

HEATHFIELD AND WALDRON PARISH COUNCIL

HIGHWAYS, PLANNING & STREET LIGHTING COMMITTEE

MONDAY 19 JANUARY 2009 AT 7.30 P.M.

At Heathfield Community Centre

PRESENT: Mrs Archer, Mr Baker, Mr Bassingthwaighe, Mrs Clark, Mrs Gander, Mrs Holmwood, Mr Hart, Mr Kerby and Mr Newnham (Chairman).

The Clerk was in attendance.

There were 6 members of the public and a representative of the press also present.

WD/2008/2628

The occupiers of neighbouring properties commented to the Committee regarding this amended application. Concerns were expressed about the width and suitability of the access lane, retention of rights of way to existing property during construction and protection of an Oak tree covered by a TPO.

The agent stated that this application was for a reduced scheme and previous concerns had been taken into account. With regard to the access, a tarmac passing bay would be provided and would meet Highways standards. Mains drainage would be provided. In answer to questions from the Committee, he confirmed that the required 4.1 metre passing bay could be accommodated and that new owners would have covenants requiring them to maintain hedges, and the lane would be resurfaced. It was indicated that if development went ahead, the land adjoining Apex Cottage would be acquired for amenity land.

The Meeting commenced at 7.59 p.m.

09/15 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence had been received from Mr Chambers, Mrs Kentish-Barnes, Mrs Oakes and Dr Rayner.

09/16 **MINUTES**

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 5 January 2009, having been previously circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

09/17 **DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST IN MATTERS ON THE AGENDA**

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

09/18 **MATTERS ARISING**

There were none.

09/19 **WDC – APRIL COTTAGE, POTTENS MILL LANE, BROAD OAK TN21 8TY**

The Committee noted that this application had been approved.

09/20 **ESCC – WD/2757/CC – RETENTION OF ONE DOUBLE MOBILE CLASSROOM. HEATHFIELD COMMUNITY COLLEGE, CADE STREET, HEATHFIELD**

The Committee supported this application.

09/21 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

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. Improved passing bay in access drive Drawing No. 231(01) 02 A Date Stamped 17 November 2008. Reduction in footprint of Plots 2 and 3 revised materials and cycle store Drawing Nos 02 Rev B, 03 Rev A, 04 Date Stamped 28 November 2008. Correct notice served and correct certificate of ownership received. Date stamped 2nd January 2009.

OBSERVATIONS: The Committee supported the revised application and considered the size and appearance to be in character in the area. However, the following concerns were raised:

Parking provision is considered to be inadequate

Ongoing maintenance of the access road and hedge should be addressed

The land adjacent Apex Cottage should be included within the scheme as amenity land, and neighbours' views should be sought.

The Committee also recommended that a Members' site visit takes place to enable a fully informed decision to be made.

WD/2008/2794/F

PINEWOOD, HIGH STREET, HEATHFIELD TN21 8LS. Demolition of existing building and erection of nine 2 bedroom flats in a three storey building.

OBSERVATIONS: The Committee supported the application in principle but were concerned about the loss of the nursery school and other facilities provided on site.

There were concerns about disposal of surface water and porosity tests should be carried out.

Materials should match those at "Timberdown" and mature trees should be retained wherever possible.

The proposed parking was considered to be inadequate and additional visitor parking should be provided,

Neighbours should be consulted as they may be adversely affected.

09/22 **ESCC LIAISON MEETING ON WEDNESDAY 14 JANUARY 2009**

Notes of this meeting would be circulated in due course.

09/23 **LAND AT POSSINGWORTH**

The damage to the lay-by had been reported to ESCC. With regard to the bridge, if this formed part of a footpath, ESCC would be responsible to ensure it was in a fit condition. In relation to the suggested Memorial Garden, the Committee would not support this proposal because the access lane would be unsuitable for additional traffic that would be generated and there would be a need for car parking to be created within the AONB.

09/24 **DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Monday 2 February 2009 at 7.30 pm in the Ian Price Room, Heathfield Community Centre, Sheepsetting Lane, Heathfield.

09/25 **MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS HAVING BEEN PREVIOUSLY NOTIFIED**

There were none.

09/26 **CRIME AND DISORDER ACT SECTION 17 TO CONSIDER EFFECTS (IF ANY) ARISING FROM ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

There were none.

09/27 **RISK ASSESSMENT IMPLICATIONS OF MATTERS ON THE AGENDA**

There were none.

The Meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.

Signed:

Chairman

Dated:

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