

HEATHFIELD AND WALDRON PARISH COUNCIL

HIGHWAYS, PLANNING & STREET LIGHTING COMMITTEE

MONDAY 17 NOVEMBER 2008 7.30 P.M.

At Heathfield Community Centre

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

The Clerk was in attendance.

Two Members of the Public were also present.

WD/2008/2786/F

Mr and Mrs Nairn explained their objections to the proposed application which they considered would have an adverse impact upon them due to the lack of landscaping, over-development of the site and possible noise nuisance.

The meeting commenced at 7.40 p.m.

08/336 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence had been received from Mr Hart, Mr Kerby, Mrs Oakes and Dr Rayner.

08/337 **MINUTES**

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 3 November 2008, having been previously circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

08/338 **DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST IN MATTERS ON THE AGENDA**

Mr Chambers disclosed a personal interest with regard to public access arrangements to Blackdown Pastures arising from his friendship with the owner.

08/339 **MATTERS ARISING**

There were none.

08/340 **PUBLIC ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS – BLACKDOWN PASTURES**

The Committee considered a letter received from the owner of this land, Mr Gunner, in which he asked for the Council's help to improve access arrangements.

It was agreed that a response be sent to Mr Gunner stating that the Parish Council were unable to help with the reinstatement of the layby as this was

the responsibility of the landowner in conjunction with ESCC. With regard to the footbridge, the Committee were unable to help as the access was not a public right of way. The letter also asked whether the Parish Council would be supportive of a proposal to dedicate part of the eastern field as a memorial area. It was considered that such a use would require planning permission and the Committee would look at the proposal at that time.

08/341 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

WD/2008/2196/F

THE GOBLINS, STREET END LANE, HEATHFIELD. Loft conversion to bungalow with 2 flat roof dormers and hipped roof changed to gable ends (ridge height as existing. *Amended plan showing half hipped ends to minimise the bulk of the original proposal and smaller dormers, drawing No 118.08.01. Date Stamped 27 October 2008.*

OBSERVATIONS: The Committee considered the design had not improved and objected to the application as the size and appearance was not in keeping and would cause overlooking and/or overshadowing of neighbouring properties.

Neighbours' views should be sought as they may be adversely affected.

WD/2008/2687/F

SILVER BIRCHES, STREET END LANE, BROAD OAK, HEATHFIELD TN21 8TS. Replacement of flat and pitched roof with pitched roof including room in the roof.

OBSERVATIONS: The Committee supported the application which was considered to be a visual improvement.

Neighbours' views should be sought as they may be adversely affected.

WD/2008/2692/F

STONELANDS FARM, HANGING BIRCH LANE, HORAM TN21 ODP. Demolition of temporary hay store and erection of hay and straw pole barn and tractor and implement pole barn (both agricultural barns on agricultural land outside the curtilage of the house

OBSERVATIONS: The Committee supported the application and considered the size and appearance to be in keeping. It should, however, remain for agricultural use only.

WD/2008/2725/F

COURTYARD COTTAGE, ALEXANDRA ROAD, HEATHFIELD TN21 8EE. Demolition of existing barn and erection of single storey dwelling.

OBSERVATIONS: The Committee objected to the application and made the following comments:-

1. Over-development of the site
2. Query ownership of access track – believed to be in shared ownership, therefore existing owners should have received notification.
3. Access via Alexandra Road considered unsuitable, particularly for emergency vehicles.
4. This is a new build project not refurbishment.
5. Concern over tree loss.
6. Concern over loss or privacy and overshadowing for neighbouring property.
7. Inspection should be undertaken regarding bats prior to any development when the barn is removed.
8. Neighbours' views to be taken into account.

WD/2008/2760/F

CAMBRIDGE FARM, CAMBRIDGE LANE, HORAM TN21 0PB
Construction of a new roller shutter door on the front elevation of Building A.

OBSERVATIONS: The Committee supported the application provided there are restricted hours of use.

WD/2008/2698/F

PROSPECT FARM, BROAD OAK, HEATHFIELD TN21 8UT.
Conversion of redundant cattle shed into holiday accommodation

OBSERVATIONS: The Committee supported the proposed diversification provided use remained as holiday lets only.

WD/2008/2786/F

WINDYRIDGE, PUNNETTS TOWN, HEATHFIELD TN21 9DE.
Proposed detached double garage.

OBSERVATIONS: The Committee objected to the application for the following reasons:-

1. Height and size excessive and close proximity to near boundary would have adverse effect upon neighbours.
2. Noise and light pollution to neighbours.
3. Proposed soft landscaping for original development would be prevented by the structure.
4. Concern over disposal of surface water due to extent of hard surfacing.
5. Insufficient width of driveway to accommodate all properties.
6. Neighbours' views should be sought (particularly properties to the rear of the site)

08/342 **DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Monday 1 December 2008 at 7.30 pm in the Ian Price Room, Heathfield Community Centre, Sheepsetting Lane, Heathfield.

08/343 **MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS HAVING BEEN PREVIOUSLY NOTIFIED**

There were none.

08/344 **CRIME AND DISORDER ACT SECTION 17 TO CONSIDER EFFECTS (IF ANY) ARISING FROM ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

There were none.

08/345 **RISK ASSESSMENT IMPLICATIONS OF MATTERS ON THE AGENDA**

There were none.

The Meeting closed at 8.44 p.m.

Signed:

Chairman

Dated: