

# **HEATHFIELD AND WALDRON PARISH COUNCIL**

## **HIGHWAYS, PLANNING & STREET LIGHTING COMMITTEE**

**MONDAY 9 FEBRUARY 2009 AT 7.30 P.M.**

**At Heathfield Community Centre**

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

The Clerk was in attendance.

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

### **WD/2009/0053/F**

The Agent explained the proposals and stated that amendments had been made following discussions with Wealden District Council. The new accommodation would replace existing derelict garage buildings.

**The Meeting commenced at 7.39 p.m.**

#### 09/28 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence had been received from Mr Bassingthwaite and Mrs Clark.

#### 09/29 **MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 19 January 2009, having been previously circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

#### 09/30 **DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST IN MATTERS ON THE AGENDA**

Mr Baker disclosed a personal interest in respect of a letter regarding Sequoia, Green Lane, as an acquaintance of the correspondent.

Mrs Oakes disclosed a personal interest in respect of WD/2009/0053/F as a friend of the Agent.

Mr Chambers disclosed a personal interest in respect of WD/2009/2971 as a business acquaintance of the applicant.

#### 09/31 **MATTERS ARISING**

##### **A265/A67 Junction**

It was noted that the transfer of the land to ESCC had now taken place and trees which were due to be removed from the site had been marked.

Royston Nursery Site, Heathfield

The Committee noted that a full site visit by DCS Members would be taking place and the Chairman would be attending on behalf of the Parish Council.

09/32 **WDC –TREE WORKS**

The Committee noted the tree works to be carried out at 14 and 15 Magnolia Close, 4 Cuckoo Drive, The Little House, Main Street, Old Heathfield and 55 Springwood Road, Heathfield.

09/33 **WEALDEN LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK**

The Committee noted information received from Mr King, representative on the Wealden LSP.

09/34 **WDC – APRIL COTTAGE, POTTENS MILL LANE, BROAD OAK**

The Committee noted that this appeal had been withdrawn, following approval of the application.

09/35 **ESCC – TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES – B2096**

The Committee noted the above information.

09/36 **LETTER RE SEQUOIA, GREEN LANE**

The Committee noted the content of a letter from Dr Handley regarding development at this site.

09/37 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**WD/2008/2971/F**

HIGHLANDS FARM, FIRGROVE ROAD, CROSS IN HAND, HEATHFIELD TN21 OSX. Addition of a porch, bay window, chimney stack and 3 no. other windows to approved scheme WD/2007/0581/F (conversion of garage/storage building to domestic dwelling). Provision of a septic tank specifically for converted dwelling.

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

**WD/2009/0028/F**

BETHANY, LANSDOWN TERRACE, HAILSHAM ROAD, HEATHFIELD TN21 8AB. Demolition of existing bungalow and redevelopment of site to provide four dwellings.

**OBSERVATIONS:** Whilst supporting the application in principle, which was considered to be a visual improvement, Members expressed concern about the disposal of foul and surface water because the public sewer is believed to be at capacity. Members were also concerned about the

additional traffic along Harley Lane and the access for emergency vehicles. The effect on neighbouring properties should be taken into account.

**WD/2009/0054/F**

HEATHFIELD PARK ESTATE, HEATHFIELD TN21 8RL. Raising of existing gate piers and installation of new gates to treetops. Rebuilding of existing gate piers and installation of new gates to the Gibraltar Tower approach access track.

**OBSERVATIONS:** The Committee supported the application as it was considered to be a visual improvement and the appearance was in character.

**WD/2009/0055/LB**

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**OBSERVATIONS:** The Committee supported the application as it was considered to be a visual improvement and the appearance was in character.

**WD/2008/2993/F**

LIONS GREEN COTTAGE, LIONS GREEN, HEATHFIELD TN21 OPL. Proposed double and single storey extension and conservatory proposed garden store and stables.

**OBSERVATIONS:** The Committee supported the application as the size and appearance were considered to be in character and it would have no effect on neighbouring properties.

**WD/2009/0026/F**

THE OAKS, CROSS IN HAND TN21 OLS. Erection of 1.8m closed board decorative fencing around the road facing boundary.

**OBSERVATIONS:** The Committee supported the application. Neighbours may be adversely affected.

**WD/2009/0053/F**

PINE RIDGE COTTAGE, CROSS IN HAND, HEATHFIELD TN21 OLT. Proposed replacement of double garage workshop/storage outbuilding to form new double garage workshop, storage and ancillary residential use.

**OBSERVATIONS:** The Committee supported the application as the size and appearance were considered to be in character and Members welcomed the smaller footprint of the building and the use of local materials.

It was considered that use of the building should be restricted to stated purposes only, ancillary to the dwelling and the museum should be for private use only.

**WD/2009/0089/F**

THE GARDEN COTTAGE, LITTLE LONDON TN21 ONU. Proposed detached outbuilding consisting of 3 bay open cart shed style garage with home office/games room over.

**OBSERVATIONS:** The Committee supported the application as the size and appearance were considered to be in character and the development would have no effect on neighbouring properties. It was recommended that the existing buildings should be demolished and permitted development rights for additional windows should be removed. There should be minimal outside lighting and use should be restricted to stated purposes only, ancillary to the dwelling.

**WD/2009/0137/F**

AVIEMORE, TILSMORE ROAD, HEATHFIELD TN21 OXU. Rear single storey extension and loft conversion with new access stair and minor internal alterations.

**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.

09/38 **ESCC LIAISON MEETING ON WEDNESDAY 14 JANUARY 2009**

Notes of this meeting had been circulated and the Committee noted that the next meeting was scheduled for 5 May 2009 at 2.00 pm.

09/39 **DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Monday 16 February 2009 at 7.30 pm in the Ian Price Room, Heathfield Community Centre, Sheepsetting Lane, Heathfield.

09/40 **MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS HAVING BEEN PREVIOUSLY NOTIFIED**

There were none.

09/41 **CRIME AND DISORDER ACT SECTION 17 TO CONSIDER EFFECTS (IF ANY) ARISING FROM ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

There were none.

09/42 **RISK ASSESSMENT IMPLICATIONS OF MATTERS ON THE AGENDA**

There were none.

The Meeting closed at 8.43 p.m.

Signed:

Chairman

Dated: