

## **RINGMER PARISH COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES OF PLANNING MEETING**

**Held on Thursday 1 November 2007 Ringmer Village Hall**

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

There were three members of the public present.

#### **1. APOLOGIES ACTION**

1.1 All councillors were present.

#### **2. MINUTES**

2.1 The Minutes of the Planning Committee of 27 September 2007 were agreed.

#### **3. PUBLIC QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS**

3.1 The Chairman 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.

3.2 Mr Clark commented on application LW/07/1225 and Mr Cooper on the road safety implications for the A26 of continuing business development in the area.

3.3 The Chairman reconvened Standing Orders.

#### **4. ACTION POINTS – Appendix 1**

06/07/26 CPRE landscape character statement: there was no progress to report.

07/01/46 ‘The Forges’ roundabout etc – site meeting: the Committee received a report of the site meeting at which Council was represented by Cllr. Mrs Humphrey. It was agreed to monitor progress.

07/09/50 Dropped kerb Springett Avenue: it was reported why the County Council had been unable to combine the re-siting of this as part of the major works in Lewes Road. It was agreed to discharge this action.

- 07/09/51 Caravan at Carys Cowshed: it was reported that a letter supporting enforcement action had been sent to the Planning Inspectorate. It was agreed to discharge this action.
- 07/09/52 The Forges – buffer zone and play area: the Clerk reported a response from Lewes District Council outlining steps taken to address the issues raised by the Committee and indicating that the District Council would assume responsibility for the buffer zone and installing the play area once conditions had been met by the developer. It was agreed to discharge this action.
- 07/09/53 Proposed medical centre – Anchor Field: it was confirmed that a letter had been sent to Lewes District Council confirming acceptance of the ‘wider use’ clause. It was agreed to discharge this action.

## **5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED – Appendix 2**

- 5.1 The Committee considered the Planning Applications that had been received and its recommendations are set out below.

### LW/07/1206 – Greater Paddock, No 11 – dormer window

It was agreed to recommend permission

### LW/07/1225 – Neaves Lane, Ashton House – re-siting of games room

It was agreed to recommend permission subject to the same planning conditions imposed in relation to the original application.

### LW/07/1228 – Lewes Road, Barclays Bank – illuminated signs

It was agreed to offer no objection.

### LW/07/1303 – Norlington Lane, Brauncewell House – rear conservatory

It was agreed to recommend permission

### LWRCA09 – Christie Avenue, No 6 – tree application

It was agreed to offer no objection.

**6. PLANNING CONSENTS, REFUSALS & APPEALS – Appendix 3**

- 6.1 The Committee noted a report of recent decisions by Lewes District Council as set out in Appendix 3.
- 6.2 It was reported that an appeal had been lodged with the Planning Inspectorate against the refusal of permission for a retrospective application for continued change of use from the storage of materials to storage and display of motor vehicles at Broyle Place Farm, Laughton (LW/07/50)
- 6.3 It was also reported that the appeal against the refusal of development of a two bedroom dwelling on land at the rear of 14 Elphick Close (LW/07/258) had been dismissed.

**7. APPOINTMENT OF VOLUNTEER TREE WARDEN**

- 7.1 The Clerk reported that Mr David Moore had expressed an interest. He had met Mr Moore who was a qualified tree surgeon, although no longer working in that field, and was satisfied he was both qualified and suitable for the post on the basis of his knowledge of trees and previous involvement with conservation work. It was agreed to appoint Mr Moore as the Tree Warden.

**8. FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR REPLANTING TREES AT THE MAPLES, LEWES ROAD**

- 8.1 The Clerk reported that on the Tree Officer's recommendation Red Maples were to be planted to replace the trees that were to be felled and that financial support was not now required.

**9. CORRESPONDENCE**

- 9.1 The Committee considered the correspondence in listed below and agreed the following:

Draft Housing Strategy

The Chairman reported that the District Council had responded with some generally positive comments on the draft strategy. He proposed submitting a revised draft to the Committee's next meeting and to explore combining public consultation on the strategy with that relating to the proposals for possible affordable housing in Potato Lane which would take place in the new year. This was agreed.

## Gypsy and Traveller Site Identification

Notification from Lewes District Council of a study to find 10 pitches for gypsy and traveller accommodation under the terms of the South East Plan and asking if Council had any surplus land for a site. It was agreed to make no response.

## Action in Rural Sussex Conference – 21<sup>st</sup> Century Village: A Future for All

The Committee noted an invitation to send delegates to this conference at the South of England Showground from 1pm to 4pm on Friday 9 November.

### **10. ANY REPORTS (by leave)**

#### 10.1 Reports were received including:

- confirmation that the Glyndebourne Meteorological Mast application (LW/07/1080) was subject to the GOSE article 14 directive that applied to the wind turbine and that while the District Council could consider the application they could not issue a permission.
- the withdrawal of planning applications for Upper Wellingham Farmhouse and Nought, Church Hill.
- confirmation that the County Council's 'Big Lottery' bid to fund a community library at the Community College had failed and the project would not proceed.
- details of a bulb planting working group organised by Mrs Cruttenden at which any volunteers would be welcome.

### **11. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

#### 11.1 Thursday 29 November, at 7.30pm, The St Mary's Room, Ringmer Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.20 pm.