

PULBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Planning & Services Committee was held at Pulborough Social Centre on Thursday 29 April 2004 at 7.30 pm.

Present: Mrs J Botting (Chairman) Mrs C Barnett
Mrs N Hompstead Mr M Foster

In attendance: Mrs J Baker Mr and Mrs Lawson

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr N Bransden
The Chairman noted that Mr Lee was absent.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 1 April 2004 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

ACTION

3.1 Matters Arising

(i) Strawberry Field

Mrs Barnett reported some anger within Pulborough about reports that the flats would be occupied by ex prisoners. It was agreed to check the position with HDC.

Clerk

(ii) PL/128/03 Old Corn Stores, Swan Bridge

Members noted the County Council had recommended refusal of the application for change of use of the first floor storage area to retail because of the inadequate car parking provision within the site. It was agreed that there was a need for time limited parking in the area south of the bridge.

Clerk

(iii) PL/18/02 Myrtle Cottage, (land adjacent), Stane Street

The Assistant Clerk said that the street light was not blocking the gate and appeared to have been moved. It was agreed to check the application and the conditions attached to the planning permission.

(iv) Traffic Management

Mr Foster said that the meeting with the County Council had been useful. It had been agreed that a light controlled crossing at the railway bridge was not acceptable and the Parish Council representatives had reiterated the need for a new footbridge over the railway. The access to the development on the old Spiro Gills site had been amended and there would be a light controlled crossing. The sum of £20,000 had been earmarked for traffic calming measures in New Place Road.

Clerk

(v) Bollards

It was agreed to thank the Area Highway Manager for installing bollards on Lower Street but to emphasise that an additional bollard outside the chemists was a priority.

(vi) Electronic Information Sign

Members noted a further letter of objection from Stuckey

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- Carr & Co. It was reported that the case for the sign should be ready the following week. Members agreed that the manufacturers should be asked to programme the sign to operate during daylight hours in the summer.
- (vii) Regional Waste Management Strategy**
It was agreed to ask Mr Bransden to provide comments in time to meet the deadline for reply.
- (viii) Regional Minerals Strategy**
Mrs Hompstead circulated a report on the draft Strategy. She noted that there was conflict with the Regional Transport Strategy and also with the objectives of the two National Parks. Mrs Hompstead undertook to draft a response from the Parish Council.
- (ix) PL/67/03 and PL/68/03 Former Spiro Gills**
1) Members noted Mr Stevens' response to the Parish Council's letters and agreed to write a letter of thanks.
2) Members also noted the Development Control Report on the applications.
- (x) Draft Regional Transport Strategy**
Mrs Hompstead outlined the Strategy. She said that the Strategy did not feature the A24 as a major route but she had been pleased to note that improvements to the Arun Valley line were being considered. Mrs Hompstead suggested that the Strategy needed to be considered alongside the WSCC Strategic Plan for Transport.
- Members noted that the new Bus4U service was now operating but considered that this would be of most use to Nutbourne since it was not intended for people who lived within 500 metres of a bus stop.
- (xi) Skateboard Equipment**
Copies were circulated of a summary of the responses to the Parish Council's letter outlining proposals to install a skateboard ramp on the Cousins Way recreation field. Members noted that approximately 500 letters had been delivered and that there had been 13 responses to date. Of these, 7 respondents were strongly in favour of the proposal. The other 6 respondents had suggested that the ramp should be installed on the main recreation ground.
- During discussion, it was agreed that there was insufficient space for the ramp on the main recreation ground. Mrs Botting proposed that it should be installed on the proposed site on the Cousins Way recreation field. Mrs Barnett seconded and the proposal was agreed unanimously. It was agreed to proceed as soon as possible with arrangements for the installation of a base for the ramp.
- Mrs Barnett said that the Millennium Society would be happy to contribute for the funding of skateboard facilities.

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The Society had £900 which might be sufficient to purchase a small piece of equipment and/or a bench.

ACTION

Mrs Barnett suggested that the basketball practice court should be moved away from an area of parked cars. It was agreed to ask the Recreation & Open Spaces Committee to consider this matter.

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(xii) District Council

Members noted that Mr Andrew Frost had agreed to attend the Committee's next meeting on 3 June and had asked whether there were particular issues which the Committee would like to discuss. Members suggested that permitted development rights, garages, infill and development in the Conservation Area would be of interest.

Clerk

4 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

PL/67/03 and PL/68/03 (amended) 18 London Road, Pulborough
– Erection of class A1 foodstore, D1 primary care centre, 60 bed nursing home, 30 retirement flats, 16 houses and 11 flats (outline)

Members noted the change in access to the site

PL/136/03 (amended) Site formally known as 'Glovers Garage', 113 Lower Street – 4 x 2 bed roomed maisonettes with gardens to rear

Members noted the amendment but saw no reason to submit further comments on the application.

DC/04/0403 (amended) 12 Link Lane, Pulborough – Replacement garage

Members noted the amendment but saw no reason to submit further comments on the application.

