

Minutes of the Planning & Transport Committee held on Monday
26th April 2010 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall,

Present: Cllr L. Britt, Cllr N. Cooper, Cllr J Henderson, Cllr M. Shaw, Cllr M Turley, Cllr D. Wilkins,
Clerk L Quirk. 4 members of the public.

1. **Apologies and declarations of interest**

Cllr C. Beglan – prior commitment.

The Chairman Cllr Britt gave apologies to members that she would have to leave at 8.00pm.

2. **Minutes of the last Planning Committee meeting**

Minutes of the meeting held on 15th March 2010 to be approved and signed.

Public Adjournment

The Chairman adjourned the meeting to enable members of the public to speak. The Chairman informed members that Mr & Mrs Stow had attended the meeting to hear the comments made on their planning application, but had been informed by the Chairman prior to the meeting that comments on the application were to be held over until the next meeting, to enable members to consider comments on the application further and had agreed that a site meeting would be arranged, the Clerk would contact them to arrange a convenient time. Therefore Mr & Mrs Stow had left the meeting. The Chairman welcomed Mike Gould the Chairman of Heath Common Residents Association. Mr Gould said that he would like to start off by informing members that he may have a possible interest, that he thought members should be aware of. The application for a new dwelling in Hampers Lane, is next door to Robin Tanous who is the Planning Officer for the Residents Association, Robin Tanous would normally put the HCRA's comments forward to Horsham on behalf of the Residents Association, but on this occasion Mike Gould was doing so because it was a neighbour of Robin Tanous. He expressed concern that over the years objections have been raised by both the Residents Association and the PC, but the applications have been approved. He referred to the previous application for a bungalow on the site in 2001, which was refused by HDC and subsequently dismissed on appeal, and thought it was important for PC members to refer to the Inspectors comments, the Clerk confirmed that this was now available to members. He asked if members had seen the original plans, the Clerk informed him that in 2001 the property had been in Storrington parish, but she would contact the Clerk there to see if they still held the plans, failing that they were available on the HDC website, and would be downloaded from there. Mr Gould went on to say he did not think much had changed from the original application and therefore the comments previously made and those of the Inspector still stand. The Chairman said unfortunately we have had instances when the same plan resubmitted some time after it has been refused only to be approved, but if there are good and proper reasons for refusal the PC will make representations. Mr Gould thanked the Chairman for allowing him to speak to members. Mr Gould left the meeting.

The Chairman reconvened the meeting

3. **Matters arising**

3.3 **Newhouse Lane-** Cllr Wilkins has been informed by WSCC that the works will be done and the landowner billed – Cllr Wilkins will chase up -ongoing.

3.4 **East Clayton Farm-** Cllr Cooper attended a meeting at 11.00am Tuesday 16th February; update given at Full Council. It was noted that no works appear to have been started, Clerk to speak to George for an update. *Works due to commence w/c 12th April 2010 Clerk to check with Mr Parker whether the problems with the lights is also to be addressed at this time.*

- 3.5 Emergency Planning for the future
Grit Bins- Members decided that grit bins would be a better option, as the grit would then be insitu and contained. Three or four bins were thought to be required at Heath Common, but members will check out specific sites. The Clerk to check with Glasdon and other companies as necessary to obtain prices and to see if bulk buying will significantly reduce the individual costs. If so then other parishes will be contacted to see if they wish to join together for a bulk purchase. Report to come back to Committee, at this stage, as it is envisaged that the bins would be in place for autumn 2010, and further details are required, prior to submission to full council for approval. Clerk had obtained prices from Glasdon, Cllr Shaw will measure existing bin in Sanctuary Lane. Clerk will obtain further prices. Clerk to check with Richard Speller if Rock Road is gritted. On going
- 3.6 North Farm Winery – Clerk has a response from William Trinick to say that the application is due to be submitted with the next fortnight. Clerk to ask Planning Officer to draw the line under the submission of the application, which has been promised now for a number of months, as the Winery is operation without planning permission.
- 3.8 Tintells, Melrose Place- Neighbour had confirmed to Cllr Wilkins that tiles had been removed. Clerk has obtained an update from HDC Enforcement, who say the case is now closed as they have now complied with the planning approval. Cllr Wilkins was very surprised as neighbours are still very concerned about the property, Clerk to ask Planning Officer to confirm that the ridge height has actually been reduced.
- 3.10 RMC/Wealdon – Enforcement have confirmed that Cemex have given notice to Wealdon who should now have left the site.
- 3.11 West Clayton Bungalow- mobile home/stables- Enforcement have confirmed that the mobile home has now been removed and the stable is within permitted development, and the case is now closed.
- 3.12 Wiston Estates – William Trinick has asked if members of the PC would like to attend a site visit to the Winery prior to the plans being submitted. Members thought that the last visit that had been made during a site visit to North Farm was sufficient. Mr Trinick has also suggested dates for a further Estates Liaison meeting. Clerk to email dates and members will check diaries, and a date will then be arranged. Cllr Milner-Gulland to be given dates as well. Other members were unable to attend so Cllr Cooper attended a meeting and gave an update at Full Council. Following the meeting William Trinick has offered to arrange a site meeting with Biffa re the valley, and also to the winery at North Farm, suggested 4.30pm any day except Mondays. Wednesday 5th May at 4.30 pm was agreed, (detains circulated) Clerk to check there is sufficient parking for up to 3 cars.

