

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF NORTH HORSHAM PARISH COUNCIL
PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE
HELD ON THURSDAY 2nd OCTOBER 2014
AT ROFFEY MILLENNIUM HALL**

Present: Councillors M. Brakes*, Mrs R. Ginn*, Mr N. Grant, Mr R. Knight*, Mr M. Loates, Mr T. Rickett, Mr D. Searle, Mr M. Senior*, Mr R. Turner (Chairman), Mrs B. Walters*, Mr I. Wassell*, Mrs S. Wilton (Vice Chairwoman)

In attendance: Stephen Rennie – Committee Clerk
Three members of the public

* denotes absence

PART 1 – OPEN SESSION

PET055/14 PUBLIC FORUM

Annette Grover of Earles Meadow thanked Councillor Searle for raising this issue, and commented on the two main problems faced by people entering or exiting Earles Meadow. These are the speed of the traffic leaving Horsham and limited visibility at the junction which makes it difficult when exiting, and the splitting into lanes of the traffic too early which cover the right hand turn filter lane when attempting to enter Earles Meadow from the A264 direction. Mrs Grover considered that improving sight lines, delaying the 40mph speed limit until after the junction and additional road safety markings could help ease the problems.

Patrick Bulley of Earles Meadow added that he was of the opinion that the placement of 'Keep Left' bollards either end of the turn right filter lane would significantly help the traffic issues as well as aiding pedestrians crossing the road here.

PET056/14 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies of absence were received from Councillors Wassell and Knight.

PET057/14 APPROVAL AND SIGNATURE OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 11th September 2014, having previously been circulated, were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

PET058/14 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

(a) Street Naming – Development at Littlehaven Lane/Crawley Road

Members were pleased to note that the suggestion of 'Reeves Court' had been accepted by the developers.

PET059/14 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

PET060/14 TO CONSIDER PROVISION OF AN ADDITIONAL DOG BIN IN THE VICINITY OF SEARLES VIEW AND TREADCROFT DRIVE

The Chairman commented that he had been contacted by a local resident about the dog fouling problem occurring in the vicinity of Treadcroft Drive, and that the provision of a dog bin had been requested. After brief discussion Members agreed

IT WAS RESOLVED

To investigate potential costs of purchasing a new dog bin as well as the ongoing costs of having it regularly emptied, and any permissions that may be required for installation.

PET061/14 TO DISCUSS TRAFFIC ISSUES REGARDING SAFE ACCESS TO AND FROM EARLES MEADOW

Councillor Searle highlighted the main issues at this junction, in particular the poor line of sight in both directions when exiting the junction; the frequent occurrences of vehicles crossing into hatched area too soon and being faced with vehicles attempting to turn right into Earles Meadow; and the speed at which vehicles travel in both directions on this stretch of road.

Members discussed various possible solutions including the cutting back of vegetation to improve sight lines, as well as requesting alterations such as speed limit change and installation of bollards from West Sussex County Council. Members also agreed that the Parish Council should write to WSCC on behalf of the concerned residents to raise these issues, and considered that it would also be worthwhile asking for this to be discussed at a North Horsham CLC meeting.

IT WAS RESOLVED

- a) That the Parish Council would seek to get the line of sight improved by way of the regular grounds maintenance contractors.
- b) That the Parish Council would write to WSCC Highways to convey the issues raised by residents and request a review of the safety issues at this junction including a speed monitoring survey.
- c) That the Parish Council would seek to have this issue raised at the next North Horsham CLC meeting.

PET062/14 TO DISCUSS PLACEMENT OF BOLLARDS AT LAMBS FARM ROAD JUNCTION WITH GREENFIELDS ROAD
Members noted that there was no progress to report.

IT WAS RESOLVED
To note this section of the report.

PET063/14 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Members noted receipt of the Planning Applications, as set out in the accompanying schedule, received under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, from Horsham District Council since 11th September 2014.

IT WAS RESOLVED
That the Committee's comments on each application be forwarded on to Horsham District Council

PET064/14 PLANNING DECISIONS

Members noted receipt of the schedule of planning decisions made by the Planning Authority

IT WAS RESOLVED
To note the schedule of planning decisions

PET065/14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING
Thursday 6th November 2014 at 7.30pm

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.45pm

.....Chairman Date

PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

2nd October 2014

SCHEDULE OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS

DC/14/1708

Novartis Pharmaceuticals Uk Ltd, Wimblehurst Road

Prior notification for the demolition of various buildings on the site (as an amendment to prior approval DC/12/2341)

Applicant: Mr Lee Porter

HOLBROOK EAST

COMMENT

The Parish Council continues to have no objection to this application, but would still like to see conditions attached to minimise any disruption or disturbance to local residents, such as the control of dust and dirt and a limit to the number of vehicular movements per day. The Parish Council would also like to ensure that the mature Cedar trees on the site are protected and retained, or as a last resort be relocated.

NO OBJECTION

DC/14/1753

The Oaks, Comptons Brow Lane

Proposed first floor extension to existing bungalow together with front and side ground floor extensions

Applicant: Mr S Singh

ROFFEY SOUTH

COMMENT

NO OBJECTION

DC/14/1951

12, Avebury Close

Replace existing conservatory with a single storey extension (Prior Notification)

Applicant: Mr Ray Burton

HOLBROOK EAST

COMMENT

NO OBJECTION

DC/14/1931

20, Moorhead Cottages

Renovation to Inglenook fireplace in lounge (Listed Building Consent)

Applicant: Miss Tanya Perkins

ROFFEY NORTH

COMMENT

NO OBJECTION

DC/14/1966

Evelyn Lancaster House, St Marks Lane

Demolition of the existing building and redevelopment of the site to provide an 80 bedroom care home together with associated landscaping and car parking provision
Applicant: Mr R Smith

HOLBROOK EAST

COMMENT

Whilst the Parish Council has no objection to this application, it would like to see as much green open space retained as possible, as well as ensuring that there is minimal effect on traffic movements of nearby residents. The Parish Council would also request that the new development be as sympathetic as possible for the numerous nesting birds on the current building, and that it considered that the new facilities should be targeted for local people where possible.

NO OBJECTION

DC/14/1970

16, Searles View

Prior notification to erect a single storey rear conservatory, 4.5m beyond the rear of the existing house, height at eaves 2.1m and height at the highest point of the extension 3m

Applicant: Mr Tilson

ROFFEY NORTH

COMMENT

NO OBJECTION

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