

HEATHFIELD AND WALDRON PARISH COUNCIL

HIGHWAYS, PLANNING & STREET LIGHTING COMMITTEE

MONDAY 5 JULY 2010 AT 7.30 P.M.

At Heathfield Community Centre

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

The Clerk was in attendance.

There were 7 members of the public present and 1 representative of the press.

ANDREW WILSON PARTNERSHIP

Representatives of the Andrew Wilson Partnership and KWL Architects spoke to the Committee regarding plans for the redevelopment of Holy Cross Priory. Sister Kathy explained that the existing buildings were not fit for the future but that there was no intention to displace any of the existing residents.

It was planned to create a care village comprising 62 beds, a combination of dementia care, residential and general care as well as a new convent and chapel. The existing Listed Building would remain, but later extensions would be removed. An Open Day would be held on 2 August and it was hoped to submit the planning application shortly afterwards.

WD/2010/1388/F

A neighbour to the property, Mrs Hibbert, outlined her objections to this application.

The Meeting commenced at 7.46 p.m.

10/154 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

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

10/155 **MINUTES**

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 21 June 2010, having been previously circulated, be then confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

10/156 **DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST IN MATTERS ON THE AGENDA**

Mr Chambers disclosed a personal interest in WD/2010/1234 as a friend of the applicant.

Mr Kerby disclosed a personal interest in WD/2010/1388 as a resident of Sandy Cross Lane but not immediately adjacent to the site.

Mrs Gander disclosed a prejudicial interest in WD/2010/1451 as an employee of the applicants.

10/157 **MATTERS ARISING**

High Street Bollards

The Committee considered the reply from ESCC regarding the spacing of the bollards and noted that some additional bollards would be installed to prevent illegal parking on the footway.

10/158 **WDC – WD/2010/0595/F – ASHLEIGH, LITTLE LONDON – PLANNING SUB COMMITTEE – 1 JULY 2010**

The Committee noted that the above application had been recommended for refusal.

10/159 **WDC – TREE WORKS**

The Committee noted information regarding tree works at the rear of 17 and 18 Bay Tree Close, Heathfield TN21 8YG.

10/160 **WDC – RURAL AFFORDABLE HOUSING DELIVERY**

The Committee considered a request from Wealden District Council that they visit the Parish Council to discuss the outcome of the housing needs survey and the requirement for affordable housing in the town. It was proposed that they be invited to attend a meeting prior to HPS either on 19 July or in August.

10/161 **ESCC – TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE FOR CARRIAGEWAY REPAIRS, WHITEHOUSE LANE, WALDRON**

The Committee noted this information.

10/162 **WDC – WD/2010/1439/LDE – CERTIFICATE OF LAWFUL DEVELOPMENT – ENGLISH WOODLANDS, HERRINGS LANE, CROSS IN HAND**

The information was noted by the Committee and Mrs Gander indicated that she would be happy to speak to Wealden regarding activities at the site.

10/163 **HOME BUY SESSIONS IN WEALDEN**

The Committee noted this information.

10/164 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

WD/2010/0438/F

BARONS GATE, SWIFE LANE, BROAD OAK, HEATHFIELD TN21 8UR. New garden shed.

OBSERVATIONS: The Committee supported the application provided use was restricted to stated purposes only, ancillary to the dwelling.

Neighbours' views should be sought as they may be adversely affected.

WD/2010/1179/F

CRANEMOOR, BACK LANE, CROSS IN HAND TN21 OQD. Internal alterations, roof space conversion alterations to windows, new French doors, "Juliet" balcony and single detached oak garage.

OBSERVATIONS: The Committee supported the application and considered the size and appearance to be in keeping. Use of the garage should be restricted to stated purposes only, ancillary to the dwelling.

Neighbours' views should be sought as they may be adversely affected.

WD/2010/1234/F

BURNT HOUSE FARM, WALDRON TN21 OPG. Two storey side extension and porch following the demolition of an existing single storey side extension.

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.

Permission should be conditional upon removal of the mobile home.

WD/2010/1290/F

1 GORSE COTTAGES, CROSS IN HAND TN21 OSL. Erection of two bay open fronted heritage style garage.

OBSERVATIONS: The Committee supported the application and considered the use to be suitable in the area. Use should be restricted to stated purposes only, ancillary to the dwelling.

Neighbours' views should be sought as they may be adversely affected.

WD/2010/1163/F

46 HIGH STREET, HEATHFIELD TN21 8HT. Install 1 no. new AC condensers and replace 2 no. existing AC condensers to the first floor roof. Install new CCTV camera.

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

WD/2010/1367/AN

VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN HEATHFIELD PARISH. New litter bins to replace existing and some new sitings – with advert.

OBSERVATIONS: The Committee welcomed the financial incentive and provision of new litter bins in some locations. However, Wealden's attention was drawn to the Heathfield Town Centre Environment and Design Strategy which was adopted as supplemental Planning Guidance in July 2001. Therefore, the proposed design would not be acceptable in the High Street, Station Road or Station Approach.

The Committee also pointed out that some of the bins scheduled for replacement are currently owned by the Parish Council and we would wish to retain them when removed.

With reference to those located in Cade Street/Old Heathfield conservation area, it is assumed that the Conservation Officer is happy with the design.

WD/2010/1388/F

MONKHURST HOUSE, SANDY CROSS LANE, HEATHFIELD TN21 8QR. Change of use to residential curtilage.

OBSERVATIONS: The Committee objected to the application and considered the use to be unsuitable in the area and it would set a precedent as it could be classed as brownfield site in future. Neighbours' views should be taken into account as they may be adversely affected.

At present the commercial buildings use the area for parking and its loss could result in traffic concerns as Sandy Cross Lane is narrow and unsuitable for use as overspill parking.

WD/2010/1451/F

THE GABLES FUNERAL HOME, THE HIGH STREET, CROSS IN HAND TN21 OSR. Vehicle cover for Funeral Directors, Hearse and Limousines

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.

Due to highway safety concerns, turning provision should be made on site.

10/165 **DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Monday 19 July 2010 at 7.30 pm in the Ian Price Room, Heathfield Community Centre, Sheepsetting Lane, Heathfield.

10/166 **MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS HAVING BEEN PREVIOUSLY NOTIFIED**

There were none.

10/167 **CRIME AND DISORDER ACT SECTION 17 TO CONSIDER EFFECTS (IF ANY) ARISING FROM ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

There were none.

10/168 **RISK MANAGEMENT**

There were considered to be no risks arising from matters discussed at the meeting.

The Meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.

Signed:

Chairman

Dated: