Holmwood	WD/2017/0153	personal	Her daughter lives nearby to the proposed development. An objector (Ms Hayes) is also an acquaintance
Mrs Clark	WD/2017/0153	personal	Long-term resident of the village and knows several objectors
Mrs Kentish-Barnes	WD/2017/0153	personal	Acquaintance of an objector
Mr Coffey	WD/2017/0258	personal	Acquaintance of the agent
Mrs Kentish-Barnes	WD/2017/0258	personal	Acquaintance of the agent
Mr Coffey	WD/2017/362	personal	Acquaintance of the agent

57/17 **MATTERS ARISING**

There were none.

58/17 **TREE WORKS**

There were none to report.

59/17 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

WD/2017/0153/MAJ

LAND AT PONT CLOSE, PUNNETTS TOWN, HEATHFIELD. Development of 22 residential units (including 8 affordable units on site), internal roads and parking, informal open space, together with hard and soft landscaping

OBSERVATIONS: The Committee objected to the application which was within the AONB, on a prominent ridgetop location and out of character in the locality. The Committee also objected for the following reasons:

- 1) The development would set a precedent in the locality
- 2) It would have an adverse impact on neighbouring property by reason of overlooking and loss of privacy
- 3) The proposed access was poor and would exacerbate highway safety concerns and there was a no transport strategy report in view of the lack of public transport
- 4) There was concern over drainage arrangements
- 5) A flood risk assessment would need to be made
- 6) Local infrastructure was already inadequate – regular power and water outages and no gas in the village
- 7) The development would result in a loss of hedgerow
- 8) The development was contrary to the draft Local Plan
- 9) The development would impact upon the “dark skies” enjoyed in the area

The meeting closed at 8.14 to enable the agent to speak

Mr Barber spoke in support of the application.

The meeting re-commenced at 8.20

WD/2017/0258/F

HEATHERLEA, NEWICK LANE, HEATHFIELD TN21 8PT. Demolition of the existing dwelling, annexe, static mobile home, workshops and outbuildings and the erection of a residential development comprising 7 dwellings – resubmission of WD/2016/2113/MAJ

OBSERVATIONS: The Committee supported the application and welcomed the revised scheme, which has been further reduced. There should be adequate landscaping/screening of the site and a satisfactory drainage plant should be installed.

The meeting closed at 8.29 to enable the agent to speak

Ms Luxton spoke in support of the application.

The meeting re-commenced at 8.34 p.m.

WD/2017/0184/F

LAND ADJACENT TO LAURELHURST, POSSINGWORTH CLOSE, CROSS IN HAND TN21 OTL. Detached house and garage

OBSERVATIONS: The Committee supported the application and considered the size and appearance to be in character in the locality. There should be suitable protection of trees and hedgerows during the construction works.

The meeting closed at 8.42 to enable the agent and applicant to speak

The agent, Mr Jenner spoke in support of the application and the applicant answered questions from the Committee.

The Meeting re-commenced at 8.50 p.m.

WD/2017/0235/F

OLIVES FARM, BACK LANE, CROSS IN HAND, HEATHFIELD, TN21 OQG. Erection of 2 no. residential dwellings, access, landscaping and associated infrastructure

OBSERVATIONS: The Committee supported the application and considered the size and appearance to be in keeping in the locality. Suitable screening of the site should be provided.

WD/2016/2809/F

56 DOWNVIEW, HEATHFIELD, EAST SUSSEX TN21 8PF. Formation of room in roof space together with front facing dormer, internal alterations to include staircase providing access to attic

OBSERVATIONS: The Committee objected to the application which was considered to be out of keeping in the locality. Although some minor amendments appear to have been made, the additional velux windows were considered to be inappropriate and would lead to loss of privacy for neighbouring properties.

WD/2017/0360/F

BARFIELD COTTAGE, WALDRON, EAST SUSSEX TN21 ORE. Detached summer house with timber decking

OBSERVATIONS: The Committee supported the application providing use was restricted to stated purposes only, ancillary to the dwelling.

WD/2017/0282/F

LITTLE MONKHURST COTTAGE, SANDY CROSS LANE, HEATHFIELD TN21 8QR. Demolition of existing outbuilding and erection of a timber single storey outbuilding housing a single garage, bike store and workshop

OBSERVATIONS: The Committee supported the application and considered the size and appearance to be in keeping in the locality. Use should be restricted to stated purposes only, ancillary to the dwelling.

WD/2017/0267/F

15 BAY TREE CLOSE, HEATHFIELD TN21 8YG. Construction of a single storey pitched roof side extension and front pitched roof porch

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

WD/2017/0065/A1

43 HIGH STREET, HEATHFIELD, TN21 8HU. 1 x fascia sign and 1 x projecting sign

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

WD/2017/0362/F

LAND AT LITTLE MARKLYE, MARKLYE LANE, HEATHFIELD TN21 8QB. Erection of field gate

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

60/17 **ESCC LIAISON MEETING HELD ON 8 FEBRUARY 2017**

The Minutes of the meeting had been circulated to Members. Mrs Holmwood advised that a separate meeting regarding the Isenhurst junction would take place on Monday 13 March 2017 in the Parish Council Offices starting at 1.00 pm.

61/17 **FOOTPATH MATTERS**

Nothing to report.

62/17 **DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Monday 20 March 2017 at 7.30 pm at the Heathfield Community Centre, Sheepsetting Lane, Heathfield.

63/17 **MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS**

None received

64/17 **CRIME AND DISORDER ACT SECTION 17**

There were considered to be no implications under the above Act in respect of matters discussed at the meeting.

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RISK MANAGEMENT

There were considered to be no effects arising from items on the Agenda in respect of matters discussed at the meeting.

The Meeting closed at 9.14 p.m.

Signed:

Chairman

Dated: