

HEATHFIELD AND WALDRON PARISH COUNCIL

HIGHWAYS, PLANNING & STREET LIGHTING COMMITTEE

MONDAY 15 DECEMBER AT 7.30 P.M.

At Heathfield Community Centre

PRESENT: Mrs Archer, Mr Bassingthwaite, Mr Baker, Mr Chambers, Mrs Clark, Mrs Holmwood, Mrs Kentish-Barnes, Mr Kerby, Mrs Oakes, Mr Newnham (Chairman) and Dr Rayner.

Mrs Pyle, Administrative Officer was in attendance.

Two members of the public and 1 member of the press were also present.

The owners of April Cottage addressed the Committee. They had put forward new plans following refusal of their previous application. The new plans consisted of a smaller dwelling which was set further back from the site line. The Committee suggested that they should also contact Wealden Councillor Mrs Jan Dunk.

The meeting started at 7.35 pm

08/355 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence had been received from Mrs Gander and Mr Hart.

08/356 **MINUTES**

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 1 December 2008, having been previously circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

08/357 **DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST IN MATTERS ON THE AGENDA**

There were none

08/358 **MATTERS ARISING**

There were none.

08/359 **LETTER FROM MR GUNNER**

The Committee noted the contents of a letter which had been received from Mr Gunner. It was agreed that a response be sent to Mr Gunner stating that he should contact ESCC Highways with regard to the lay-by. In regard to the footpath, ESCC Rights of Way should be consulted. The final point in his letter concerning planning permission, Mr Gunner would be invited to attend a Parish Council planning meeting to discuss his plans. The Committee also suggested he should contact Wealden District Council to see if planning permission was required.

08/360 **WDALC – COPY LETTER FROM BOB TAYLOR RE: SECTION 106 AGREEMENTS AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN WEALDEN**

The contents of this letter were noted.

08/361 **ESCC – LETTER RE THEOBALDS FARM, HEATHFIELD**

The contents of the letter were noted and a letter of acknowledgement would be sent to Mrs Thorold.

08/362 **WDC – COPY LETTER RE K6 TELEPHONE KIOSKS**

The Committee noted the contents of the letter and asked that Wealden be contacted regarding the location of the two kiosks at present being considered by English Heritage for listing.

08/363 **ESCC HIGHWAYS – TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE 12 TO 23 JANUARY 2009 – NEWICK LANE/KNOWLE HILL, HEATHFIELD**

The Committee noted this.

08/364 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

WD/2008/2888/F

SOUTHERN DOWN, NEW POND HILL, CROSS IN HAND TN21 0LX – Proposed Gazebo

OBSERVATIONS: The Committee supported the application as the size and appearance were considered to be in character and would have little impact on neighbours.

WD/2008/2935/F

LITTLE LONDON GARAGE, LITTLE LONDON, HORAM TN21 0AY – Erection of a new building for the storage, loading and unloading of plant as part of a hire business

OBSERVATIONS: The Committee objected to the application as it was felt it was unsuitable for the area. The level of disturbance, noise, size and character were also considered to be out of keeping. The access onto the highway was felt to be extremely dangerous.

WD/2008/2946/F

NEACROFT, COLLINGWOOD RISE, HEATHFIELD, TN21 8DL – Demolition of rear conservatory, single storey rear addition. Single storey front addition, replacement roof to include attic rooms.

OBSERVATIONS: The Committee supported the application as it was felt it was suitable for the area and a visual improvement on the existing dwelling. The effects on neighbouring properties should be taken into account.

WD2008/2954/F

APRIL COTTAGE, POTTENS MILL LANE, BROAD OAK TN21 8TY – Demolition of existing dwelling and outbuildings and erection of new dwelling and storage barn including re – alignment of track leading to stables.

OBSERVATIONS: The Committee supported the application, the reduction in the size of the dwelling was considered to be a visual improvement. It was felt that it was an asset to the area with no over shadowing or over looking of other properties. Very little landscaping was needed as only four trees were to be lost and these were not good specimen trees. The workshop/store should be tied to the property.

WD/2008/2826/F

BRAILSHAM FARM, HUGLETT'S LANE, HEATHFIELD TN21 9BY. New dormer window to replace velux window.

OBSERVATIONS: The Committee supported the application, the size and appearance were in character and it would have no effect on neighbours. It was also considered to be a visual improvement.

WD/2008/2882/F

5 SANDY CROSS COTTAGES, HEATHFIELD TN21 8QH. Demolition of existing garage and outbuildings. Construction of two storey side extension.

OBSERVATIONS: The Committee supported the application as the size and appearance were considered to be in character. The effect on neighbouring properties should be taken into account.

WD/2008/2952/F

18 MILL CLOSE, HEATHFIELD TN21 OXB. Conservatory.

OBSERVATIONS: The Committee supported the application as the size and appearance were considered to be in character. The effect on neighbouring properties should be taken into account.

WD/2008/2957/F

THE BARN, UPPER GREENWOODS LANE, PUNNETT'S TOWN, HEATHFIELD. To retain an existing agricultural building approved under WD/2001/2187 and change the use to predominantly equestrian with a section used for curtain and cushion making.

OBSERVATIONS: The Committee supported the application providing use was restricted to the applicant only and there should be no external lighting for the use of the equestrian area.

08/365 **DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Monday 5 January 2009 at 7.30 pm in the Ian Price Room, Heathfield Community Centre, Sheepsetting Lane, Heathfield.

08/366 **MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS HAVING BEEN PREVIOUSLY NOTIFIED**

Fingerposts – Councillor Peter Newnham

It was agreed that the Chairman would look at fingerposts in the Parish in the New Year.

08/367 **CRIME AND DISORDER ACT SECTION 17 TO CONSIDER EFFECTS (IF ANY) ARISING FROM ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

There were none.

08/368 **RISK MANAGEMENT**

(a) To review risk list

Having considered the areas of risk associated with its areas of responsibility the Committee considered the existing list to be relevant and satisfactory. It was, therefore, RESOLVED to re-adopt the list for the forthcoming year.

(b) To consider effects (if any) of decisions taken at the meeting

There were none.

The Meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.

Signed:

Chairman

Dated: