

HEATHFIELD AND WALDRON PARISH COUNCIL
PLANNING AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE
MONDAY 6 NOVEMBER 2017 AT 7.35 P.M. IN THE
IAN PRICE ROOM, HEATHFIELD COMMUNITY CENTRE

PRESENT: Cllrs Coffey (Chairman), Hatcher, Kentish-Barnes, Leach, Rivers and Taylor

The Assistant Clerk was in attendance.

There were 7 members of the public also present.

A member of the public from Park Road raised about issues with street lighting, HGV signage and that the speed awareness signs hadn't yet been installed. The Assistant Clerk advised that she was waiting to hear back from the contractor regarding the installation of the signs however she had requested that they be in place by the end of November. The Assistant Clerk confirmed that she had requested that the items previously raised go on the Highways Liaison meeting agenda. The member of the public requested that a report on the outcome of the Liaison meeting be presented at this committee's next meeting.

A member of the public spoke against planning application WD/2017/0342/MAO Land at Half Moon Place.

Mike Barber, the agent for planning application WD/2017/2236/F Kensington Domestic Appliances spoke about the application. Councillors asked questions including about parking, the frontage, servicing, border with the neighbouring property and protection of their hedgerow.

The owner of New Ivy Farm (planning application WD/2017/2356/F) spoke about his application

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APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs Hart, Holmwood and Thomas which were duly noted.

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DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Cllr Taylor	WD/2017/2236/F	Personal	Friend of the neighbour
Cllr Kentish-Barnes	WD/2017/2236/F	Personal	Knows the agent
Cllr Coffey	WD/2017/2236/F	Personal	Has worked with the agent on other projects outside the area and has bought items from the store
All Councillors	WD/2017/0342/MAO	Personal	The agent has done work for the Parish Council in the past

282/17 **MINUTES**

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 23 October 2017, having been previously circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

283/17 **MATTERS ARISING**

Nothing raised apart from 275/17 where the Chair advised that WDC have published data giving an update on soil and air quality at the Ashdown Forest, Pevensey Levels and Lewes Downs.

284/17 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

WD/2017/0342/MAO

LAND AT HALF MOON PLACE, BURWASH ROAD, HEATHFIELD TN21 8QX. Outline application for development of up to 23 no C3 dwellings of mixed size and type with a 35% affordable provision using the existing but upgraded access

OBSERVATIONS: The Committee object to the application for the following reasons:

The site is in an AONB;

Unsuitable location for access onto A265;

Illustrative layout does not relate to local street scene and surrounding area;

As far as the Local Plan is concerned the committee feel that this application is premature; and

The noise from the traffic on the busy A265 will affect the residents, some of which would be very close to the road.

WD/2017/2236/F

KENSINGTON DOMESTIC APPLIANCES LTD, TILSMORE ROAD, HEATHFIELD TN21 OXU. Demolition of existing retail unit and storage unit and erection of replacement development comprising: new retail unit and nine apartments comprising 8 x two bedroom apartments and 1 x one bedroom apartment with undercroft parking

OBSERVATIONS: The Committee support the application as they feel that it is an improvement of the existing site, that it fits well into the townscape, they like the design and the layout of the flats and feel that it is in character with the surrounding area. They request that the tree line and that the Kenilworth boundary be protected during construction and thereafter. They also request that the windows facing Kenilworth be of obscured glazing and that any future new windows on that side should require planning permission. The frontage should be made good prior to the work being completed. The Committee also request that neighbours be consulted.

WD/2017/2356/F

NEW IVY FARM, ROSERS CROSS LANE, WALDRON TN21 ORP. Extension to provide larger living accommodation to the ground floor to include a utility room, study and kitchen plus a fifth bedroom and additional en-suites to existing bedrooms to the first floor.

OBSERVATIONS: The Committee support the application they feel that the size and appearance is in character with the surrounding area. They request that neighbours be consulted.

WD/2017/2290/F

THE DELL, MAGREED LANE, BROAD OAK TN21 8TR. Demolition of 2 existing stables and hay/straw store and replace with 2 foal boxes/lambing boxes and tractor/machinery shed

OBSERVATIONS: The Committee support the application subject to it being used for the purposes stated in the application. They feel that the size and appearance is in character with the surrounding area.

WD/2017/2369/F

WHITE COTTAGE, OLD GHYLL ROAD, HEATHFIELD TN21 8BP. Form a single storey side porch, single storey side and rear extension. Install window to first floor bedroom (west elevation) for means of escape as current rooflight does not comply.

OBSERVATIONS: The Committee do not object to the application and feel that the size and appearance of the development is in character with the surrounding area. They would however like to draw WDC's notice to the close proximity to the neighbouring property of the porch on the eastern elevation and the impact this would have to maintenance of both properties. The Committee do not however object to the other two elements of the application.

WD/2017/2092/F

HUGH PAGE SUSSEX LTD, STATION ROAD, HEATHFIELD TN21 8DH. Proposed removal of existing portacabin offices and installation of new commercial extension.

OBSERVATIONS: The Committee support the application and feel that it is an improvement to the existing site and in character with the surrounding area.

WD/2017/2420/FR

23 TREETOPS WAY, HEATHFIELD TN21 8FN. *Retrospective application for existing timber frame outbuildings*

OBSERVATIONS: The Committee approved the application as they feel that the size and appearance is in character with the surrounding area, they request that neighbours be consulted and expressed concern over the retrospective nature of the application.

WD/2017/2360/F

BARS REST, BATTLE ROAD, PUNNETTS TOWN, HEATHFIELD TN21 9DR.
Two storey side extension and rear conservatory

OBSERVATIONS: The Committee support the application subject to the site being used as 1 dwelling. They feel that the size and appearance is in character with the surrounding area and request that neighbours be consulted.

285/17 **TO CONSIDER QUOTES REGARDING FINGERPOSTS**

Councillors were thanked for their work in reviewing the fingerposts. Quotes for the work had been copied to Councillors prior to the meeting. A Cllr. advised that the no. 1 fingerpost at the junction of Mayfield Flat and Nursery Lane wasn't really required. The Committee requested that a report be produced showing the photograph of each fingerpost, the report made by the Committee member and the price and work suggested from each contractor. A further quote was requested from the remaining approved ESCC contractor.

286/17 **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting would take place on Monday 20 November 2017 at 7.30 p.m. in the Ian Price Room, Heathfield Community Centre, Sheepsetting Lane, Heathfield.

287/17 **MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS**

There were none.

288/17 **CRIME AND DISORDER ACT 1998 SECTION 17**

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

289/17 **RISK MANAGEMENT**

The Committee considered the risks of putting up signage and will be using a contractor for this.

The Meeting closed at 9:03p.m.

Signed:

Chairman

Dated: