

HEATHFIELD AND WALDRON PARISH COUNCIL
PLANNING AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE
MONDAY 11 JUNE 2018 AT 7.30 P.M. IN THE
IAN PRICE ROOM, HEATHFIELD COMMUNITY CENTRE

PRESENT: Cllrs Coffey (Chairman, in the Chair), Hart, Hatcher, Holmwood, Kentish-Barnes, Leach, Rivers and Thomas.

The Assistant Clerk was in attendance.

A presentation was given by the Head of the Safer Crossing in Punnetts Town Campaign and by Mrs Morse, executive head for the Woodlands Federation. They explained why they are asking for the Parish Council's support for a pelican or puffin crossing between the school and pre-school to the car park for the recreation ground. They would like ESCC to fund the total cost of the crossing. They have set up a speedwatch group and residents are signing a petition. The Chair informed the meeting of his conversations with Cllrs Bentley and Simmons (ESCC).

Mrs Morse gave details of the school's use of the recreation ground and that they have been unable to recruit a replacement school crossing patrol. The Head of the Campaign advised that she had been unable to obtain details of the scoring criteria for projects from ESCC. The Campaign is currently putting together a business proposal.

A Councillor requested that this item appear on the next SLR (Strengthening Local Relationships) agenda. At the next Committee meeting the Head of the Safer Crossing in Punnetts Town Campaign will present an update on their plans and the Committee will consider whether to give a letter of support for the campaign.

119/18 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies had been received from Cllr. Taylor these were noted.

120/18 **DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

Cllr Holmwood declared a personal interest in WD/2018/0796/F as she knows the neighbour.

Cllr Leach declared a personal interest in WD/2018/1053/F as she is a customer of the applicants.

Cllr Thomas declared a personal interest in WD/2018/0899/LDE, as a WDC Councillor he has assisted a member of the public with their objections to the application.

Cllr Coffey declared a personal interest in WD/2018/1018/FR as he knows the agent.

All Councillors declared a personal interest in WD/2018/1018/FR as they know the owner of the property.

121/18 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 29 May 2018, having been previously circulated, were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

122/18 **MATTERS ARISING**

There were none.

123/18 **WDC- WD/2018/0899/LDE – HEATHFIELD TOWERS, NEWICK LANE, HEATHFIELD TN21 8PY. Erection of decked terrace and extension to serve ancillary residential accommodation (Coney Wood) to receive the Parish Council’s comments**

It was agreed for the Assistant Clerk to see if she could extend the response date till 26th June in order that this item could be carried forward till the next Committee meeting.

124/18 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

WD/2018/0938/FR

PROSPECT PLACE, OLD HEATHFIELD ROAD, CADE STREET, HEATHFIELD TN21 9BN. *Retrospective application for front garden boundary*

OBSERVATIONS: The Committee support the application. They feel that the design and materials are in character with the existing building and the surrounding area.

WD/2018/0961/F

15 THEOBALDS GREEN, HEATHFIELD TN21 8BT. Single storey side extension with hipped tiled roof to match main roof

OBSERVATIONS: The Committee support the application. They believe that the size and appearance is in character with the surrounding area. They request that neighbours be consulted and that there be no flank windows.

WD/2018/0796/F

9 MEADOW WAY, HEATHFIELD TN21 8AJ. Removal of existing single storey detached garage and erection of two storey side extension to existing semi-detached house (previously approved under lapsed planning permission WD/2013/0406/F)

OBSERVATIONS: The Committee objects to this application and considers the size and appearance to be out of keeping in the locality. The proposals would have an adverse impact upon neighbours and represents over-development of the site, would be too close to the boundary and would set a precedent for the future.

WD/2018/1018/FR

YOUNG HAYMAKERS, KIRBY FARM, FOXHUNT GREEN, WALDRON TN21 ORU. *Retrospective application for erection of two sheds, a lean-to open-sided canopy, an open-sided timber gazebo and a timber cabin. Proposed partial infill of open-sided canopy*

OBSERVATIONS: The Committee have no objections to the proposal provided that it is only used for the purposes as stated in the application in connection with the pre-school use. The Committee expressed considerable disappointment at the retrospective nature of these proposals considering the design and sensitive nature of the site. The applicants are requested to contact Wealden District Council before commencing any future work.

WD/2018/1053/F

BROCKWELLS HOUSE, BURWASH ROAD, BROAD OAK, HEATHFIELD TN21 8RU. New single storey timber framed therapy treatment rooms

OBSERVATIONS: The Committee support the proposal subject to the treatment rooms only being used for the use intended and to be tied to GO:VER gym. The Committee request that there be controls over the noise levels from the treatment rooms.

The Committee feel that the design and appearance is in character. They request that the boundary hedge be protected during construction and that the external lighting be in line with that suggested in the Design and Access statement. They also request that neighbours be consulted.

WD/2018/1035/F

2 UPLANDS PARK, BROAD OAK, HEATHFIELD TN21 8SJ. Flank two storey extension to the existing living room and bedroom over, first floor extension over an existing ground floor bedroom, new dormer windows, new double garage with pitched roof.

OBSERVATIONS: The Committee have no objection to the application and feel that the size and appearance is in character with the surrounding area. They feel that it is important for the boundary hedge to be retained for screening purposes and request that neighbours be consulted.

The Committee request that the garage be used for the purposes stated and that the extension be linked to the property.

WD/2018/0655/F

LAND ADJACENT TO WHITETHORN, BACK LANE, WALDRON TN21 0NG. Demolition and removal of stables and construction of a two-storey dwelling including change of use from equestrian to domestic use.

OBSERVATIONS: The Committee reconfirmed their previous comments – The Committee objected to the application which was considered to be over-development of the site, would set a precedent in the AONB and was considered inappropriate in the locality. Concern was also raised about the lack of infrastructure in the area and local knowledge indicated that bats had been found on the site.

The Committee were concerned to note that the site notice contained incorrect information and that there had been no notification to some adjoining neighbours.

125/18 **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting would take place on Monday 25 June 2018 at 7.30 p.m. in the Ian Price Room, Heathfield Community Centre, Sheepsetting Lane, Heathfield. An updated presentation will be made to the Committee regarding the proposed crossing at Punnetts Town.

126/18 **MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS**

A Councillor raised that the hedges and verges at Pages Hill and New Pond Hill needed cutting. The Assistant Clerk confirmed that the verges were due to be cut soon and that we were currently in bird nesting season which made it difficult to cut the hedges.

127/18 **CRIME AND DISORDER ACT 1998 SECTION 17**

There were considered to be no crime and disorder implications in relation to matters discussed at the meeting.

128/18 **RISK MANAGEMENT**

There were considered to be no risk management implications in relation to matters discussed at the meeting.

The Meeting closed at 8:50pm.

Signed:

Chairman

Dated: