

HEATHFIELD AND WALDRON PARISH COUNCIL
PLANNING AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE
MONDAY 23 JULY 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, Rivers and Taylor.

The Clerk was in attendance.

14 members of the public were also present.

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH

The Churchwarden spoke to the Committee regarding proposals for a meeting room with toilets and small kitchen to be sited adjacent to the Church. A number of changes had been made as a result of a site visit with the Parish Council and a presentation would also be made to LAB Committee.

WD/2016/2775

Three nearby neighbours spoke in opposition to the amended application.

VIABILITY ASSESSMENTS

A member of StopVinesCorner spoke to the Committee about the VA report for The Beehive site which he had now received from Wealden District Council, following his complaint to the Information Commissioners Office.

The meeting commenced at 8.17 p.m.

142/18 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies had been received from Cllrs Leach and Thomas.

143/18 **DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

Cllr Holmwood disclosed a personal interest in respect of WD/2016/2775 as a friend of the applicant.

Cllr Coffey disclosed a personal interest in respect of WD/2018/1378 as he was working with the Architect on a project outside of the parish.

144/18 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 25 June 2018, having been previously circulated, were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

145/18 **MATTERS ARISING**

There were none.

146/18 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

WD/2016/2775/F

LAND ADJACENT TO CLAYTONS, BACK LANE, CROSS IN HAND, HEATHFIELD TN21 OQD. The erection of 2 no. detached dwellings with garaging. *Amended plans received date stamped 26/6/18*

OBSERVATIONS:

The Committee reiterated previous objections: a) adverse impact on the AONB contrary to Policy EN6 of the 1998 Wealden Plan (now updated) and landscape qualities of the valley b) small frontage for two large houses c) highways safety concerns due to the narrow lanes and proximity of access to Darch's Wood (and inadequate response by ESCC) d) Scale and nature of the proposals out of character in the locality e) unsustainable location, well beyond the village centre e) loss of light and over-looking of neighbours' properties

In addition, Members raised concern about the impact upon the origins of the Cuckmere and possible flooding and considered that the amended plans had not addressed previous concerns.

WD/2018/1137/FR

ROCK HILL HOUSE, BURWASH ROAD, BROAD OAK, HEATHFIELD TN21 8XG. Change in levels of the site (sand school and parking area to be lowered by approximately 1m and spoil to be spread over the rear parts of the site), retention of sand school and retention/relocation of stable building, relocation of vehicular access, enlargement of car parking area and new driveway, enlargement of existing garage, new sewage treatment plant, and new tennis court and associated change of use of land to residential curtilage

OBSERVATIONS: The Committee objected to the application due to the lack of clarity regarding what aspects of the application were retrospective and raised concern at the lowering of the ground levels for the ménage and relocation of spoil within the site

WD/2018/1042/F

LAND REAR OF KELVEDON, MUTTON HALL HILL, HEATHFIELD.
Proposed residential development of one single dwelling with a garage

OBSERVATIONS: The Committee objected to the application which was considered to be a cramped form of development, out of character in the locality. There was also concern about the exacerbation of drainage and flooding in the area by this additional dwelling.

WD/2018/1275/FR

EYRESTOCK, HANGING BIRCH LANE, WALDRON TN21 OPA. Part retrospective part demolition of stables block and re-construct to provide ancillary accommodation to main dwelling

OBSERVATIONS: The Committee supported the application and raised no objections to the modifications but the retrospective nature of the application was regretted.

WD/2018/1378/F

DALTOP HOUSE, LEWES ROAD, CROSS IN HAND, HEATHFIELD TN21 OTA, Alterations and ground and first floor additions

OBSERVATIONS: The Committee objected to the scale of the application which was considered to be out of character in the locality, within the AONB. The design was considered to be inappropriate, with excessive glazing.

WD/2017/2686/F

APPLEBROOK FARM, BURWASH ROAD, BROAD OAK, HEATHFIELD TN21 8XE. Construction of replacement cattle barn off existing hay barn

OBSERVATIONS: The Committee supported the application and considered the size and appearance to be suitable in the area, subject to agricultural use only. Suitable materials should be used for the barn.

WD/2018/1333/F

WINDMILL FEEDS, THE SADDLERY, LEWES ROAD, HEATHFIELD, CROSS IN HAND TN21 OTA. The proposal seeks to demolish the building known as The Saddlery, to be replaced with a terrace of three 3-bed dwellings and associated parking

OBSERVATIONS: The Committee objected to the application which was considered to be out of keeping in the locality and unsympathetic to the nearby Listed Building. Concern was raised about overlooking of nearby properties and strong concerns remain about the access.

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

WD/2018/1335/LDP

37 SPRINGWOOD ROAD, HEATHFIELD TN21 8JX. Proposed loft conversion with rear dormer that incorporates a Juliet balcony. Addition of second floor side window and addition of 2 no. front roof lights.

OBSERVATIONS:

147/18 **WDC – STREET NAMING AND NUMBERING – DEVELOPMENT AT BEECHWOOD LANE (BEECHWOOD HOUSE)**

The Committee supported the suggestion of Parkside Close for this development.

148/18 **WDC – STREET NAMING AND NUMBERING – DEVELOPMENT AT SPRINGFIELD NURSERY, BACK LANE, CROSS IN HAND TN21 0QD**

The Committee objected to the proposed name of Walderne which was considered to have no relevance in the locality. It was agreed that Springfield Gardens should be considered for the site.

149/18 **ESCC LIAISON MEETING HELD ON 19 JULY 2018**

Cllr Holmwood gave an update on matters discussed at the meeting. It was noted that some work would be carried out to the carriageway at Mill Road, but not necessarily the junction with Tilsmore Road.

It was noted that any further complaints about the Isenhurst junction should be referred to County Cllr Bennett for his information.

The resurfacing work to the High Street was now planned for August or the Autumn.

150/18 **PARISH PLANNING PANEL HELD ON 12 JULY 2018**

The Chairman reported that there was much discussion about the draft Local Plan and Wealden had indicated that they were attaching weight to it despite it being a Draft.

With regard to impact upon Ashdown Forest, it had been reported that new mitigating mechanisms would be published soon.

151/18 **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting would take place on Monday 6 August 2018 at 7.30 p.m. in the Ian Price Room, Heathfield Community Centre, Sheepsetting Lane, Heathfield.

152/18 **MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS**

No matters were raised.

153/18 **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.

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RISK MANAGEMENT

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

The Meeting closed at 9.14 pm.

Signed:

Chairman

Dated: