

HEATHFIELD AND WALDRON PARISH COUNCIL

HIGHWAYS, PLANNING & STREET LIGHTING COMMITTEE

MONDAY 17 AUGUST 2009 AT 7.00 P.M.

At Heathfield Community Centre

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

The Clerk was in attendance.

District Councillor Angel was also present.

09/216 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence had been received from Mr Chambers.

09/217 **MINUTES**

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 3 August 2009, having been previously circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

09/218 **DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST IN MATTERS ON THE AGENDA**

Mrs Kentish-Barnes disclosed a prejudicial interest in respect of WD/2009/0821/F and notification of an Appeal arising from her brother residing in a neighbouring property.

09/219 **MATTERS ARISING**

The Chairman reported that County Councillor Dowling would be meeting with Back Lane residents regarding their Petition.

It was reported that the area around Isenhurst Service Station was full of weeds and the Chairman would chase ESCC regarding this.

09/220 **WDC – WD/2009/0821/F – GREAT PIGSTROOD BARN, STREET END LANE, BROAD OAK, HEATHFIELD TN21 8UB**

The Committee noted that an Appeal had been lodged in respect of this application, which had been refused as the development was considered to be too far away from the existing house and would constitute a new dwelling within the AONB. It was agreed that the Parish Council's objections to the application should be reiterated to the Planning Inspector.

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

09/221 **UPLANDS PARK, BROAD OAK EGRESS ONTO A265**

The Committee noted the contents of an email from County Councillor Simmons regarding action arising from the Petition about traffic safety issues.

09/222 **ESCC – B2102 HIGH STREET AND DADS HILL, CROSS IN HAND – TEMPORARY ONE WAY ORDERS**

The Committee noted the information.

09/223 **WDC – TREE WORKS – 1 WOODLAND MEWS, HEATHFIELD**

The Committee noted information regarding tree works at the above address.

09/224 **ESCC – BUS STOP CLEARWAYS – A267 CROSS IN HAND, HEATHFIELD**

The Committee noted that clearways were being proposed to protect the bus stop areas at this location.

09/225 **WDC – WEALDEN DISTRICT (HEATHFIELD AND WALDRON 14B (PART)) – PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION ORDER 2009 (LITTLE PIGSTROOD BARN)**

The Committee noted that this Order had been confirmed.

09/226 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

WD/2009/1544/F

MARKLYE HOUSE, MARKLYE LANE, HEATHFIELD TN21 8QB.
Alterations and extensions.

OBSERVATIONS: The Committee supported the application, the size and appearance are considered to be in character and the development represents a visual improvement.

WD/2009/1661/F

DULVERTON, HAILSHAM ROAD, HEATHFIELD TN21 8AF. Carport to be erected over existing hardstanding.

OBSERVATIONS: The Committee supported the application as the use was considered to be suitable in the area. Neighbours' views should be sought as they may be adversely affected.

WD/2009/1667/F

CADE HOUSE, CADE STREET, HEATHFIELD TN21 9BS. Demolition of existing coach house and construction of new annexe.

OBSERVATIONS: The Committee objected to the application which was not considered to be an annexe and represents a new building within the AONB and the Cade Street Conservation Area.

WD/2009/1539/F

THE GRANARY, POSSINGWORTH PARK, CROSS IN HAND, HEATHFIELD TN21 OTL. First floor maisonette – conversion of loft into one habitable room with pitched roof dormer and 3 velux windows.

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

09/227 **TO AGREE RESPONSE TO LDF SPATIAL DEVELOPMENT OPTIONS**

There was a great deal of discussion regarding the various options being put forward by WDC into housing distribution across the district from 2006 – 2026. Generally, Members considered that the highest priority should be given to protecting the AONB, although some concern was raised that there should be sufficient development within the parish to enable infrastructure improvements to be forthcoming.

The Committee also considered the priorities set out in the Vision for Heathfield which the Parish Council had submitted to Wealden in 2008. It was **RESOLVED** that the Vision was still relevant and that no amendments were necessary.

A motion that Option 3 be supported was proposed by Mr Baker, seconded by Mrs Clark was lost and it was duly **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council's preferred option was Option 4 and Option 9 relating to employment opportunities. It was agreed that additional comments would be made regarding the lack of infrastructure in the parish and the need to lobby Government to agree improvements to the A27 and reinstatement of the Uckfield – Lewes railway. It would also be emphasised that Wealden should enhance and expand sport and leisure facilities throughout the district.

Members considered a request for support from Forest Row Parish Council regarding the need for Wealden to adopt and implement an effective policy to ensure S106 developers contributions were obtained, for the benefit of the relevant parish. It was **RESOLVED** that this action should be supported and reference to this effect would be included within the consultation response.

09/228 **DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 1 September 2009 at 7.30 pm in the Ian Price Room, Heathfield Community Centre, Sheepsetting Lane, Heathfield.

09/229 **MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS HAVING BEEN PREVIOUSLY NOTIFIED**

The Chairman stated that he had been approached regarding the installation of wooden bollards at Waldron Thorns. It appeared that ESCC had not been consulted prior to their installation. It was noted that the posts had been erected by Unity Community Association who remained responsible for them.

09/230 **CRIME AND DISORDER ACT SECTION 17 TO CONSIDER EFFECTS (IF ANY) ARISING FROM ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

There were none.

09/231 **RISK ASSESSMENT IMPLICATIONS OF MATTERS ON THE AGENDA**

There were none.

The Meeting closed at 8.40 p.m.

Signed:

Chairman

Dated: