

HEATHFIELD AND WALDRON PARISH COUNCIL

HIGHWAYS, PLANNING & STREET LIGHTING COMMITTEE

MONDAY 11 MAY 2009 AT 7.30 P.M.

At Heathfield Community Centre

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

Mrs Pyle, Administrative Officer was in attendance.

Four members of the public were present.

WD/2009/727/F

The applicant said that a site visit had been made by three members of the Parish Council and photographs had been taken. Wealden District Council had encouraged the applicant to put in a full application for the site which consisted of a replacement dwelling house, stables, Sussex barn, garage and sand school. The applicant's architect had made adjustments to the original plans after consultation with the Planning Officer at Wealden.

WD/2009/0907/F

The owners of Oak Croft addressed the Committee and said their property overlooked Heffle Court and said that they were not opposed to the application but wished the proposed conversion of the garage into a laundry room to remain as a single storey extension. If at a later date a first floor extension was added this would intrude on their property, reduce the view and become part of the skyline.

WD/2009/0821/F

A member of the public spoke to the Committee regarding the amended application and said there was no material change since the previous application had been made. He felt that in view of the dilapidated condition of the present building the conversion would constitute a separate residence in the countryside and this would incur extra noise and disturbance in an area of outstanding beauty.

The meeting commenced at 7.40 pm

09/120 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence had been received from Mrs Archer, Mr Bassingthwaite, Mr Hart and Dr Rayner.

09/121 **MINUTES**

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 27 April 2009, having been previously circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

09/122 **DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST IN MATTERS ON THE AGENDA**

Mrs Kentish-Barnes disclosed a prejudicial interest in respect of WD/2009/0821/F as her brother lives in a nearby property.

Mr Newnham disclosed a prejudicial interest in respect of WD/2009/0907/F as a friend of the owners of a neighbouring property.

Mr Chambers disclosed a personal interest in respect of WD/2009/0930/0 as the applicant is a neighbour.

09/123 **MATTERS ARISING**

The Chairman wished to ascertain whether a letter has been sent to the Planning Inspectorate regarding Pine Cottage at Cross in Hand.

09/124 **WD/2790/CC- HEATHFIELD PARK CRICKET CLUB, SCHOOL HILL, HEATHFIELD.**

The Committee supported a replacement Flag Pole but not the antenna. It was noted that this application fell within the Conservation Area and asked that local residents be consulted upon.

09/125 **WDC – TREE WORKS – CHURCH COTTAGE, LITTLE LONDON ROAD, CROSS IN HAND TN21 0LT**

The Committee noted this.

09/126 **WDC – TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE – TOWN POLICE CLAUSES ACT 1847 – HEATHFIELD RUN RUNNERS ANNUAL 10K RUN – SUNDAY 28 JUNE 2009**

The Committee supported this application for a temporary road closure order.

09/127 **ESCC – PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY – NETWORK SURVEY**

The Committee noted the contents of this letter and asked that all further information be sent to the Parish Council via email.

09/128 **ESCC – TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE – TOWN POLICE CLAUSES ACT 1847 – LE MARCHÉ , HEATHFIELD – MONDAY 31 AUGUST 2009 AS FROM 0800 TO 1700 HOURS**

The Committee supported this application for a temporary road closure order.

09/129 **ESCC LIAISON MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held on 5 May would be circulated at a later date.

09/130 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

WD/2009/0811/F

CHERRY MILL COTTAGE, MILL LANE, PUNNETTS TOWN TN21 9HX. Demolition of existing workshop and garage and replacement with single storey extension to existing house together with detached double garage with bedroom and en-suite over.

OBSERVATIONS: The Committee supported the application and considered the size and appearance to be in character and wished the garage to be used for the purpose built only, ancillary to the dwelling and tied to the property and to remain as one dwelling. Neighbours' views to be sought as they may be adversely affected.

WD/2009/0814/F

4 SEA VIEW COTTAGES, CROSS IN HAND TN21 OSU. First floor extension to end of property and porch.

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

WD/2009/0821/F

GREAT PIGSTROOD BARN, STREET END LANE, HEATHFIELD TN21 8UB. Change of use of redundant milking parlour and conversion to residential annexe to existing house.