4. Planning Applications -

DC/10/0631 - Wood View Bracken Close - Fell 1 x Scots Pine (T1) and surgery to 1 x Scots Pine (T2)- Members agreed to be guided by Will Jones if he thought it was not possible to save the tree, but request a replacement tree be planted of more suitable size and location to the house.

DC/10/0600 - Woodmans Storrington Road- Construction of a 20 by 40 metre riding arena- application only just received- extension of time to be requested.

DC/10/0663 - Badgers Hill Badgers Holt - Surgery to 1 x Scots pine (T2)- No objection.

DC/10/0616 - Wayside House Hampers Lane - First floor extension and conversion of existing loft space above garage into habitable living space incorporating dormer and roof light windows- No objection

DC/10/0656 - Sandalwood Bracken Lane - A one vehicle bay carriage house and wood store- request extension of time.

DC/10/0697 - St Olaves Hampers Lane - Proposed new residential 3-bed bungalow with garage together with new replacement garage for existing bungalow- extension of time to be requested until next meeting.

DC/10/0722 - Windrush Lodge Chestnut Close- Fell 6 x Silver Birch (T2, T3, T6, T13, T9 and

T10) and surgery to 1 x Sweet Chestnut (T1), 1 x Cherry (T4), 1 x Oak (T5), 1 x Scots Pine (T7), 1 x Holly (T8) and 2 x Silver Birch (T11 and T12)- no reasons for the works were included within the application, Clerk to make enquiries.

Cllr Britt left the meeting at 8.05pm and Cllr Wilkins took over the Chair

5. **Any other Planning or Transport matters that may arise**

- 5.1 A24 Route safety strategy.- Cllr Henderson informed members that he had made some enquiries about the cost of barriers but could only find figures from 2001, this was £50 per mtr or £250 per mtr if traffic control was required, he said that these figures would need to be at least doubled for current values. He suggested another alternative, although not a very attractive one was for concrete barriers to be put in place, which could just be craned into place, and this might be a temporary alternative. There was still concern that there may be problems with the road surface causing the unusual amount of accidents over the past year. Cllr Turley said he thought that it was due to be resurfaced, but with the current cut backs it was not known if this would still be the case, Clerk to check. Members agreed that we should press for a site meeting, even though WSCC did not think it necessary. Cllr Henderson was still willing to meet an Officer on site.
- 5.2 Disabled parking bay in The Street.- A copy of a letter sent to local residents from WSCC Highways regarding a problem with a disabled parking bay in The Street was discussed. Members agreed that it was not appropriate for the Parish Council to become involved in the matter, which appeared to be a dispute between neighbours, but were concerned about the tone of the letter sent to one of the residents, in which it was suggested by Neil Smith of WSCC that they take an advanced driving test. Members agreed that the Clerk should write to WSCC expressing concern about the tone of the letter, and suggesting that mediation may be more appropriate and perhaps suggestion the Horsham Mediation Service.
- 5.3 The Clerk read out 5 letters that had been received from local residents regarding the request in the last newsletter for ideas for the use of Rock Common, once sand winning ceased and the pit was restored. These letters will now be forwarded onto Wiston Estates, suggestions ranged from a sailing/diving/fishing club, bottling the water from the aquifer, to a smaller version of the Eden project.
- 5.4 Cllr Shaw said she had been approached by a resident is Sandy Lane, a number of residents wished to purchase a small strip of land on the boundary of the Cemex land so that they can maintain it. Suggested that they contact Cemex direct.
- 5.5 Cllr Turley asked what was happening with Planning Applications now that the NPark was in place. The Clerk informed members that it had been previously suggested that HDC would act on behalf of the National Park Authority, but this would be checked at the next Clerks Planning meeting that was being held on 29th April.
- 5.6 Cllr Cooper asked if there had been any notification of the decision of Woodlands, Georges Lane. Clerk to make enquiries.

The Chairman Cllr Wilkins, adjourned the meeting to allow a member of the public to speak He suggested that as money had been saved by having the roundabout sponsored, perhaps WSCC could put some more back into the local community by providing the barriers out of what they are saving. The Chairman reconvened the meeting.

6. **Date and Time of the next meeting** To be confirmed following the AGM in May.

Meeting finished at 8.50pm

Signed Date 24th May 2010
Chairman