

HEATHFIELD AND WALDRON PARISH COUNCIL

HIGHWAYS, PLANNING & STREET LIGHTING COMMITTEE

MONDAY 15 MAY 2017 AT 7.30 PM

At Heathfield Community Centre

PRESENT: Cllr Coffey (Chairman), Cllr Holmwood, Cllr Kentish-Barnes and Cllr Taylor.

The Assistant Clerk was in attendance.

4 members of the public were present.

The applicants for WD/2017/0731/F – 2 Bramble Court, gave information on their application. Councillors asked questions.

The Clerk advised that as the Parish Council own part of the land being considered for application WD/2017/0813/F – Cypress Field, that they have a disclosable pecuniary interest. As attending officer she gave the Councillors dispensation to discuss and comment on the application.

Mr M Barber from MJB Architecture gave a presentation to the meeting on the Cypress Field application. He confirmed that they were willing to have planning conditions to restrict the hours of use and so that the pavilion couldn't be used for private hiring. Councillors asked Mr Barber questions on the application.

Mr Barber then gave a presentation on the plans for the Kensington Appliances site which it is intended will have a smaller retail area, will be on 3 floors with 9 residential flats. Councillors asked Mr Barber questions on the proposed application.

A member of the public asked if the flats would be part of the Local Plan numbers for Heathfield or whether they would count as windfalls. Mr Barber advised that this was unknown, however they may count as windfall sites.

126/17 **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN**

It was proposed by Cllr. Kentish-Barnes and seconded by Cllr. Taylor that Cllr Coffey continue as Chair of the committee, this was agreed by all.

It was proposed by Cllr. Kentish-Barnes and seconded by Cllr. Taylor that Cllr Holmwood continue as Vice Chair of the committee, this was agreed by all.

127/17 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies had been received from Cllrs Rivers, Thomas and Leach these were accepted. [Apologies were received from Cllr Hart on 16th May].

128/17 **DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST IN MATTERS ON THE AGENDA**

Cllr Kentish-Barnes	Personal	WD/2017/0813/F	Knows the agent
Cllr Taylor	Personal	WD/2017/0813/F	Connection to rugby club
Cllr Coffey	Personal	WD/2017/0813/F	Knows the agent through

	Personal	WD/2017/0876/F	work
	Personal	WD/2017/0797/F	Knows the agent and applicant through work.
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129/17 **MINUTES**

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 2 May 2017, having been previously circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

130/17 **MATTERS ARISING**

Minute 119/17 To approve repairs to column 5 street light in Burwash Road

The Assistant Clerk advised that the Parish Council had been invoiced for work on the lighting column, however a credit note had since been issued as the work hadn't been undertaken as the column had been removed following a motoring accident. The Parish Council are looking into claiming for the cost for a new column from the driver's insurance company.

131/17 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

WD/2017/0731/F

2 BRAMBLE COURT, STATION ROAD, HEATHFIELD TN21 8DR.

Extension to rear-single storey

OBSERVATIONS: The Committee support the application. They feel that the size and appearance of the extension is in keeping with the character of the property and that it fits in with the surrounding area. They request that neighbours be consulted.

WD/2017/0813/F

CYPRESS FIELD, HEATHFIELD AND WALDRON RUGBY CLUB, A267, CROSS IN HAND, HEATHFIELD TN21 OQZ. New pavilion and separate storage building, plus alterations and additions to parking facilities – during discussion on the response the Chair suspended standing orders so that the agent could be asked about the lighting.

OBSERVATIONS: The Committee support the proposals which will provide much needed sports and recreation facilities in the parish. They support the layout and design of the application and feel that the design of the pavilion is attractive and in keeping with the surrounding area. They welcome the additional parking spaces.

The Committee feel that the application should be subject to conditions tying it to the rugby and archery clubs. Also that existing hedgerows and trees should be protected during construction.

The Committee feel that lighting should be restricted to security and low-level lighting.

WD/2017/0797F

LITTLE BROOKE, 39 SWAINES WAY, HEATHFIELD TN21 0AN.

Retrospective application for the adjustment of existing garden levels, new summer house, garden store and new building to be used as a commercial cattery

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 and that the lighting in the garden is having an impact on neighbours. They also objected to the sign that has recently been installed at the property for the cattery.

The Committee feel that the site should be returned to its original state.

WD/2017/0872/F

BARLEY MOW HOUSE, BATTLE ROAD, PUNNETTS TOWN TN21 9DL.

Replace four uvpc windows in front elevation with aluminium framed windows in anthracite grey

OBSERVATIONS: The Committee do not support the application as they feel that the design of the windows is out of character with the building.

Cllr Coffey left the room at 8:26pm whilst the next application was being discussed. Cllr Holmwood chaired the meeting for this item.

WD/2017/0876/F

CONEYBURROW WOOD, STREET END LANE, BROAD OAK,

HEATHFIELD TN21 8TU. Proposed new dwelling to replace existing redundant agricultural building

OBSERVATIONS: The Committee do not support this application as it is in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. They feel that it would set a precedent and that it isn't on the site of the current footprint and is larger than the existing building.

Cllr Coffey rejoined the meeting at 8:31pm.

WD/2017/0892/FA

SILVER BIRCHES, STREET END LANE, BROAD OAK, HEATHFIELD TN21 8TS. Removal of condition 2 of WD/2016/2992/F (conversion and alteration of existing storage building into a one bedroom holiday let with small garden and associated parking)

OBSERVATIONS: The Committee support removal of condition 2 subject to their previous comments and subject to WDC being satisfied that the Ashdown Forest position is safeguarded.

132/17 **TREE WORKS**

There were none to report.

133/17 **TO APPROVE YEARLY MAINTENANCE CHARGE FOR STREET LIGHTS FROM ESCC AT A COST OF £1,967.00 PLUS VAT**

The Committee approved the charge.

134/17 **FOOTPATH MATTERS**

There were no footpath matters to report.

135/17 **DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Monday 5 June 2017 at 7.30 pm in the Ian Price Room at the Heathfield Community Centre, Sheepsetting Lane, Heathfield.

136/17 **MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS**

No matters raised.

137/17 **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.

138/17 **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 8:38p.m.

Signed:

Chairman

Dated: