

HEATHFIELD AND WALDRON PARISH COUNCIL

HIGHWAYS, PLANNING & STREET LIGHTING COMMITTEE

MONDAY 10 MAY 2010 AT 7.30 P.M.

At Heathfield Community Centre

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

The Clerk was in attendance.

Also present were 4 members of the public, 2 representatives of the press and District Councillor Angel.

LAND AT MARKLYE LANE, HEATHFIELD

Mr Riley spoke to the Committee about his plans for development of the above land which he owned with two other partners. It was hoped that part of the site would be a self-build scheme and other proposals included possible affordable housing, a new roundabout and contribution towards community projects. It was suggested that a site visit take place with any Members of the Committee who wished to see the site. It was noted that the site was outside the Development Boundary and within the AONB.

TILSMORE ROAD TRAFFIC CALMING SCHEME

Ms King, a resident of Sheepsetting Lane, expressed concern about the effectiveness of the proposed amendments to the traffic calming scheme. The existing problems were exacerbated by parking in the layby outside the School and she suggested this should have double yellow lines and be used as a dropping-off point only. There was concern about the size of the speed humps and whether large vehicles would be able to straddle them, without slowing down. The Chairman agreed to ask whether local residents could have copies of ESCC Minutes regarding the scheme.

LAND AT GHYLL ROAD, HEATHFIELD

Residents of Frenches Farm Drive spoke to the Committee about the absence of a planning notice on the site. Cllr Angel explained that notices were either posted on site or consultation letters sent to nearby properties but he would pursue the matter.

The Meeting commences at 7.52 p.m.

10/104 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence had been received from Mrs Archer, Mr Hart and Mrs Oakes.

10/105 **MINUTES**

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 26 April 2010, having been previously circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

10/106 **DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST IN MATTERS ON THE AGENDA**

There were none.

10/107 **MATTERS ARISING**

There were none.

10/108 **ESCC – WD/2897/CC – CROSS IN HAND C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL, SHEEPSETTING LANE, HEATHFIELD – PROTECTIVE CANOPIES**

The Committee supported this application.

10/109 **ESCC – TILSMORE ROAD AREA TRAFFIC CALMING SCHEME**

The Committee noted that the scheme had now been put on deposit for public comments. It was hoped that the timing of the works would be planned in order to cause least disruption.

WDC – TREE WORKS

The Committee noted tree works to take place at 1 Wayside Walk, Heathfield and 20 Kennedy Close, Heathfield.

WDC – WD/2010/0623/F – MERIMAC SWIFE LANE, BROAD OAK

The Committee noted that the above application had been withdrawn.

WDC – HEATHFIELD CARNIVAL PROCESSION

The Committee supported the proposed Temporary Road Closure on Saturday 26 June 2010.

10/110 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

WD/2010/0792/FA

PARKLANDS FARM STABLES, LITTLE LONDON, HEATHFIELD TN21 OBA. Variation of Condition 7 of Planning Approval WD/2008/1951/F in order to retain existing outbuildings.

OBSERVATIONS: The Committee objected to the removal of Condition 7 and considered that the existing outbuildings should be removed.

WD/2010/0852/MEA

LAND AT GHYLL ROAD, HEATHFIELD Erection of 8 no. two-bed, 10 no. three-bed and 19 no. four-bed dwellinghouses; the formation of 74 no. parking spaces for the use of the residential dwellings and an additional 8 no. parking spaces for use in conjunction with the cuckoo trail; the construction of a woodland boardwalk, public open space (including local area of play) and associated access and landscaping.

OBSERVATIONS: Whilst accepting that outline approval had been given for development of this site, the Committee made the following comments and objections:-

- 1) The adjacent AONB should be protected and development needed to protect and be sympathetic to the Listed Building on neighbouring land.
- 2) The size and appearance of the three/four storey dwellings were considered to be out of keeping with a negative visual impact
- 3) There needed to be some affordable housing and preferably light industrial provision also, as previously proposed
- 4) There was concern at the loss of the rural character of the area
- 5) The play equipment provision was considered to be inadequate
- 6) The form of traffic calming was queried, as the 3.5m width restriction may affect access by emergency and refuse vehicles
- 7) It was noted that the outcome of the Village Green application hearing, scheduled for July, may affect the proposals.

WD/2010/0825/FE

LOW WOOD, MUTTON HALL HILL, HEATHFIELD TN21 8NB.
Extension of time for WD/2007/1660/0 – Demolition of existing house, garage and outbuildings and erection of a terrace of seven, two storey and two and half storey houses.

OBSERVATIONS: The Committee supported the extension of time.

WD/2010/0840/F

WITLANDS, BRITTENDEN LANE, WALDRON TN21 ORL. Conversion of loft to provide bedroom with ensuite facilities.

OBSERVATIONS: The Committee supported the application and considered the size and appearance to be in keeping. Neighbours may be adversely affected.

WD/2010/0853/A1

JOHN W GROOMBRIDGE, MAYFIELD ROAD, CROSS IN HAND, HEATHFIELD TN21 OSP. Internally illuminated rolled fascia panels, internally illuminated projecting sign, window graphics.

OBSERVATIONS: The Committee had no objection in principle but were concerned about the brightness of the sign and the adverse effect upon neighbours.

WD/2010/0867/F

ISENHURST HOUSE, ISENHURST, CROSS IN HAND, HEATHFIELD TN21 OTG. Proposed extensions and remodelling work to include two storey rear extension, single storey side extension and replacement tiled roof to existing conservatory.

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. Mayfield and Five Ashes Parish Council should also be consulted as the site borders that Parish.

WD/2010/0892/F

INGARSBY, HUGLETTS LANE, CADE STREET, HEATHFIELD TN21 9BX. Demolition of single garage at rear and construction of new single garage.

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

10/111 **DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Monday 24 May 2010 at 7.30 pm in the Ian Price Room, Heathfield Community Centre, Sheepsetting Lane, Heathfield.

10/112 **MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS HAVING BEEN PREVIOUSLY NOTIFIED**

The Chairman and Mr Baker gave a verbal report on the ESCC meeting to discuss works by EDF and SGN in the High Street, Heathfield.

10/113 **CRIME AND DISORDER ACT SECTION 17 TO CONSIDER EFFECTS (IF ANY) ARISING FROM ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

There were none.

10/114 **RISK ASSESSMENT IMPLICATIONS OF MATTERS ON THE AGENDA**

There were none.

The Meeting closed at 9.04 p.m.

Signed:

Chairman

Dated: