

RINGMER PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PLANNING MEETING

Held on Thursday 26 March 2009 at Ringmer Village Hall

PRESENT: Cllrs J E Kay (Chairman); Mrs J Fordham; A J Grindley; Mrs V Humphrey; Ms P Lewis; P Longhurst; A R Peters; R B Truman; K White; I P Wilson and Mrs J Woollons.

There were 12 members of the public present.

1. APOLOGIES ACTION

1.1 Apologies were received from Cllr Wilcox and Mrs Pitts.

2. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

2.1 No interests were declared.

3. MINUTES

3.1 The Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting of 26 February 2009 were agreed.

4. PUBLIC QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS

4.1 The Chairman suspended Standing Orders, drew attention to the planning applications to be considered and invited questions or comments from the members of the public present in relation to the applications before the Meeting and other planning matters.

4.2 Mr Cooper advised that he could provide some information about land ownerships in the vicinity of the proposed cycleway. He also raised concern about the damage being caused by tractors and trailers.

4.3 Mr Page advised that he would be making a planning application for a single dwelling on the site of the existing building at Carys Cowshed which he stated as being beyond repair as a possible refurbishment. He displayed drawings of his proposal and suggested that land in his ownership immediately west of Council's play area could be potentially made available to it. The Clerk detailed local planning policies including RG4 relative to both of these areas of land, and it was stressed that the land use and development

opportunities associated with both of them were greatly and specifically limited under these current policies and further that it was considered most unlikely that the Planning Authority would countenance extension of the development boundary or development within such an extended area. The Committee did not express any support for the proposals outlined.

- 4.4 Several residents of The Forges, including Messrs Weston and Metcalfe, who stated that they were representative of the majority of residents of this development, expressed their extreme concern at the continuing unsatisfactory situation, principally regarding maintenance of the communal areas, transfers of land & lack of communication from Barratt, the maintenance company, and the District Council. In order to facilitate the resolution of these problems, it was agreed that a meeting would be arranged in the Village Hall to which the developers, maintenance company, residents and Housing Association, local LDC councillors and key staff, and parish councillors would be invited.

Clerk
09/03/07

- 4.5 The Chairman reconvened Standing Orders.

5. ACTION POINTS – Appendix 1

- 08/06/08 Strategy for residential development consultation: the Chairman reported that the questionnaire had been arranged with Edwina Morris and is now on the website for completion and return online and by hard copy to the Clerk, and paper copies of the questionnaire can be provided by the Clerk as required. It was therefore agreed to discharge this action point.
- 08/07/12 Carys Cowshed, Broyle Lane: situation to continue to be monitored pending enforcement action and removal of the mobile home. It had been advised that a not guilty plea had been made at Magistrates Court and that the case had been adjourned to 21 April – the outcome can hopefully be reported to the 23 April Meeting.
- 08/09/15 The Forges: progress on the site to continue to be monitored. It had been advised that several issues were still being pursued by LDC including planting, completion of footpaths, & rectification of land ownerships, before it could consider taking transfer of the land to contain the play area. The provision of play facilities by LDC would depend on perceived need on the estate at that time. As detailed above, there had

been further representations from residents and a meeting arranged, which should ensure that these matters progressed.

- 09/02/04 ESCC Draft Cycling Strategy: A letter had been sent to ESCC to endorse Cllr Grindley's comments and the action point was agreed to be discharged.
- 09/02/05 Parking provision – Anchor Field Surgery: An appropriate letter pursuing this and the issue of cloakroom facilities raised at Council had been sent to the company and to Lewes District Council, and a meeting to further the potential increased parking opportunity was in course of being arranged, to be attended by Cllr White and the Clerk. It was therefore agreed to discharge this action point.
- 09/02/06 ESCC Review of Supported Local Bus Services: A response had been sent in line with points made at last Meeting and following further appraisal of the document, and it was agreed to discharge the action point.

6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED – Appendix 2

- 6.1 The Committee considered the Planning Applications that had been received and its recommendations are set out in the attached 'Recommendations from Planning Committee.'
- 6.2 As Cllr Mrs Humphrey found that she had a personal and prejudicial interest in application LW/09/0186, she left the room prior to discussion of the merits of the case and took no further part in the matter.

7. PLANNING CONSENTS, REFUSALS & APPEALS – Appendix 3

- 7.1 The Committee noted a report of recent decisions by Lewes District Council as set out in Appendix 3.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

The Committee considered the following correspondence:

- 8.1 Planning Training

This was being arranged by Lewes District Council and held

in the evening of 5 May. It was agreed that the Committee Chairman and Clerk would attend and Cllr White subsequently also indicated that he would join them.

8.2 CPRE

This concerned information to assist in producing a Community Landscape Character Statement. Previously provided information had not proved particularly useful in this regard, and the Chairman decided to peruse this before forming a view as to whether it might now be appropriate to pursue this further.

Chairman
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9. ANY REPORTS (by leave)

- 9.1 Oral reports were received from Cllrs. including Cllr Ms Lewis were referred to problems in graffiti in several locations and Cllr Grindley who referred to a hardstanding recently constructed and the desirability of informing residents of the existence of planning controls relevant to these (if impermeable and over a size threshold).

10. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

- 10.1 Thursday 23 April 2009
At 7.30pm, The St Mary's Room, Ringmer Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.08 pm.