

HEATHFIELD AND WALDRON PARISH COUNCIL

HIGHWAYS, PLANNING & STREET LIGHTING COMMITTEE

MONDAY 12 OCTOBER 2009 AT 7.30 P.M.

At Heathfield Community Centre

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

The Clerk was in attendance.

09/272 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence had been received from Mrs Archer, Mr Chambers, Mrs Clark and Dr Rayner.

09/273 **MINUTES**

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 28 September 2009, having been previously circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

09/274 **DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST IN MATTERS ON THE AGENDA**

There were none.

09/275 **MATTERS ARISING**

There were none.

09/276 **WD/2009/1804/F – SNASHALL’S COTTAGE, CROSS IN HAND**

It was reported that the above application had been withdrawn.

09/277 **ESCC – TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE – A267 LITTLE LONDON ROAD, HEATHFIELD**

The Committee noted the above information.

09/278 **ESCC – TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE – U7599 FLITTERBROOK LANE, WARBLETON**

The Committee noted the above information.

09/279 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

WD/2009/1992/MAJ

ALBION HOUSE, NICHE HOUSE, SILVERDEN & SOUTHDOWN, MUTTON HALL HILL, HEATHFIELD TN21 8NB. Erection of 29 one-bedroom and 11 two-bedroom sheltered apartments (category II), house

manager's accommodation, communal facilities, car parking and landscaping.

OBSERVATIONS: My Council objects most strongly to this application and it is noted with disappointment that none of the concerns raised to the original plan appear to have been addressed.

The objections are as follows:

- 1) Size and appearance is out of character in the locality, contrary to Policy EN27 and specifically contravenes the objectives within the Vision for Heathfield
- 2) Significant and unacceptable adverse effect upon neighbours by reason of over-shadowing and over-looking – although the boundary has been moved away from Oaklands by 1.2m, the effect upon this property remains unacceptable and the increased height of the eastern block worsens the effect upon Tollys.
- 3) Negative visual impact and loss of trees and hedgerows – particularly at the front of the site, which has been urbanised by the addition of railings
- 4) Inadequate parking provision. The Parish Council understands that the site is within Zone 4 of the ESCC's parking standards but this takes no account of the severely depleted transport provision to the town, the importance of the A265 as a main route to the east. It is not accepted that residents, who may be only 55 years of age, are unlikely to be car owners. The lack of public transport and parking which already takes place on the opposite side of Mutton Hall Hill by residents of the flats cause considerable congestion along this route. For all these reasons, should the development be approved, parking provision should be in excess of one space per flat.
- 5) There is still no provision of affordable housing and no reference to a commuted sum.
- 6) The disposal of surface and foul water remains of concern and no account appears to have been taken of the Parish Council's previous comments in this regard.
- 7) The concerns regarding lack of infrastructure have not been addressed, including Doctors, public transport and lack of suitable footpath into the town centre. Members have noted the proposals to install a pelican crossing but consider this to be unacceptable because of the number of existing crossings along Mutton Hall Hill and the High Street and this additional one would cause further traffic delays and congestion.

In addition, the Parish Council would seek evidence of a proven need for housing provision of this kind.

WD/2009/2020/F

45 ELM WAY, HEATHFIELD TN21 8YH. Erection of conservatory on rear elevation.

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

WD/2009/1881/F

6 ROUNDHOUSE COTTAGES, CADE STREET TN21 8RD. Single storey extension, raised decking, internal alterations and replacement windows.

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

WD/2009/1998/LB

SPICERS COTTAGE, 19 CADE STREET, OLD HEATHFIELD TN21 9BS. Internal and external alterations.

OBSERVATIONS: The Committee supported this application which was considered to represent a visual improvement to a Listed Building. Neighbours' views should be sought as they may be adversely affected.

09/280 **DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING**

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

09/281 **MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS HAVING BEEN PREVIOUSLY NOTIFIED**

Parking in Ghyll Road, Heathfield

Mr Kerby reported that he had been approached by residents of Ghyll Road with regard to parking regulations since ESCC had carried out work to install dropped kerbs. It appeared that some residents had been given warning notices for parking on the footway and Mr Newnham stated that he had also been approached in this regard. It was agreed that ESCC should be asked for clarification and that a copy of the letter should be sent to the Police.

09/282 **CRIME AND DISORDER ACT SECTION 17 TO CONSIDER EFFECTS (IF ANY) ARISING FROM ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

There were none.

09/283 **RISK ASSESSMENT IMPLICATIONS OF MATTERS ON THE AGENDA**

The Committee reviewed the risk list and subject to some minor alterations with regard to the Impact and Probability of some items, the list was duly adopted for the following year.

There were no matters with risk management implications discussed at the meeting.

The Meeting closed at 8.20 p.m.

Signed:

Chairman

Dated: