

PULBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Planning & Services Committee was held at the Sports Pavillion on Thursday, 29th June 2006 at 7.30 pm.

PRESENT: Mrs H Black (Chairman)
Mrs J Botting
Mrs C Barnett
Mr J Dension
Mrs A Lawson

In Attendance: Three members of the public were present.

1. APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE

An apology was received from Mr M Longridge.

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Mrs H Black declared an interest as Chairman of the Village Hall Trustees should any matter be raised.

Mrs A Lawson declared an interest in DC/06/1251 as she has used the same contractor and DC/06/1325 as it is her neighbour.

Mrs J Botting declared an interest in DC/06/1012 and DC/06/1251 and a personal interest in DC/06/1559.

Mr J Denison declared a personal interest in DC/06/1559.

3. MINUTES

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 1st June 2006 be received and signed.

4. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

5. PUBLIC SPEAKING

Having given formal notice, Mr Rob Aylott was invited to speak for two minutes relating to Planning Applications DC/06/0939 & 1461 – Old Bank Chambers, 60 Lower Street, Pulborough.

6. Horsham District Council Local Development Framework to 2018

The Committee received the LDF Planning Obligations – Supplementary Planning Document and noted that comments had to be made by 14th July 2006. It was agreed that this document should be circulated to members commencing with the Chairman.

7. Horsham Core Strategy Programme

The Committee received the Core Strategy Programme of Hearings. It was agreed that this document should be circulated to members commencing with the Chairman.

7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Committee considered the following planning applications:

DC/06/0939 & DC/06/1461 – Old Bank Chambers, 60 Lower Street, Pulborough

Demolition of existing office building (single storey) and construction of new building – office with residential over (two storey) and Conservation Area Consent.

Recommend **REFUSAL** as this building is of considerable historic value to the overall character of the street scheme within the Conservation Area. It was considered that the development would be excessive and the proposal would be detrimental to the architectural character of the building which should be left undisturbed and promoted for retail use only.

DC/06/1012- Blackwood Stables, Blackgate Lane, Pulborough

Outline application for replacement dwelling and stables

NO OBJECTION

DC/06/1251–Twyford, The Street, Pulborough

Proposed amended scheme of alterations extensions

NO OBJECTION

DC/06/1325 – Batts Cottage, Batts Lane, Pulborough

Proposed glazed conservatory.

NO OBJECTION

DC/06/1140 – Lane End, Rectory Lane, Pulborough

Proposed two-storey side extension with internal alterations.

Recommend **APPROVAL** but asked that a requirement should be imposed to protect the surface of the approach lane to the property which is a Bridle Way from damage by heavy vehicles gaining access to the site.

DC/06/1520 – Wansey Valley Farm, North Heath, Pulborough

Proposed demolition of existing farm building and the erection of timber framed open fronted storage building.

NO OBJECTION

DC/06/1514 – ‘Woodside’, Stall House Lane, North Heath

Proposed alteration to bedroom 1.

NO OBJECTION

DC/06/1031 – The Swan Inn, Pulborough

Proposed extension.

NO OBJECTION

DC/06/1047 – Toats Brook Farm, Blackgate Lane, Pulborough

Proposed conversion of outbuilding to groom's accommodation.

Recommend **REFUSAL** as it was considered the building would not be suitable for conversion to residential use and there was insufficient proof of need as the owners already reside on the site.

DC/06/1533 – Parsons Field Stables, Pulborough

Proposed overhead supply of electricity.

NOTED

DC/06/1559 – Cherry Tree Cottage, Pickhurst Lane, Pulborough

Proposed detached garden store.

NO OBJECTION

9. TREES

DC/06/1294–Oak Ridge, Rectory Lane, Pulborough

Application to fell one oak tree as it is considered the tree is suffering from heart wood decay and root rot.

Recommend that the Application be referred to the District Council Tree Officer as it was felt the tree should be retained if at all possible.

DC/06/1350- 143 Lower Street, Pulborough

Notification received of an application to fell one ash tree.

NO OBJECTION

10. PLANNING APPLICATIONS DECISIONS

The Chairman reported the decisions received and Appeals lodged.

11. ADDITIONAL ITEMS

South Horsham County Local Committee

Members were asked to submit any item which they wish to raise at the next meeting of the Local Committee on 17th July 2006, to the Chairman, Mrs Jan Botting.

South Horsham Area Transport Plan Review 2005-06

The Committee received and noted the Transport Plan Review.

12. PAYMENTS

RESOLVED: that the following payments be made and cheques drawn:

Primus	£15.97
Travis Perkins	£16.85
EDF Energy	£249.07
Inland Revenue	£725.95
Staff Wages	£3287.61

13. CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk reported that a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme had been set up by Mr Peach to cover the Spinney, Spinney North and Link Lane.

Members were notified of major road works that were to take place on the A.29 between Blackgate Lane and Cray Lane from the end of July to September.

The Clerk reported that the owner of the Scots Pine on the top of Church Hill had telephoned to reassure the Parish Council that he intended to keep the tree in good repair and that the proposed clearance of dead wood would take place when the road was partly closed for work to be carried out on the adjoining property.

15. URGENT MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS

Mrs C Barnett reported that the footway on Sopers Hill was badly overgrown and needed cutting back. The Clerk reported that this had already been drawn to the Highway Department's attention but would chase. She was asked to also report the footway on the west side of Church Hill.

Mr J Botting referred to an enquiry received by the Assistant Clerk , Mr H Barrett from the organiser of the band of young people currently working in the community on tidying up areas. It seems that Mr Alan Dana was offering to carry out litter picking in the village but required the necessary funding to purchase the appropriate equipment for the young people.

Members were reminded that at the full Council meeting, it was agreed that the litter picking be offered to a local contractor for a three month trial period. This had been done and Mr Flynn was due to start on 1st July. Therefore, it was not considered appropriate to offer the youth group areas within the contract schedule. However, Mr Denison reported that there were still areas that need constant tidying e.g. Pocket Park and the recreation ground which, provided they were supervised, would be suitable projects for the Group.

The Chairman, Mrs H Black reported that hypodermic needles were discharged on a grassed area to the west of the main car park and the Clerk agreed to report this to the Environmental Health Department urgently.

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm

..... Chairman

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