DC/04/0048 The Corner House, Stane Street, Codmore Hill – Erection of one dwelling and vehicular access

Objection. The proposed development represents an overdevelopment of the site and would overshadow and overlook the adjacent properties. The proposed access to the site is incredibly dangerous and would cause hazards to road users.

DC/04/0187 Pocket Park, Pulborough – Surgery to five alders

No objection.

DC/04/0425 Coombelands Farmhouse, Coombelands Lane, Pulborough – Single storey extension incorporating an indoor swimming pool

No objection.

DC/04/0503 Longacre, Nutbourne Lane, Nutbourne – Two storey side extension

No objection.

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DC/04/0536 4 The Spinney, Pulborough – Front porch extension and WC

No objection.

DC/04/0538 3 Orchard Way, Pulborough – Single storey rear extension replacing existing conservatory

No objection.

DC/04/0563 79 Glebelands, Pulborough – Two storey side extension

No objection.

DC/04/0577 The Old Coach House, 78 Lower Street, Pulborough – Change of use of buildings to A2 offices and erection of rear and side extension and dormers to provide additional storage and office space

No objection.

DC/04/0598 Pythingdean Farmhouse, Coombelands Lane, Pulborough – Conversion and restoration of barn to ancillary accommodation, new link to house, porch and replacement studio (Listed Building Consent)

No objection.

DC/04/0599 Pythingdean Farmhouse, Coombelands Lane, Pulborough – Conversion and restoration of barn to ancillary accommodation, new link to house, porch and replacement studio

No objection.

DC/04/0617 North Heath Service Station, Stane Street, North Heath – Erection of a timber building for use as a shop

No objection.

DC/04/0666 Letaba, Stane Street, Codmore Hill – Single storey rear extension

No objection.

DC/04/0719 Cherry Tree Cottage, off Batts Lane, Pulborough – Alterations and raising of roof to form additional 1st floor accommodation and porch

No objection.

DC/04/0749 42 London Road, Pulborough – Replacement of existing chalet style roof with full first floor structure, including new front entrance porch

No objection.

DC/04/0760 High Ridge, Lower Street, Pulborough – Alterations to garage roof

No objection.

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DC/04/0782 21 Chestnut Walk, Pulborough – 2 storey side extension

ACTION

Mrs Barnett declared a personal interest in the application since the applicant was a friend and withdrew from the discussion.

No objection.

Licence Applications

Oodles Bar and Restaurant (formerly The Rose & Crown, Codmore Hill) – Transfer of licence

No objection.

Sainsbury's Supermarkets Ltd, Stane Stree, Pulborough – transfer of licence

No objection.

5 PLANNING APPLICATIONS – RESULTS

Members received copies of the Planning Registers for 2003 and 2004. The following decisions had been received subsequently.

Application No.	Permitted	Refused	Withdrawn
PL/129/03			03/03/04
PL/135/03			04/03/04
DC/04/0063	08/04/04		
PL/04/0155			13/04/04

6 PAYMENTS

		£
Primus	Telephone	50.14
HDALC	Annual subscription	10.00
J Dorling	Salary + expenses	854.04
Inland Revenue	Tax + NI	415.55
WSCC	Pension	4,652.20

7 CORRESPONDENCE

1) Nutbourne Conservation & History Group

It was reported that the Secretary, Mr Frank Riddle, had now written three emails. It was agreed to advise Mr Riddle that the Parish Council would like to be kept informed about matters affecting the Group but was not in a position to take the initiative. It was also agreed to clarify the position in relation to the repair of the verge and the road with the Assistant Highway Superintendent.

Clerk

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2) Public Rights of Way – Disability Discrimination Act

Members noted a recent letter from the WSCC Rights of Way Manager

3) Sussex Camera Partnership

Members received a copy of the Partnership's first year review

4) Sussex Wealden Greensand Heaths Project

Members noted the receipt of a Newsletter.

5) Brooks Way/Swan View Parking Situation

It was reported that Highways proposed a meeting with the Fire Brigade at 3 pm on Thursday 13 May. Mrs Barnett,

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Mrs Hompstead and Mr Foster said that they would attend. It was also reported that Horsham Direct Services had complained that their lorries had been unable to gain access that week to empty the bins at the Oddfellows Arms and the Village Hall.

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Clerk**

6) Action in Rural Sussex – evening consultations

Mrs Hompstead said that she would try to attend one of the meetings on behalf of the Parish Council.

7) ASHTAV Meeting – Tourism – 15 May, Evesham

Members noted details of a meeting on Tourism to be held on 15 May at Evesham. It was suggested that Mr Paterson might be invited to attend.

Clerk

8) Bowls Match

Members were reminded that the annual bowls match would be held on Friday 14 May. Mrs Barnett said that she and her husband should be able to attend and that Mrs Speer would probably attend if available.

CB

9) Annual Parish Meeting

Members were reminded that the Annual Parish Meeting would be held at 7.30 pm on Thursday 6 May.

Members

8 URGENT MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS

1) Recycling

It was agreed to chase Mr Feltham for a response to the Parish Council’s request for a reduction in the number and size of bins.

Clerk

The meeting closed at 10.15 pm.

..... Chairman

..... Date