

HEATHFIELD AND WALDRON PARISH COUNCIL

HIGHWAYS, PLANNING & STREET LIGHTING COMMITTEE

MONDAY 3 NOVEMBER 2008 7.30 P.M.

At Heathfield Community Centre

PRESENT: Mr Bassingthwaighte, Mr Chambers, Mr Hart, Mrs Kentish-Barnes, Mr Kerby, Mr Newnham (Chairman), Mrs Oakes and Dr Rayner.

8 members of the public and 1 member of the press present.

The Clerk was in attendance.

WD/20082628/F

Nearby residents spoke to the Committee about this scheme and expressed continuing concerns about the access to the site and overlooking/over-shadowing of adjoining properties. Concern was also raised about possible contamination of the land in the past. If approved, future development of roof spaces should not be allowed.

WD/2008/2364/F

The applicant explained his proposals for the site and stated that whilst the property was within the AONB, it was not overseen by any neighbours.

The meeting commenced at 7.46 p.m.

08/325 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence had been received from Mrs Archer, Mrs Clark and Mrs Gander.

08/326 **MINUTES**

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 20 October 2008, having been previously circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

08/327 **DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST IN MATTERS ON THE AGENDA**

Mr Newnham disclosed a prejudicial interest in respect of WD/2008/2628/F as a close friend of the owners of a neighbouring property.

Mr Newnham and Mrs Oakes disclosed personal interests as Members of the Heathfield Partnership (and Members of the High Street Committee) in respect of the Vision for Heathfield.

08/328 **MATTERS ARISING**

There were none.

08/329 **ESCC HIGHWAYS – TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES – PARK ROAD AND WARREN LANE, HEATHFIELD**

The Committee noted this information

08/330 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

WD/2008/2608/F

HAWKHURST COTTAGE, HOLLOW LANE, BLACKBOYS TN22 5JB.
Demolition of garage and construction of new garage and garden room (single storey)

OBSERVATIONS: The Committee objected to the application as they considered the size and appearance to be out of character and felt that the building could become a separate dwelling. It was noted that these comments should be forwarded to Framfield Parish Council.

WD/2008/2625/F

THE SYCAMORES, LITTLE LONDON ROAD, CROSS IN HAND, HEATHFIELD TN21 OLT. Conservatory to rear.

OBSERVATIONS: The Committee supported the application and considered the size and appearance to be in character. Neighbours' views should be sought as they may be adversely affected.

WD/2008/2644/AI

ISENHURST SERVICE STATION, CROSS IN HAND, HEATHFIELD TN21 OUE. 1 no Pole Mounted Mid, 1 no Shop Fascia, 2 No Building Mounted.

OBSERVATIONS: The Committee supported the application which was considered to be a visual improvement. The sign should be sited so as not to obstruct the view when exiting the garage.

WD/2008/2364/F

CHELWOOD, POSSINGWORTH PARK, CROSS IN HAND, HEATHFIELD TN21 OTN. Extensions and alterations at ground floor and roof space along with a garden room proposed in the rear part of the site.

OBSERVATIONS: The Committee supported the application and considered the size and appearance to be in character and would add distinction to the property. It was considered that there would be no effect on neighbouring properties.

WD/2008/2582/F

CHERRY MILL COTTAGE, MILL LANE, PUNNETTS TOWN, HEATHFIELD TN21 9HX. Demolition of existing workshop and garage and replacement with garage and lounge on ground floor with 2 no. bedrooms over at first floor level.

OBSERVATIONS: The Committee supported the application and considered the size and appearance to be in character, but wished the property to remain as one dwelling. Neighbours' views should be sought as they may be adversely affected.

WD/2008/2616/F

BROWNDOWN COTTAGE, CADE STREET, OLD HEATHFIELD TN21 9BT. Rear extension, partial demolition of and associated alterations to existing dwelling.

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

WD/2008/2628/F

ROYSTON NURSERY, HAILSHAM ROAD, HEATHFIELD TN21 8ET. Retention of existing dwelling and proposed demolition of former glasshouses and erection of 3 no three bedroom and 1 no four bedroom dwellings with on site parking.

OBSERVATIONS: Whilst accepting that the proposed development mix was an improvement, the Committee objected to the application for the following reasons:-

Inadequate, narrow access without passing places and insufficient visibility splay onto Hailsham Road, with no provision for pedestrians
Unsatisfactory arrangements for the disposal of foul and surface water drainage
Insufficient arrangements to protect tree which is subject to TPO
Unsuitable materials which would be out of keeping in the vicinity
Lack of privacy and over-looking/over-shadowing of neighbouring property
Insufficient gap between plots 2 and 3
Insufficient detail of proposed hard and soft landscaping

In addition, should the application be approved, the Committee wished the following comments to be noted:

Permitted development rights should be removed
Existing hedges and fences should be protected
Concern about possible land contamination in the past

08/331 **HEATHFIELD COMMUNITY COLLEGE – STREET LIGHTING – REPLACEMENT LANTERNS**

It was noted that this work had not been carried out and ESCC had now provided an updated quotation. Following consideration, it was **RESOLVED** that replacement lanterns should be installed to the three lighting columns at a cost of £1,100 + VAT.

08/332 **VISION STATEMENT – TOWN SQUARE AT STATION ROAD, WEST CAR PARK, HEATHFIELD**

The Chairman reported that this proposal had been raised by the Heathfield Partnership and, if supported by the Parish Council, could be included within the Vision Statement for Heathfield which forms part of the LDF Core Strategy.

The Committee expressed concern about the possible loss of car parking in the town centre and **RESOLVED** not to support the idea at this time. Should detailed plans become available they would receive consideration.

08/333 **TO CONSIDER BUDGET REQUIREMENTS FOR 2009/2010 FINANCIAL YEAR**

The following budget requirements were proposed for the following financial year

Street Lighting (Power and Maintenance)	£2,500	(+500)
Street Lighting (Renewals)	£3,000	(+3,000)
Urban grass cutting	-	(-1,500)
Footpaths and Bridleways	-	(no change)
Fingerpost and other signs	£1,000	(+500)
Total	£6,500	(+£2,500)

It was also proposed that a budget allocation of £1,000 be made for Rural Transport Sub-Committee.

08/332 **DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Monday 17 November 2008 at 7.30 pm in the Ian Price Room, Heathfield Community Centre, Sheepsetting Lane, Heathfield.

08/333 **MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS HAVING BEEN PREVIOUSLY NOTIFIED**

There were none.

08/334 **CRIME AND DISORDER ACT SECTION 17 TO CONSIDER EFFECTS (IF ANY) ARISING FROM ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

There were none.

08/335 **RISK ASSESSMENT IMPLICATIONS OF MATTERS ON THE AGENDA**

There were none.

The Meeting closed at 9.06 p.m.

Signed:

Chairman

Dated: