

HEATHFIELD AND WALDRON PARISH COUNCIL

HIGHWAYS, PLANNING & STREET LIGHTING COMMITTEE

MONDAY 15 FEBRUARY 2010 AT 7.30 P.M.

At Heathfield Community Centre

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

The Clerk was in attendance.

10/38 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

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

10/39 **MINUTES**

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 1 February 2010, having been previously circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

10/40 **DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST IN MATTERS ON THE AGENDA**

Mr Chambers disclosed a personal interest in respect of WD/2010/0060/F as a friend of the applicant.

10/41 **MATTERS ARISING**

There were none.

10/42 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

WD/2009/2658/F

PINEWOOD, 10 HIGH STREET, HEATHFIELD TN21 8LS. Change of use back to residential from its current use as a day nursery.

OBSERVATIONS: The Committee supported the application and considered the use to be suitable for the area. Neighbours may be adversely affected.

WD/2010/0060/F

SATINSTOWN FARM, BROAD OAK, HEATHFIELD TN21 8RD. Proposed change of use of outbuilding from approved B1 use to holiday let accommodation.

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

WD/2010/0127/F

5A HIGHCROFT CRESCENT, HEATHFIELD TN21 8HE. Convert garage into bedroom.

OBSERVATIONS: The Committee supported the application and considered the use to be suitable for the area. Neighbours should be consulted as they may be adversely affected.

WD/2010/0147/F

2 FOREST PLACE, WALDRON TN21 OTG. Single storey side extensions.

OBSERVATIONS: The Committee supported the application and considered the size and appearance to be suitable in the area. Neighbours should be consulted as they may be adversely affected.

WD/2009/2598/F

SPINNEY'S EDGE, BACK LANE, CROSS IN HAND TN21 OQG. Removal of existing store and extension (2 storey) to side and internal alterations.

OBSERVATIONS: The Committee supported the application and considered the size and appearance to be suitable in the area. Neighbours should be consulted as they may be adversely affected.

WD/2010/0121/F

STANLEY HOUSE, HIGH STREET, CROSS IN HAND TN21 OSR. Single storey rear extension with slate pitched roof and painted brickwork walls.

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.

WD/2010/0149/F

STABLES COTTAGE, BACK LANE, CROSS IN HAND, HEATHFIELD TN21 OQB. Double garage to replace existing woodshed.

OBSERVATIONS: The Committee supported the application and considered the use to be suitable for the area. However, use should be restricted to stated purpose only, ancillary to the dwelling and Members would have preferred a pitched roof design, to be more in keeping with the dwelling.

WD/2010/0173/A

ALBION HOUSE, NICHE HOUSE, SOUTHDOWN AND SILVERDEN, MUTTON HALL HILL, HEATHFIELD TN21 8NB. 5 x d boards and flags, hoarding.

OBSERVATIONS: The Committee objected to the excessive size of the signs, which would result in a negative visual impact and cause a distraction to traffic in this area.

WD/2010/0183/F

LITTLE BODLES, NEWICK LANE, HEATHFIELD TN21 8PU.
Demolish existing single storey outbuilding and erection of extension (single storey part flat roof) in same location.

OBSERVATIONS: The Committee supported the application, the size and appearance were considered to be in character and would provide a visual improvement. The use was considered to be suitable for the area.

WD/2010/0187/F

TOTTINGWORTH PARK KENNELS, BROAD OAK TN21 8XJ.
Proposed demolition of existing dwelling, kennels and various small outbuildings to be replaced with a new detached 4 bedroom family dwelling to include a detached garage/workshop.

OBSERVATIONS: The Committee supported the application, which would result in a visual improvement and the size and appearance were in keeping within the vicinity. The garaging should be restricted to the stated use only, ancillary to the dwelling and porosity tests should be carried out to prove the effectiveness of soakaways in this location.

WD/2010/0241/F

13 GHYLL ROAD, HEATHFIELD TN21 OAG. Proposed replacement garage and extension to first and roof rooms over. Addition of rooflights to rear single storey roof above kitchen.

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.

10/43 **POLICY REGARDING GRIT BINS**

A report was circulated to Members regarding the current situation regarding the provision and refilling of grit bins. A meeting had taken place with officers of ESCC and County Councillor Simmons to discuss the matter and to ascertain the legal implications for the Council should a policy to provide grit bins be adopted.

Cllr Simmons had requested a review of the County Council's winter road maintenance policies and the Committee considered that it was difficult to make a decision until the outcome of this review was known. It was noted that this was unlikely to happen until Autumn 2010.

In the circumstances above, all the residents who had contacted the Parish Council asking for new grit bins or refilling of existing ones, would be informed that a final decision would not be taken until after the ESCC review.

10/44 **REPAIR OF SCALLOW BRIDGE FINGERPOST**

The Committee ratified the decision taken at the last meeting to repair this fingerpost at an approximate cost of £890 + VAT.

10/45 **DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Monday 1 March 2010 at 7.30 pm in the Ian Price Room, Heathfield Community Centre, Sheepsetting Lane, Heathfield.

10/46 **MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS HAVING BEEN PREVIOUSLY NOTIFIED**

There were none.

10/47 **CRIME AND DISORDER ACT SECTION 17 TO CONSIDER EFFECTS (IF ANY) ARISING FROM ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

There were none.

10/48 **RISK ASSESSMENT IMPLICATIONS OF MATTERS ON THE AGENDA**

There were none.

The Meeting closed at 8.43 p.m.

Signed:

Chairman

Dated: