

HEATHFIELD AND WALDRON PARISH COUNCIL

HIGHWAYS, PLANNING & STREET LIGHTING COMMITTEE

MONDAY 5 JANUARY 2009 AT 7.30 P.M.

At Heathfield Community Centre

PRESENT: Mr Bassingthwaighe, Mrs Clark, Mrs Gander, Mr Hart, Mrs Kentish-Barnes, Mr Kerby, Mr Newnham (Chairman) and Dr Rayner.

The Clerk was in attendance.

There were 4 members of the public and two press also present.

LAND AT POSSINGWORTH

Mr Gunner spoke to the Committee regarding correspondence relating to his land. It was agreed that the matter should be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

WD/2008/2965/F

The applicant explained that contamination of The Oast by a fire some years ago was now less than previously thought and an application to remove the contaminated materials together with some improvements had been submitted, as it was not now considered necessary to completely re-build.

WD/2008/2818/F

The applicant stated that agricultural use of the byre had ceased some years ago and the building was now used for storage. The application was for a small dwelling in keeping with the locality and it was believed that the building had been used for residential purposes at some time in the past.

The meeting commenced at 7.47 p.m.

09/01 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence had been received from Mrs Archer, Mr Baker, Mr Chambers, Mrs Holmwood and Mrs Oakes.

09/02 **MINUTES**

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 15 December 2008, having been previously circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

09/03 **DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST IN MATTERS ON THE AGENDA**

Mr Newnham disclosed a personal interest in respect of WD/2008/2965/F as the applicant was a fellow member of Heathfield and Waldron Twinning Association.

Mrs Kentish-Barnes disclosed a personal interest in respect of the same application as a friend of the applicant.

09/04 **MATTERS ARISING**

There were none.

09/05 **WDC – TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE – ANNUAL HEFFLE CUCKOO FAIR – 25 APRIL 2009**

The Committee supported this proposed Temporary Road Closure Order.

09/06 **WDC – TREE WORKS**

The Committee noted information regarding tree works at Waldron House, Waldron.

09/07 **ESCC STREET LIGHTING MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT**

A letter had been received from the County Council indicating that EDF were withdrawing from the street lighting maintenance market. A fixed rate agreement for maintenance was being offered by ESCC with effect from 1 April 2009.

Following discussion, it was **RESOLVED** that an agreement be entered into with ESCC for maintenance of the Parish Council's street lights at an estimated cost of £2,200 – the actual cost to be confirmed, based on number and type of columns in the Parish Council's ownership. This sum was exclusive of energy costs.

09/08 **ESCC – WD/2752/CC – REFURBISHMENT OF 6TH FORM 'ROSLA' BUILDING INCLUDING THE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW BRICK FACES SHAFT/ENTRANCE LOBBY TO THE EXISTING BUILDING**

The Committee supported this application.

09/09 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

WD/2008/2931/F

NORWOOD, SWIFE LANE, BROAD OAK TN21 8UR. Proposed stable block, store and tack room.

OBSERVATIONS: The Committee supported the application which was considered to be a suitable use in the area. There should be no external lighting. Neighbours may be adversely affected.

WD/2008/2965/F

THE OAST, BROAD OAK TN21 8UE. Proposed raising of roof, replacement of roof to garage, reconstruction of roundel roof, construction of new chimney and enclosure of the atrium and associated alterations.

OBSERVATIONS: The Committee supported the application which was considered to be in character and would represent a visual improvement.

The Committee were pleased to see that a dwelling of architectural merit was being preserved and improved.

WD/2008/3025/F

COMMERCE HOUSE, HAILSHAM ROAD, HEATHFIELD TN21 8AD.
Erection of extension to building and conversion of the building into four flats.

OBSERVATIONS: The Committee supported the application as the design was considered to be in keeping and represented an improvement over the existing.

WD/2008/2786/F

WINDYRIDGE, PUNNETTS TOWN, NR. HEATHFIELD TN21 9DE.
Proposed detached double garage. *Amended plans to show repositioned garage and revised landscaping. Drawing No13 B. Date stamped 10 December 2008.*

OBSERVATIONS: The Committee noted that this application had been withdrawn.

WD/2008/2786/F

WINDYRIDGE, PUNNETTS TOWN, NR. HEATHFIELD TN21 9DE.
Proposed detached double garage. Garage back to original position but set in an extra metre from boundary with 1 Woodview. Drawing No 13 C Date Stamped 17 December 2008.

OBSERVATIONS: The Committee noted that this application had been withdrawn.

WD/2008/2818/F

BURNT HOUSE BYRE, NETTLESWORTH LANE, OLD HEATHFIELD.
Conversion of former cattle byre to a two-bedroom detached residential property including small side and rear extension. New detached two bay car port and change of use from commercial builder's storage to residential.

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

This would represent a visual improvement to a now derelict building believed to have been in residential use at one time.

It was considered that neighbours may be adversely affected.

WD/2008/2975/F

LAND ADJACENT TO COACHMANS/THE COACH HOUSE, BURWASH ROAD, HEATHFIELD TN21 8QY. Construction of single and double detached garages for adjoining owners.

OBSERVATIONS: The Committee supported the application, the size and appearance of which were considered to be in character, provided use was restricted to garaging only, ancillary to the dwelling.

WD/2008/2998/LB

LAND ADJACENT TO COACHMANS/THE COACH HOUSE, BURWASH ROAD, HEATHFIELD TN21 8QY. Construction of single and double detached garages for adjoining owners.

OBSERVATIONS: The Committee supported the application, the size and appearance of which were considered to be in character, provided use was restricted to garaging only, ancillary to the dwelling.

WD/2008/3019/F

THE COACH HOUSE, BURWASH ROAD, HEATHFIELD TN21 8QY. Creation of new bedroom with existing loft space and provision of two new conservation roof lights. Other minor internal alterations to existing layout.

OBSERVATIONS: The Committee supported the application, the size and appearance of which were considered to be in keeping. However, members found the plans to be confusing.

09/10 **ITEMS FOR ESCC LIAISON MEETING ON WEDNESDAY 14 JANUARY 2009**

A list of items were agreed for inclusion on the agenda for this meeting.

09/11 **DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Monday 19 January 2009 at 7.30 pm in the Ian Price Room, Heathfield Community Centre, Sheepsetting Lane, Heathfield.

09/12 **MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS HAVING BEEN PREVIOUSLY NOTIFIED**

Broad Oak Speed Petition – Mr Hart reported that over 100 signatures had been added to the Petition, which would be presented to the Chairman of ESCC at a date to be confirmed.

09/13 **CRIME AND DISORDER ACT SECTION 17 TO CONSIDER EFFECTS (IF ANY) ARISING FROM ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

There were none.

09/14 **RISK ASSESSMENT IMPLICATIONS OF MATTERS ON THE AGENDA**

It was considered that the new arrangements for maintenance of street lighting should reduce any risk to members of the public.

The Meeting closed at 8.57 p.m.

Signed:

Chairman

Dated: