

HEATHFIELD AND WALDRON PARISH COUNCIL

HIGHWAYS, PLANNING & STREET LIGHTING COMMITTEE

MONDAY 27 APRIL 2009 AT 7.30 P.M.

At Heathfield Community Centre

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

The Clerk was in attendance.

8 members of the public and District Councillors Angel and Mrs Kirkpatrick were also present.

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Mr and Mrs Stallard of Woodcote expressed their concerns about the proposed sheltered housing development and the effects upon their property and those of their neighbour at Oaklands, including over-shadowing, impact upon the character of the area and scale and massing.

The owners of 2 High Street and Tollys also indicated their opposition to the scheme including concerns about traffic, which was already affected by parking outside the new flats on the opposite side of the road and possibility of subsidence due to known problems in the area.

District Cllr Angel endorsed the comments expressed and said that with a development of this size, 12 affordable units should be provided, together with infrastructure improvements.

District Cllr Mrs Kirkpatrick said she considered it to be gross over-development of the site and would not be supporting it.

The meeting commenced at 7.48 p.m.

09/106 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence had been received from Mr Bassingthwaighe, Mr Hart, Mrs Holmwood and Dr Rayner.

09/107 **MINUTES**

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 14 April 2009, having been previously circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

09/108 **DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST IN MATTERS ON THE AGENDA**

There were none.

09/109 **MATTERS ARISING**

There were none.

09/110 **WDC – NOTICE OF APPEAL – PINE RIDGE COTTAGE, CROSS IN HAND, HEATHFIELD**

The Committee noted the above.

09/111 **ESCC – HIGHWAYS – A265/A267 JUNCTION IMPROVEMENTS**

The Committee noted the above and expressed the hope that the works would be completed in a timely manner. Concern was expressed about the effect on traffic for Heathfield Show.

09/112 **ESCC – TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE**

The Committee noted the proposed closure of Firgrove Road, North Street and Browns Lane for drainage works.

09/113 **WDC – TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE – HEATHFIELD CARNIVAL PROCESSION**

The Committee supported the proposed closure on 18 July 2009.

09/114 **ESCC LIAISON MEETING**

The Committee noted that the next meeting would take place on Tuesday 5 May at 2.00 p.m. and matters for the agenda were agreed.

09/115 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

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SILVERDEN, SOUTHDOWN, ALBION HOUSE AND NICHE HOUSE, MUTTON HALL HILL, HEATHFIELD TN21 8NB. Erection of 40 (29 x 1 bed, 11 x 2 bed) sheltered apartments (category II) house manager's accommodation, communal facilities, car parking and landscaping.

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

- 1) Size and appearance out of character in the locality
- 2) Significant adverse effect upon neighbours by reason of over-shadowing and over-looking, particularly Oaklands which would suffer severe loss of privacy and loss of light
- 3) Negative visual impact and loss of trees and hedgerows
- 4) Inadequate parking provision and effect of additional traffic (the statistics given regarding probable car ownership are not accepted given residents may only be 60 years of age)

In addition, the following concerns were raised:-

- 1) Lack of affordable housing provision – a commuted sum should be secured
- 2) Disposal of surface water into the well was considered unacceptable and inadequate tests had been carried out regarding foul water sewer capacity
- 3) Lack of infrastructure such as Doctors, and should the development be approved, the need for appropriate footpath from the site into the town and commuted sum towards public transport improvements

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. *Amended plan showing increase in width of the high level window to the living room on the west elevation from 1.2m wide to 2.4m drawing no. 8708/4 rev E Date Stamped 14 April 2008.*

OBSERVATIONS: The Committee supported the application and considered the size and appearance to be in keeping. Neighbours' views should be considered as they may be adversely affected.

WD/2008/0751/F

20 COPPICE VIEW, HEATHFIELD TN21 8YS. Erection of concrete sectional garage.

OBSERVATIONS: The Committee supported the application as it was felt it was suitable for the area. Neighbours' views should be considered as they may be adversely affected.

WD/2009/0809/F

LITTLE PONDS, NEW POND HILL, CROSS IN HAND, HEATHFIELD TN21 ONB. Roof alterations to single storey existing kitchen plus conservatory extension.

OBSERVATIONS: The Committee supported the application and considered the size and appearance to be in keeping. Neighbours' views should be considered as they may be adversely affected.

09/116 **DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Monday 11 May 2009 at 7.30 pm in the Ian Price Room, Heathfield Community Centre, Sheepsetting Lane, Heathfield.

09/117 **MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS HAVING BEEN PREVIOUSLY NOTIFIED**

There were none.

09/118 **CRIME AND DISORDER ACT SECTION 17 TO CONSIDER EFFECTS (IF ANY) ARISING FROM ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

There were none.

09/119 **RISK ASSESSMENT IMPLICATIONS OF MATTERS ON THE AGENDA**

There were none.

The Meeting closed at 8.46 p.m.

Signed:

Chairman

Dated: