

RINGMER PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PLANNING MEETING

Held on Thursday 26 June 2008 Ringmer Village Hall

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

There were two members of the public present.

1. APOLOGIES

ACTION

- 1.1 Apologies were received from Cllrs. Mrs Humphrey, Mrs Fordham and Wilcox.

2. MINUTES

- 2.1 The Minutes of the Planning Committee of 22 May and 12 June 2008 were agreed subject to Cllr. Longhurst's apology being recorded for the meeting on 22 May.

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. Mrs Leon commented on her planning application LW/08/405.
- 3.2 The Chairman reconvened Standing Orders.

4. ACTION POINTS – Appendix 1

- 06/07/26 CPRE landscape character statement: ongoing.
- 07/11/47 Strategy for residential development – as this was the subject of a separate agenda item it was agreed to discharge this action.
- 08/04/05 Cycle path: as this was the subject of a separate agenda item it was agreed to discharge this action.
- 08/04/07 Ouse Valley Flood Management Plan: it was confirmed that the Committee's comments had been forwarded to the agency and 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/08/405 – 86 Springett Avenue – single storey side extension and erection of first floor two bedroom flat

It was agreed to recommend permission.

LW/08/593 – Barnfield Farm, Laughton Road – formation of a sand school

It was agreed to recommend permission subject to no lighting being permitted to avoid light pollution.

LW/08/620 – 17 Delves Way – erection of a single storey rear extension and infill extension at side between the garage and house

It was agreed to make no objection.

LWRC02 – Ringmer Green – tree works application

It was agreed to recommend permission.

LWRCA03 – Ringmer Churchyard – tree works application

It was agreed to recommend permission.

County Council Application – Highways Depot, The Broyle – installation of 15m pole and antennae

It was agreed to recommend permission.

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.

Appeal Decision re application LW/07/1361 for the erection of a single storey garage at 1 Upper Lodge Cottages, The Broyle.

It was reported that the Planning Inspectorate had allowed the appeal against refusal of planning permission for the above development.

7. STRATEGY FOR RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT 2006 – 2026: CONSULTATION OUTCOMES – Appendix 4

- 7.1 The Chairman introduced his report. It was agreed to place a questionnaire on the website, a project which Edwina Morris had kindly undertaken to work on, and to make hard copies available. This would enable a wider span of public opinion to be obtained. The Clerk would arrange publicity via the Parish Magazine, Parish Pump column and notice board. **Clerk 08/06/08**

8. PROPOSED RINGMER TO LEWES CYCLEWAY: UPDATE FROM THE COUNTY COUNCIL - Appendix 5

- 8.1 Councillors outlined their concerns about the delay, including fears that the project would never be completed and the developer's contribution lost.
- 8.2 It was agreed that the Clerk would ask Lewes District Council to confirm the position regarding the developer's contribution and if a time limit on its expenditure applied. **Clerk 08/06/09**
- 8.3 It was also agreed that the Clerk would invite County Council officers, and County Cllr. Mrs St. Pierre, to a special Committee meeting in September/October to exchange views and get a first hand briefing on the County Council's plans and latest thinking. **Clerk**

9. CORRESPONDENCE

- 9.1 The Committee considered the following correspondence:

Temporary Road Closure – New Road – from 30 June for resurfacing work

Notification from the County Council of closure and diversion arrangements.

Campaign to Protect Rural England – AGM 10 July

Notification that the AGM of the Sussex branch will be held at 10.30am on 10 July at Plumpton College. It was agreed that any councillor wishing to attend would notify the Clerk.

The South East Regional Sustainability Framework

It was noted that a copy had been received setting out the regional vision, objectives and priorities to help guide sustainable development.

10. PROPOSED CLAYHILL WINTER STORAGE RESERVOIR – Appendix 6

10.1 Cllr. Peters declared a prejudicial interest and left the meeting.

10.2 The Chairman tabled a report (Appendix 6) summarising the outcome of the public consultation following the exhibitions by South East Water and local residents.

10.3 Following discussion it was agreed:

(i) To oppose the location of the proposed reservoir at Clayhill and to lodge a formal objection with DEFRA following consideration of detailed objections that the Chairman would draft for the next meeting.

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(ii) The Chairman would brief County and District councillors and officers on Council's principal concerns namely: the impact on the SSI; the poor use of the land due to the shallowness of the reservoir; and impact on the valuable landscape of Plashett Park Farm.

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(iii) The Chairman would also be authorised to release publicly the views of Council, and the results of the survey, to local organisations and other interested parties.

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11. ANY REPORTS (by leave)

11.1 Oral reports were received from a number of councillors. The Clerk undertook to follow up on the possible contamination at Anchor Field following a sewage overflow.

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12. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

12.1 Thursday 24 July 2008, at 7.30pm, The St Mary's Room, Ringmer Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.40 pm.