

RINGMER PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PLANNING MEETING

Held on Thursday 20 August 2009 at Ringmer Village Hall

PRESENT: Cllrs J E Kay (Chairman); Mrs V Humphrey; A R Peters; R B Truman;
K White; R Wilcox;; I P Wilson and Mrs J Woollons

Members of the public present: 1

1. APOLOGIES

ACTION

1.1 There were apologies from Cllrs Mrs Fordham and Grindley.

2. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

2.1 Cllr Peters declared a prejudicial interest in Item 10.

3. MINUTES

3.1 The Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting of 30 July 2009 were agreed, with a correction to the name in para 4.3 to read Fowlie. Councillors specifically endorsed the Clerk's suggested revision to the 25 June 2009 minutes as contained in para 3.2.

3.2 Arising from the minutes Cllr Mrs Humphrey reiterated her concern over the letters referred to in para 10.2 and requested that the owners of the properties affected be contacted prior to the letters being sent.

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 referred to a new fence that had been erected at cnr.Anchor Field/Shepherds Way and was concerned that this was perhaps too close to the footpath – this will be checked with LDC. He advised of local concern that the affordable housing scheme in Potato Lane might lead to further such development there. He also regretted the identification of potential additional housing sites prior to liaison with the relevant property owners.

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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 Clerk advised that LDC's court action had failed hence there would inevitably be further delays while alternative approaches are taken to address the problem.

09/06/10 Ringmer- Lewes Cycleway: it was advised that as requested a letter had been sent to ESCC and the action point should therefore be discharged. This was agreed to and councillors were assured that county's response would be reported back to C'ee.

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 It was advised of comments about the children's centre and Chanctonbury applications by Cllr Grindley, and of 3 objections made against the Careys Cowshed application considered at last Meeting, all of which were noted.

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. LEISURE POLICY UNDER THE VILLAGE PLAN– Appendix 4

8.1 The Chairman spoke further on the draft strategy details which had been circulated. He proposed that over the following few months the various clubs and organisations would be contacted to ascertain their requirements and other activities would also be looked into (stoolball had been omitted from the list in error.) Much consultation was required therefore the exercise would take several years in total. Formal contact should be made with the owners of the properties affected by Local Plan policies RG3 and RG4 to confirm Council's interest in utilising them for the recreational purposes for which they are presently designated, reinforcing that such designations should remain applicable when further planning policies are being framed. Councillors

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expressed agreement that this strategy be advanced as proposed.

- 8.2 Cllr Wilson stated that he understood Croudace to have obtained a 21 year option over Sturdy's land.

9. REVIEW OF EXTENT AND DETAILS OF RINGMER'S LISTED BUILDINGS

- 9.1 The Chairman advised Councillors that the current set of listings were compiled about 50 years ago and had been based around limited knowledge and often contained errors and omissions. The Ringmer History Study Group proposed to put forward to LDC a report to seek to rectify this situation including details of a number of strong further candidates for listing. Councillors agreed to support the submission of this proposal for further listings and improvements to the current list.

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10. SOUTH EAST WATER PROPOSALS – PUBLIC INQUIRY ANNOUNCED – Appendix 5

- 10.1 Cr Peters left the room during the consideration of this item and took no part in discussions or decisions.
- 10.2 The Chairman advised that only 3 water companies had had their proposals referred to public inquiry, South East Water largely because it had assumed consumers continuing to use more water than the accepted required level and as it had not looked sufficiently into alternative options. There was a prospect that further reservoirs might not be found necessary. He stated that interested parties will be invited to identify themselves and it was agreed that at that time the Parish Council will seek to be a party to the Inquiry and will ensure that it is appropriately represented, possibly in co-operation with other parties holding similar views.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

The Committee considered the following correspondence:

11.1 LDC Standards Committee guidance

Councillors noted guidance over handling planning applications in the event that there is no available Meeting within the time allowed.

11.2 Proposals by Cllr Grindley for area around Earwig Corner

Cllr Grindley had individually submitted proposals to facilitate provision of the cycleway past Earwig Corner without loss of the flint walls or allotment land, through introduction of one way traffic arrangements. This had been acknowledged by ESCC who had confirmed that they would look at it and respond. It was agreed that this should be circulated to other councillors for information.

11.3 Query re authority from Council's solicitors

Documentation was close to finalisation in connection with the transfer of the Potato Lane land and our solicitor queried whether authority had been given for signing the lease. It was agreed to confirm that such authority was thereby given, with the Chairman of the Council and/or Clerk to sign as appropriate in accordance with normal practice, & subject to the solicitor being satisfied that all was in order. The solicitor has since been so advised and the Clerk has provided proof of identity to satisfy security requirements.

12. ANY REPORTS (by leave)

- 12.1 Several verbal reports were received from Cllrs in relation to planning matters. Arising from these, Cllr Peters referred to arrangements being made in connection with the South Downs National Park regarding an interim Chief Executive, sub committees, the size of the authority with either 29 or 37 members. Each District will be represented and between 6-8 would represent the parishes- it is hoped that 3 of these members will represent East Sussex parishes. Elected members will be expected to take a wider rather than parochial view. It has yet to be decided where its main office will be located.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 24 September 2009
At 7.30pm, The St Mary's Room, Ringmer Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.02 pm.