OBSERVATIONS: The Committee objected to the application and felt that there had been no material change to the previous application. The Committee noted Wealden's views for refusal on the previous application. It was also considered that the application would essentially create a new build within the AONB and would cause loss of privacy and potential noise nuisance to neighbours.

Mrs Kentish Barnes left the room during consideration of the above application.

WD/2009/0834/F

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

OBSERVATIONS: The Committee objected to the application as it was feared it would constitute a new build in the countryside owing to the dilapidated state of the property.

WD/2009/0907/F

HEFFLE COURT, STATION ROAD, HEATHFIELD TN21 8DR.

Proposed two part first floor extension providing 4 new ensuite bedrooms above the existing SE ground floor wing and 3 new ensuite bedrooms. 3 offices and a lounge above the existing NE ground floor wing. Conversion of the existing garage into a laundry and the provision of a single storey entrance lobby to south east elevation.

OBSERVATIONS: The Committee supported the application but wished to have removed permitted development rights to the garage and laundry to prevent any upward or outward building. The Committee asked that sympathetic ventilation is installed and that neighbours views are taken into account.

Mr Newnham left the room during consideration of the above application. Mrs Kentish Barnes took the chair.

WD/2009/0919/F

21 STREATFIELD GARDENS, HEATHFIELD TN21 8LW. Erect conservatory at rear.

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

WD/2009/0930/0

FOXHUNT GREEN FARM, WALDRON TN21 9RY. Erection of agricultural worker's dwelling.

OBSERVATIONS: The Committee objected to the application on the grounds of a new build in the countryside and felt justification needs to be obtained from Rural Estates to see if it was warranted.

WD/2009/0931/F

DALEHURST, CROSS IN HAND ROAD, HEATHFIELD TN21 OUT. Erection of conservatory on side elevation.

OBSERVATIONS: The Committee supported the application and considered the size and appearance to be in character and suitable for the area. Neighbours' views to be sought as they may be adversely affected.

WD/2009/0727/F

LONGSHAW FARM, DERN LANE, WALDRON TN21 OPN. Demolition of existing dwelling house, barn, outbuildings and garage. Provision of replacement dwelling house, stables, barn, agricultural building. Garage/carport/store/sand school and associated works.

OBSERVATIONS: The Committee supported the application and suggested that it has a 106 agreement placed upon it. The size and

appearance were considered to be in character and the Committee considered the proposed development to be a vast improvement. The Committee wished the barn to be used for the purpose built only, ancillary to the dwelling. It was considered that the sand school should have no external lighting and for personal use only.

WD/2009/0844/F

APPS BARN, BACK LANE, CROSS IN HAND, HEATHFIELD TN21
OND - *Amendment to approved garden room extension (WD/2009/0270/F)*
to include lean-to cloakroom addition.

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

WD/2009/0908/F

LITTLE TOTTINGWORTH FARM, BROAD OAK, HEATHFIELD TN21
8TG. Steel portal framed agricultural stock building.

OBSERVATIONS: The Committee supported the application and considered it to be a suitable use for the area. They also welcomed a working farm being maintained.

WD/2009/0948/F

UPPER CHAMBERS, STATION ROAD, HEATHFIELD TN21 8LD.
Change of use from Class B1 Business to Residential 2 bedroom flats
previously approved under WD/2006/2086/F.

OBSERVATIONS: The Committee supported the application and considered it to be a suitable use for the area.

WD/2009/0973/F

GREENACRES MANOR, LITTLE LONDON, HEATHFIELD TN21 0BA.
Proposed stable block and store to replace previously approved store.

OBSERVATIONS: The Committee supported the application and asked that the buildings be tied to the property and used for stated purposes only, ancillary to the dwelling.

09/131 **DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 26 May 2009 at 7.30 pm in the Ian Price Room, Heathfield Community Centre, Sheepsetting Lane, Heathfield.

09/132 **MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS HAVING BEEN PREVIOUSLY NOTIFIED**

There were none.

09/133 **CRIME AND DISORDER ACT SECTION 17 TO CONSIDER EFFECTS (IF ANY) ARISING FROM ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

There were none.

09/134 **RISK ASSESSMENT IMPLICATIONS OF MATTERS ON THE AGENDA**

There were none.

The Meeting closed at 09.10 p.m.

Signed:

Chairman

Dated: