

RINGMER PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PLANNING MEETING

Held on Thursday 25 June 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; Mrs E L Pitts; R B Truman; K White; R Wilcox; I P Wilson and Mrs J Woollons.

There was 1 member of the public present.

1. APOLOGIES ACTION

1.1 There were no apologies.

2. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

2.1 Cllr Mrs Humphrey declared a prejudicial interest in relation to the planning application LW/09/0602 concerning Hidden Cottage.

3. MINUTES

3.1 The Minutes of the Planning Committee Meetings of 28 May and 11 June 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 the youth club/centre has now been relocated to the community college and also commented unfavourably about layout & extent of the cloakroom facilities provided at the new surgery.

4.3 The Chairman reconvened Standing Orders.

5. ACTION POINTS – Appendix 1

08/07/12 Carys Cowshed, Broyle Lane: situation to continue to be monitored pending enforcement action and removal

of the mobile home. The matter is scheduled to be heard at Lewes Magistrates Court at 2pm on 29 July.

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 Cllr Mrs Humphrey left the room prior to consideration of application LW/09/0602 and took no 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. RINGMER-LEWES CYCLEWAY

8.1 Councillors discussed the circulated updates from ESCC which indicated that its officers had discussed the possibility of routing the eastern section of the cycleway on the north side of Lewes Road but had concluded that this was not feasible, also having regard to the time constraints on using the Forges contribution. It was therefore intended to proceed to construct this section on the south side and to provide a suitable crossing near the sub station.

8.2 Strong concern was expressed by many Councillors about the hazard presented by crossing at this point and it was suggested that this would make the cycleway a white elephant. It was disappointing that no approaches had apparently yet been made to adjacent landowners in consultation or to negotiate potential purchase. However some were concerned that the further design, acquisition etc needed in changing the approach at this late point would risk running out of time to utilise the funds, and reference was made to the discussions held and representations already made by Council over alternative solutions and design details.

8.3 It was agreed by a significant majority of Councillors that ESCC be requested to instead improve the existing footpath along the north side of Lewes Road, which is presently in poor condition and which could then be used as a shared surface, although some Councillors took the view that there would seem to be insufficient space to meet recognised design standards. Some concern was also expressed that this

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approach might result in the use of the development contribution involved for a purpose for which it had not been provided.

9. RINGMER PARISH'S PROPOSED STRATEGY FOR RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT 2006-2026

- 9.1 In view of the correspondence below, it was agreed that this document be re-presented to the next Meeting, with a view to adoption and submission to LDC for consideration.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

The Committee considered the following correspondence:

10.1 Lewes District Council- Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment – Call for site

A number of deliverable and potentially developable sites within the village were identified and these would be marked on plans and further considered at the next Meeting. As a deadline of 13 July had been given for responding, LDC was to be requested to allow additional time – as this was subsequently not forthcoming, it is intended that a draft submission will have been made by the Chairman, subject to ratification at the next Meeting.

10.2 Regional Spatial Strategy for SE – partial review – Provision for Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople

Councillors were advised that this appeared to have very limited impact & significance for the District. It was agreed that the documents be circulated in the Envelope – it should be noted that any comments are required at GOSE by 1 September.

9. ANY REPORTS (by leave)

- 9.1 Several verbal reports were received from Cllrs in relation to planning matters and Councillors also agreed that Cllr Peters could give his approval to the Union Jack flag being flown on Armed Forces Day on 27 June, Council not having been supplied with a special flag for this. Cllr Peters also referred

to an LDALC meeting on 11 August at LDC to discuss nominations in connection with the National Park Authority.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 30 July 2009

At 7.30pm, The St Mary's Room, Ringmer Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.17 pm.