

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF NORTH HORSHAM PARISH COUNCIL
PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE
HELD ON THURSDAY 12th FEBRUARY 2015
AT ROFFEY MILLENNIUM HALL**

Present: Councillors M. Brakes, Mrs R. Ginn*, 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
Councillor Karen Burgess
Joshua Powling – West Sussex County Times
Four members of the public

* denotes absence

PART 1 – OPEN SESSION

PET105/14 PUBLIC FORUM

Mrs Couchman of Petworth Drive commented on planning application DC/14/2620, and her objection to the proposed change of use from a public play area to residential garden, as this could set a precedent for other similar parcels of land, and this loss of public amenity should not be allowed. Mrs Couchman also commented that there was no notification on the site itself and that local residents have not been well consulted over the matter.

Councillor K. Burgess commented on the same application in agreement with Mrs Couchman's comments, and that this would set a dangerous precedent for similar small play areas.

PET106/14 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies of absence were received from Councillors Ginn, Rickett, Loates, Senior and Wassel.

PET107/14 APPROVAL AND SIGNATURE OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 15th January 2015, having previously been circulated, were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

PET108/14 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

(a) Public Rights of Way Routine Maintenance

Members noted that the regular inspections carried out by the access rangers will change from a 9 month inspection cycle to an 18 month cycle, with effect from February 2015.

PET109/14 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

PET110/14 TO APPROVE CHANGE OF DATE OF FORTHCOMING COMMITTEE MEETING

Members noted the reason for a change of date for the next Committee meeting, and were in agreement that it would now take place on Thursday 12th March 2015.

IT WAS RESOLVED

To re-schedule the Committee meeting of Thursday 5th March 2015 to instead take place on Thursday 12th March 2015.

PET111/14 TO CONSIDER REQUEST REGARDING BUS STOP AND BUS SHELTER OPPOSITE CHESTERTON COURT, MANOR FIELDS

Members noted that an update from WSCC or Metrobus had not been received in time for the meeting.

IT WAS RESOLVED

To note this section of the report.

PET112/14 TO CONSIDER PROVISION OF AN ADDITIONAL DOG BIN IN THE VICINITY OF SEARLES VIEW AND TREADCROFT DRIVE

Members noted the Committee Report; that the cost of purchasing a dog bin would be £340 with an additional £40 for installation, along with a charge of £2.35 per emptying.

Members also noted that HDC would monitor the location for a four week period to assess the need of a dog bin, and would install one at their cost if it proved necessary. After brief discussion, Members agreed

IT WAS RESOLVED

To request HDC to monitor the area of Searles View and Treadcroft Drive to assess the need of a dog bin in this location.

PET113/14 TO DISCUSS TRAFFIC ISSUES REGARDING SAFE ACCESS TO AND FROM EARLES MEADOW

Members noted that there was no progress to report.

IT WAS RESOLVED

To note this section of the report.

PET114/14 TO DISCUSS PLACEMENT OF BOLLARDS AT LAMBS FARM ROAD JUNCTION WITH GREENFIELDS ROAD

The Chairman commented that a site meeting is currently being organised to meet with WSCC Highways officers in order to progress this issue.

IT WAS RESOLVED

To note this section of the report.

PET115/14 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 15th January 2015.

IT WAS RESOLVED

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

PET116/14 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

PET117/14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 12th March 2015 at 7.30pm

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.03pm

.....Chairman

..... Date

PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

12th February 2015

SCHEDULE OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS

DC/14/2620

10, Hightown Way

Change of use from play area to residential garden

Applicant: Mr Rob Fairs

HOLBROOK EAST

COMMENT

The Parish Council object to this application as it would represent the loss of land intended as open space and a public amenity, and it could set a dangerous precedent for other similar parcels of land. The Parish Council is also concerned over the due diligence process and the apparent lack of consultation with nearby residents and lack of notice on the site itself.

OBJECTION

DC/15/0058

23, Willow Road

Fell 2 x Oak trees (TPO)

Applicant: Mr Ray Allsop

ROFFEY NORTH

COMMENT

Whilst having no objection, the Parish Council would like to see the trees to be felled replaced with a suitable native species nearby.

NO OBJECTION

DC/15/0070

39, Earles Meadow

Two storey extension to side

Applicant: Mrs C Foreman

ROFFEY NORTH

COMMENT

The Parish Council consider the proposed application to be of an inappropriate design for the location, and not in keeping with existing properties or the street scene.

OBJECTION

DC/15/0076

Squirrels, Old Holbrook

Demolition of existing bungalow and replacement with new 3 bedroom bungalow with basement

Applicant: Mrs S Leith-Smith

HOLBROOK WEST

COMMENT

NO OBJECTION

DC/15/0122

20, Hightown Way

Proposed two storey side extension, front canopy, garage and internal alterations

Applicant: Mr S Ley

HOLBROOK EAST

COMMENT

NO OBJECTION

DC/15/0167

2 Little Hatch, Rusper Road

Surgery to 1 Oak tree

Applicant: Mr Andrew Tompolski

ROFFEY NORTH

COMMENT

NO OBJECTION
