

RINGMER PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PLANNING MEETING

Held on Thursday 26 February 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 one member of the public present.

1. APOLOGIES ACTION

1.1 There were no apologies.

2. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

2.1 Cllrs Kay, White, Truman, Mrs Woollons, Peters and Mrs Pitts declared a personal interest in planning application LW/2009/0124.

3. MINUTES

3.1 The Minutes of the Planning Committee Meetings of 22 January and 12 February 2009 were agreed, subject to addition to paragraph 8.2 of 22 January minutes to read Mill Road , Lewes.

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 the practice of large lorries parking outside premises in the vicinity of Chariots, A26 to unload which he considered to constitute a hazard. He expressed disappointment over the decision to approve the development to the rear of South Norlington House. He was surprised at the extent of garden land being created on the building plot next to Nought, Church Hill and was concerned that further development might be intended. Regarding the new doctors' surgery, he observed that the car park is often full already and that additional parking for doctors and emergency vehicles would be desirable.

4.3 The Chairman reconvened Standing Orders.

5. ACTION POINTS – Appendix 1

08/06/08 Strategy for residential development consultation: the Chairman reported that there had been no further progress with the questionnaire.

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.

.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.

09/01/01 Ringmer – Lewes Cycleway: It was advised that the Highway Authority had been invited to an informal discussion prior to a Planning Committee Meeting and it was agreed that this action point be discharged.
ESCC had responded that it would like further details before agreeing to attend and this prompted a further discussion about the approach to be taken & options to be pursued. It was agreed that a further letter be sent stressing Council's commitment to a cycle path but expressing concern at some of the practicalities.

09/01/02 ESCC Draft Cycling Strategy: As an appropriate letter of support had been sent it was agreed to discharge this action point.
A further letter had been sent by Cllr Grindley which particularly related to safety issues and it was agreed that this be endorsed by Council.

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09/01/03 46 Christie Avenue application: Letters had been sent to the objectors and it was therefore agreed to discharge this 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.’

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. PARKING PROVISION FOR THE NEW ANCHOR FIELD SURGERY

- 8.1 Councillors agreed that it is becoming increasingly difficult to park at the adjacent car park and that this problem is likely to be accentuated with the introduction of parking controls at the shopping area. It was noted that there was an apparent opportunity to create additional parking for the surgery staff and emergency purposes by using the access and builders storage area that has been temporarily created to the east side of the new building.
- 8.2 At this point Cllr Wilson declared a prejudicial interest, left the room and took no further part in discussions on this item.
- 8.3 It was agreed that Lewes District Council and the development company be approached with the request that this apparent opportunity be explored, subject to this being permissible under existing legal constraints and provided such provision can be made without encroaching on land leased by the Parish Council.

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9. CORRESPONDENCE

The Committee considered the following correspondence:

- 9.1 East Sussex 2nd Local Transport Plan- Progress Report 2008:

This report resulted from a statutory requirement to regularly advise Government about progress made towards achieving objectives of the Plan. This was noted.

- 9.2 Sussex Biodiversity Centre

A request had been received for information about how

extensively 3 Sites of Nature Conservation Importance in the Parish are managed from a nature conservation viewpoint. Councillors advised that these are controlled through Strutt & Parker and SE Water and the Centre will be advised accordingly.

9.3 ESCC Review of Supported Local Bus Services

The Highway Authority had now produced specific proposals and wished to consult stakeholders prior to going to tender. These details had been perused by Cllrs. Ms Lewis, Mrs Pitts and White, who considered that they were generally satisfactory and included various improvements. It was agreed that a suitable response on this basis be sent, after the above Councillors had been given a further opportunity to study the document.

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10. ANY REPORTS (by leave)

10.1 Oral reports were received from Cllrs. including Cllr Mrs Humphrey who commented that the Potato Lane Affordable Housing consultation had been well attended and that comments that she had heard about the proposal and its design had generally been favourable, although there were some concerns that this might represent the start of further schemes in this vicinity.

10.2 Cllr Mrs Fordham advised that the Environment Agency had cleared a culvert in the Broyleside/ Broyle Lane area in response to a problem of backed-up manholes.

11. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

11.1 Thursday 26 March 2009
At 7.30pm, The St Mary's Room, Ringmer Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.55 pm.