

HEATHFIELD AND WALDRON PARISH COUNCIL

HIGHWAYS, PLANNING & STREET LIGHTING COMMITTEE

MONDAY 7 APRIL 2008, 7.30P.M.

At Heathfield Community Centre

PRESENT: Mrs Archer, Mr Chambers, Mrs Clark, Mrs Gander,
Mrs Kentish-Barnes, Mr Kerby, Mr Newnham, Mrs Oakes and Dr Rayner.

The Clerk was in attendance.

5 members of the public were also present

WD/2008/0713/F

Local residents spoke to the Committee and expressed concern about the proposed development because of the lack of suitable access for refuse and emergency vehicles, overlooking, height of ridgeline, loss of hedgerow, out of keeping with other properties in the vicinity and arrangements for the disposal of surface water with risk of flooding of nearby properties, particularly those in Waldron Thorns.

The meeting commenced at 7.45 p.m.

08/108 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence had been received from Mr Bassingthwaite and Mr Hart.

08/109 **MINUTES**

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 25 March 2008, having been previously circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

08/110 **DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST IN MATTERS ON THE AGENDA**

WD/2008/0713/F

A letter of objection had been received from Mrs Sones who was previously a Member of the Parish Council. The following Members disclosed a personal interest – Mrs Kentish-Barnes, Mr Chambers, Mr Newnham and Mrs Oakes as they had served on the Parish Council at the time.

Dr Rayner disclosed a personal interest in respect of WD/2008/0794/LB as his children attended the School.

08/111 **MATTERS ARISING**

08/102 **Waldron Name Plates**

The proposed locations of the nameplates had now been checked and it was **RESOLVED** that ESCC be authorised to carry out the work, at a cost of £900.44.

Redevelopment of the Isenhurst Service Station at Cross in Hand

The Clerk reported that the work had been postponed to enable ecological and environmental studies to be carried out, as part of the planning consent conditions. Construction would probably take place Autumn 2008.

08/112 **NEWICK LANE TRAFFIC CALMING**

A copy of a letter from Mayfield and Five Ashes Parish Council had been circulated to Members. There were concerns about speeding traffic and this Council had been approached to see if a joint approach could be agreed to try and resolve the problems. It was acknowledged that traffic calming measures were costly and ESCC had limited budget, but it was hoped that small improvements could be made in the meantime.

The Committee agreed that Members of Mayfield and Five Ashes Council should be invited to a meeting in this respect.

08/113 **WDC – TREE WORKS**

It was noted that tree work was to be carried out at 81 Swaines Way, Heathfield and Lucida House, 8 Forest Place, Waldron.

08/114 **HIGH WEALD LANDSCAPE TRUST – CONSERVATION GRANT SCHEME AND IDENTIFICATION OF WILDFLOWER VERGES**

This letter had been copied to Members and it was agreed that any potential wildflower verges should be notified to the Clerk before the next meeting.

08/115 **MEETING WITH WDC – VISION FOR HEATHFIELD – DRAFT SPATIAL OBJECTIVES**

It was agreed that a meeting be held to discuss and agree a Vision for Heathfield at 6.30 p.m. on 21 April 2008, prior to the HPS meeting.

08/116 **WD/2008/0713/F**

A letter of objection had been received from Mrs Sones, owner of a neighbouring property, which was circulated to Members.

08/117 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

WD/2008/0675/F

LAND AT HOLMWOOD, FIRWOOD RISE, HEATHFIELD. Erection of detached dwelling and garage.

OBSERVATIONS: The Committee supported the application subject to neighbours' views.

WD/2008/0724/F

HOLBROOK BARN, SHEEPSETTING LANE, HEATHFIELD TN21 OLU. Single storey rear extension.

OBSERVATIONS: The Committee supported the application subject to neighbours' views.

WD/2008/0403/FR

10 SWAINES WAY, HEATHFIELD TN21 OAL. Rear garden fence (close board) 3.3 metres in height along boundary line.

OBSERVATIONS: The Committee supported the application but queried whether the height of fence is required in terms of defensible space.

WD/2008/0656/FR

ST PETERS COTTAGE, NORTH STREET, PUNNETTS TOWN TN21 9DY. *Retrospective application for the installation of an underground calor gas tank.*

OBSERVATIONS: The Committee supported the application in principle but were aware of local concerns regarding the standard of installation. The Parish Council would, therefore, seek re-assurance from the building inspector that it had been installed correctly.

Members were also concerned about the accuracy of the measurements quoted for the siting of the tank.

WD/2008/0713/F

LAND REAR OF BROADWAY AND SHALIMAR, GHYLL ROAD, HEATHFIELD. Erection of a detached dwelling and associated driveway.

OBSERVATIONS: The Committee objected to the application for the following reasons:-

1. Over-development of the site and over-bearing design
2. Loss of privacy and loss of light to neighbouring gardens
3. Loss of trees and hedges
4. Excessive height and bulk
5. Unsuitable access for emergency and refuse vehicles
6. Would set a precedence

If approved, permissive development rights should be removed and the building set into the ground as much as possible.

WD/2008/0794/LB

ALL SAINTS AND ST RICHARDS CE PRIMARY SCHOOL, SCHOOL HILL, OLD HEATHFIELD TN21 9AE. Improvements to external entrance. New wheelchair access ramp.

OBSERVATIONS: The Committee supported and welcomed the application.

08/118 **DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Monday 21 April 2008 at 7.30 pm in the Ian Price Room, Heathfield Community Centre, Sheepsetting Lane, Heathfield. **Members are reminded that a pre-meeting will take place at 6.30 p.m. to discuss a Vision for Heathfield.**

08/119 **MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS HAVING BEEN PREVIOUSLY NOTIFIED**

None had been received.

08/120 **CRIME AND DISORDER ACT SECTION 17 TO CONSIDER EFFECTS (IF ANY) ARISING FROM ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

There were none.

08/121 **RISK ASSESSMENT IMPLICATIONS OF MATTERS ON THE AGENDA**

There were none.

The Meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.

Signed:

Chairman

Dated: