

HEATHFIELD AND WALDRON PARISH COUNCIL

HIGHWAYS, PLANNING & STREET LIGHTING COMMITTEE

MONDAY 9 NOVEMBER 2009 AT 7.30 P.M.

At Heathfield Community Centre

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

The Clerk was in attendance.

Two members of the public were also present.

THE COTTAGE, TANNERS FARM, LIONS GREEN

Mr Wilkinson and Mr Jack, neighbours to the application site, spoke to the Committee regarding the application for a Certificate of Lawful Development in respect of use as a single dwelling house and expressed concern about the possible creation of an additional dwelling house.

Mr Wilkinson also spoke to the Committee regarding the retention of the telephone kiosk in Waldron High Street and the wish to keep it lit. He indicated that local residents would undertake to keep it tidy and to paint it when necessary.

The meeting commenced at 7.41 p.m.

09/295 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been received from Mr Baker, Mr Hart, Mrs Oakes and Dr Rayner.

09/296 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 26 October 2009, having been previously circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

09/297 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST IN MATTERS ON THE AGENDA

Mrs Holmwood disclosed a personal interest in respect of WD/2009/2163/F as her daughter had written a letter of support for the application.

Mr Newnham disclosed a prejudicial interest in respect of WD/2009/2181/F as the application site adjoined his land.

09/298 **MATTERS ARISING**

The Clerk reported that a reply had been received from ESCC regarding parking in Ghyll Road, Heathfield, which would be considered at the next meeting.

09/299 **WDC – ELECTRONIC CONSULTATION ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The Committee noted that it was proposed to move to an electronic consultation process with effect from Autumn 2010. It was agreed that consideration needed to be given to making plans available for the public and the means of viewing plans at Committee meetings. The Clerk reported that other parishes were keen to obtain financial support from Wealden to the setting up costs involved and further discussions would take place with Wealden in this respect.

09/300 **WDC – WD/2009/2244/LDE – CERTIFICATE OF LAWFUL DEVELOPMENT – USE AS A SINGLE DWELLING HOUSE – THE COTTAGE, TANNERS FARM, LIONS GREEN, WALDRON**

The Committee could offer no direct knowledge of activities at the site but noted that local residents would be raising objections and it appeared that some of the supporting documentation was contradictory.

09/301 **WDC – TM/2009/0248/TPO – CROWN LIFT ONE BEECH TREE WITHIN TREE PRESERVATION ORDER – ST MARY’S RETREAT, TILSMORE ROAD, HEATHFIELD**

The Committee noted information regarding these tree works.

09/302 **WDC – EMAIL REGARDING ADOPTION OF TELEPHONE KIOSKS**

The Committee had previously resolved to retain the telephone box in Waldron High Street. However, the original letter from BT had not set out the costs involved in disconnecting the electricity supply or details of how to retain the supply from EDF. It was noted that disconnection would cost in the region of £380 and in view of the wish of local residents that the light be retained, it was **RESOLVED** that the necessary procedure with EDF be followed to transfer the billing of the supply to the Parish Council.

The Committee thanked Mr Wilkinson for all his help in this regard.

09/305 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

WD/2009/2163/FR

SPRINGFIELD NURSERY, BACK LANE, CROSS IN HAND TN21 0QD.
Retention of timber chalet home as permanent dwelling for owner/manager

OBSERVATIONS: The Committee supported the application and considered the use to be suitable in the area. The business provides a good service to the community and employs local people.

WD/2009/2181/FR

BELL REED FARM, DADS HILL, CROSS IN HAND TN21 OSY.
Replacement private stable building.

OBSERVATIONS: The Committee supported the application provided it is for private use only.

Mr Newnham left the room during consideration of the above.

WD/2009/2138/F

HOLMWOOD, FIRWOOD RISE, HEATHFIELD TN21 8LX. Exclude the construction of the garage to the existing house (condition 9 of WD/2008/0675/F)

OBSERVATIONS: The Committee supported the application and considered the parking provision to be adequate.

WD/2009/1943/F

BRAYSLAND FARM, FOXHUNT GREEN, WALDRON TN21 ORY.
Continued use of land and building for private equestrian use and livery and retention of horse walker. Application now made complete floor plan and confirmation of use of other stable buildings on site. Letter and drawing date stamped 19 October 2009

OBSERVATIONS: The Committee supported the application and considered the use to be suitable in the area. There should be no external permanent lighting.

09/303 **COLD CALLING ZONE**

The Chairman reported that a meeting was taking place with Ms Baxter from Trading Standards to agree the siting of the required signs.

It was agreed that signs should be placed on the perimeter roads the B2102 attached to the Dower House Farm lorry sign, the A267 in the vicinity of Sunset Farm, on the A265 at Broad Oak, the B2096 in the vicinity of the Barley Mow, on the B2203 adjacent to the Parish Council's land at Theobalds Green, at Scallow Bridge in Waldron, Newick Lane and Little London Road in the vicinity of Te Whare.

09/304 **BUDGET REQUIREMENTS FOR 2010/2011 FINANCIAL YEAR**

Following consideration, the following budget headings were agreed:

Heading	Budget	Notes
Street lighting – Power and maintenance	2,500	
Street lighting - replacement	5,000	
Grass Cutting	0	
Footpaths	0	
Bridleways	0	
Fingerpost and signs	1,000	
Legal costs	0	
Other	0	
TOTAL	8,500	(+ 2,000)
Rural Transport	1,000	Youth Express
TOTAL	1,000	

The following Earmarked Reserves were agreed:

Power, maintenance and fingerposts	10,000
Unspecified capital replacements	<u>20,000</u>
Total	<u>30,000</u>

09/305 **DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Monday 23 November 2009 at 7.30 pm in the Ian Price Room, Heathfield Community Centre, Sheepsetting Lane, Heathfield.

09/306 **MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS HAVING BEEN PREVIOUSLY NOTIFIED**

There were none.

09/307 **CRIME AND DISORDER ACT SECTION 17 TO CONSIDER EFFECTS (IF ANY) ARISING FROM ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

There were none.

09/308 **RISK ASSESSMENT IMPLICATIONS OF MATTERS ON THE AGENDA**

There were none.

The Meeting closed at 8.38 p.m.

Signed:

Chairman

Dated: