

## **RINGMER PARISH COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES OF PLANNING MEETING**

**Held on Thursday 28 May 2009 at Ringmer Village Hall**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs J E Kay (Chairman); Mrs J Fordham; Mrs V Humphrey; A R Peters; Mrs E L Pitts; & K White;

There was 1 member of the public present.

#### **1. APOLOGIES**

#### **ACTION**

- 1.1 Apologies were received from Cllrs Grindley, Ms Lewis, Longhurst, Truman, Wilcox, Wilson, and Mrs Woollons.

#### **2. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

- 2.1 Cllr Peters took the chair for the election of the Chairman. There was one nomination for Cllr Kay and no further nominations. He was proposed by Cllr Mrs Humphrey, seconded by Cllr White, and was duly re-elected.

#### **3. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS**

- 3.1 No interests were declared.

#### **4. MINUTES**

- 4.1 The Minutes of the Planning Committee Meetings of 23 April and 14 May 2009 were agreed.

#### **5. PUBLIC QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS**

- 5.1 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.
- 5.2 Mr Cooper expressed concern at visibility for those seeking to exit the Forges development; supported the application to convert the old surgery to a pharmacist but suggested that the access should be repositioned further east; and referred to a problem of dog litter on the Green.

5.3 The Chairman reconvened Standing Orders.

## **6. 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. It had been advised that while a not guilty plea had been made at Magistrates Court and the case was scheduled for 21 April, the matter had then been adjourned again until 2pm on 29 July.

08/09/15 The Forges: it was agreed that since the outstanding issues were apparently being addressed, and also actively pursued by the interim residents group, this action point could be discharged.

09/04/09 CPRE information re Community Landscape Character Statements: Councillors were advised by the Clerk that it had been indicated that such a statement would probably not carry much weight and that the imminent production of an Assessment by LDC as a replacement for one made in 2005 was unlikely due to lack of resources. It was agreed that the action point be discharged.

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

7.1 The Committee considered the Planning Applications that had been received and its recommendations are set out in the attached ‘Recommendations from Planning Committee.’

7.2 Note that with respect to LW/09/0456, 3 Millpath, the recommendation listed also reflects the amended views subsequently expressed to LDC following site visits and reconsideration on 11 June 2009.

## **8. PLANNING CONSENTS, REFUSALS & APPEALS – Appendix 3**

8.1 The Committee noted a report of recent decisions by Lewes District Council as set out in Appendix 3.

8.2 While some concern was raised that LDC had appeared to disregard Council’s comments on Howells Bank Cottage application, it was later ascertained that it had required the amendments sought prior to granting approval.

**9. CORRESPONDENCE**

The Committee considered the following correspondence:

9.1 Development of land south of Nought, Church Hill.

The Clerk advised that he had contacted LDC's Planning Enforcement Officer about Councillors' concerns, who has since advised that the matter is under formal investigation but that to date there had been no basis for any action to be taken. Council will be kept informed of progress.

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

10.1 No reports were received from Cllrs in relation to planning matters.

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

11.1 Thursday 25 June 2009  
At 7.30pm, The St Mary's Room, Ringmer Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.37 pm.