

HEATHFIELD AND WALDRON PARISH COUNCIL

HIGHWAYS, PLANNING & STREET LIGHTING COMMITTEE

MONDAY 28 JANUARY 2008, 7.30P.M.

At Heathfield Community Centre

PRESENT: Mr Bassingthwaighte, Mrs Basso, Mr Chambers, Mrs Gander, Mrs Kentish-Barnes, Mr Kerby, Mr Newnham (Chairman), Mrs Oakes and Mr Woodhouse.

The Clerk was in attendance.

There were 6 members of the public and 2 representatives of the press also present.

WD/2007/3755/F

Local residents expressed their concerns to the Committee regarding this application including to overlooking, traffic concerns, over-development and over-shadowing of existing properties and the local primary school.

WD/2008/0010/F

The applicant showed the Committee a model illustrating the proposed development at his property and stated that it would also facilitate improved access and driveway.

The Meeting commenced at 7.46 p.m.

08/035 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies of absence had been received from Mrs Archer and Mr Hart.

08/036 **MINUTES**

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 14 January 2008, having been previously circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

08/037 **DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST IN MATTERS ON THE AGENDA**

Mr Bassingthwaighte disclosed a prejudicial interest in respect of WD/2008/0058/FR as the applicant was a friend and a fellow member of Heathfield and Waldron Rotary Club.

08/038 **MATTERS ARISING**

There were none.

08/039 **STREET LIGHTING PROPOSALS AT MILL ROAD CAR PARK**

The Clerk reported that details of a revised scheme are awaited.

08/040 **APP/C1435/C/07/2055328 – FOXGLOVE FARM, STREET END LANE, BROAD OAK**

The Committee noted arrangements for a Local Inquiry with regard to this appeal.

08/041 **WD/2007/3755/F – WINDY RIDGE. PUNNETTS TOWN TN21 9DE**

A letter from Mr and Mrs Nairne objecting to this application was noted by the Committee.

08/042 **WDC – LOCAL VALIDATION LIST FOR PLANNING APPLICATION CONSULTATIONS**

The Committee noted the above.

08/043 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

WD/2007/1572/LDE

EAGLE HOUSE, HAILSHAM ROAD, HEATHFIELD TN21 8AB. Use as B1 Offices.

OBSERVATIONS: The Committee supported the application.

WD/2007/3693/F

CEDARS, HIGHVIEW ROAD, BROAD OAK TN21 8SE. Single storey extension to rear.

OBSERVATIONS: The Committee supported the application subject to neighbours' views.

WD/2007/3755/F

WINDY RIDGE, PUNNETTS TOWN TN21 9DE. Residential development comprising two semi-detached houses.

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

Over-development of the site and out of keeping with the locality, not in local vernacular.

Loss of privacy for neighbouring property

Increased traffic in vicinity of school

Prominent ridge lines which will overshadow nearby properties
Scale of properties will have adverse impact on school
Loss of amenity for nearby properties
Lack of proposed soft landscaping
In addition, concern was raised about the environmental impact – including the loss of mature trees which should be replanted – and the complete devastation of the site which has occurred by the removal of all trees and vegetation. There are believed to be newts on part of the site.

WD/2007/3726/OH

SCOTSFORD ROAD, BROAD OAK. Overhead line.

OBSERVATIONS: The Committee supported the application.

WD/2007/3736/F

LYTHAM, TILSMORE ROAD, HEATHFIELD TN21 OXU. Single storey side and rear extensions. Roof space conversion including a new gabled roof to the front and wide dormer structure to the rear 5 no velux rooflights. Various minor internal alterations and creation of patio to the rear.

OBSERVATIONS: The Committee supported the application subject to neighbours' views.

WD/2007/3748/F

SWIFFE FARM, BROAD OAK, HEATHIFELD. New garage and implement store.

OBSERVATIONS: The Committee supported the application subject to use being restricted to stated purposes only, ancillary to the dwelling.

WD/2007/3756/F

WET WOOD, POTTENS MILL LANE, BROAD OAK, HEATHFIELD.
Construction of a conservatory to the rear of the house.

OBSERVATIONS: The Committee supported the application.

WD/2008/0054/O

COBWEBS, HIGH STREET, CROSS IN HAND TN21 OSR. Demolition of existing dwelling. Erection of 4 three bedroom houses.

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

1. Over-development of the site and out of keeping in vicinity
2. Concerns over access onto the already heavily congested B2102 and poorly maintained footways in the High Street
3. Loss of privacy and overlooking of nearby properties – including those on opposite side of road
4. Unsuitable driveway to take additional traffic
5. Loss of mature trees
6. Concern that it would set a precedent for similar applications
7. Concern over drainage arrangements

WD/2007/3700/F

RANGERS FARMHOUSE, PUNNETTS TOWN, HEATHFIELD TN21 9DS. First Floor Extension.

OBSERVATIONS: The Committee supported the application subject to neighbours' views.

WD/2008/0004/FR

LAND AT TILSMORE NURSERY, NORTH OF NURSERY WAY, HEATHFIELD. *Retrospective application for the construction of a wildlife pond with nesting island.*

OBSERVATIONS: The Committee welcomed the application.

WD/2008/0010/F

PINE RIDGE COTTAGE, LITTLE LONDON ROAD, HEATHFIELD TN21 OLT. Demolition of single storey garage addition to outbuilding and construction of a new two storey addition in its place along with alterations to the existing remaining building to create ancillary accommodation and garaging.

OBSERVATIONS: The Committee supported the application, welcomed the smaller footprint of the building and the use of local materials.

The use of the building should be restricted to stated purposes only, ancillary to the dwelling and the museum should be private only.

WD/2008/0058/FR

6 THORNTREE CLOSE, HEATHFIELD TN21 OYE. *Retrospective erection of conservatory.*

OBSERVATIONS: The Committee supported the application.

08/044 **LDF PREFERRED OPTIONS**

Notes of the meeting with Wealden District Council had been circulated to Members and the Committee noted that further meetings were planned to discuss a Vision for Heathfield and to meet consultants regarding retail provision.

08/045 **LIAISON MEETING WITH ESCC**

The Committee agreed agenda items for the Liaison meeting to be held on 13 February.

08/046 **DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Monday 11 February 2008 in the Ian Price Room, Heathfield Community Centre, Sheepsetting Lane, Heathfield.

08/047 **MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS HAVING BEEN PREVIOUSLY NOTIFIED**

There were none.

08/048 **CRIME AND DISORDER ACT SECTION 17 TO CONSIDER EFFECTS (IF ANY) ARISING FROM ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

There were none.

08/049 **RISK ASSESSMENT IMPLICATIONS OF MATTERS ON THE AGENDA**

There were none.

The Meeting closed 9.12 p.m.

Signed:

Chairman

Dated: