

PULBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Planning & Services Committee was held at the Sports Pavillion on Thursday, 26th October 2006 at 7.30 pm.

PRESENT: Mr D Boulton (Vice Chairman)
Mrs J Botting
Mr J Denison
Mr J Noble

In Attendance: Seven members of the public were present.

1. APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Mrs C Barnett, Mrs H Black and Mrs A Lawson.

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

3. MINUTES

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 5th October 2006 be received and signed.

RESOLVED: to move public speaking and the discussion of Planning Application DC/06/1547 forward in the meeting.

4. PUBLIC SPEAKING

The meeting was adjourned at 7.32 pm for public speaking

Having given formal notice, Mr Andy Moore and Mr Jonathan Scrase, were invited to speak for three minutes each, as they were speaking for other members of the public, on Planning Application DC/06/1547 – Haybourne Old Farm, Scrase Farms, Lee Place, Pulborough.

The meeting was reconvened at 7.37 pm

5. Matters Arising

Nutbourne Common Recreation Ground – Charity Commission

The Clerk reported that a telephone call had been made to the Charity Commission asking for dispensation and was informed a written request was required. A letter was sent requesting the name of the Trustees be changed to Pulborough Parish Council. As yet, no reply has been received. The Clerk reminded members that at Full Council, Mr Kiverstein had advised that all Councillors had personal liability cover.

A request for various works to Monkey Hill, the Twitten and the path behind the Moat had been sent to WSCC but as yet, no reply had been received.

Members noted the contents of an email regarding their concerns over the 2Wheels+ scheme. The Clerk was instructed to contact WSCC again stating members still had concerns and wanted to know how distinctive the mopeds would be.

The Clerk reported that Shirley Stone WSCC, Highways Department had advised the work to the potholes in Stream Lane was on her list of urgent repairs but this had been delayed due to the work in the Street, Nutbourne. Members requested another email be sent, stating they were still very concerned of the dangers the potholes could cause.

The Clerk reported that Stuart Slater, HDC Car Parks had been contacted with regard to the lack of railings to the top two steps in Lower Street car park. A reminder had been sent on 25 October 2006 but no reply had been received to date.

6. Election of a Sub-Committee to discuss Pulborough LAT traffic calming proposals

Members elected Mr L Ampstead, Mrs C Barnett and Mr D Boulton to the sub-committee.

7. Monkey Hill Sign

Members agreed that HDC should be contacted to arrange for name signs to be erected at the top and bottom of Monkey Hill and The Twitten. The Clerk was instructed to request that they be in keeping with other signs in the neighbourhood.

8. Meeting with Paul Addison, WSCC Highways Department

Mrs Botting reported on her meeting with Paul Addison from WSCC Highways Department.

i.) Enforcement camera In London Road

Mr Addison confirmed the existing camera is to relocate outside Harwoods garage. It was agreed that the Parish Council should speak to local residents, who had raised concerns, and contact the speed camera partnership about the possibility of more cameras further north on London Road.

ii) Waters Edge

Concerns from local residents had been raised about restricted nearside visibility at the junction of Waters Edge with the A283, due to the proximity of several fast-food outlets. Mr Addison had visited the site and confirmed that the single yellow line to deter on-street parking during the day was being ignored. Bollards were not felt to be the answer, as similar in Lower Street had had a detrimental effect on businesses. It was agreed that Mr Addison would advise on a footway and propriety working under the railway bridge, as this would slow down the traffic and make it safer for pedestrians. The Parish Council was to advise residents accordingly.

iii) Rectory Lane/Link Lane/New Place Road

A list of ideas from local residents was produced regarding possible speed reducing measures. Their concerns were speeding traffic in front of the Primary School and the motorists using these roads as a rat-run. Mr Addison stated he would arrange for a registration plate survey and report back to the Parish Council. The Clerk was to forward him a copy of the Pulborough LAT recommendations and await his formal response as to the feasibility in highway terms.

iv) Riverside Concrete

Mr Addison confirmed that WSCC were dealing with the road agreement to build the roundabout with no development to start until it was in place.

v) Parking problems for residents of Lower Street

Mr Addison referred to a recent letter from a resident who queried the possibility of parking in her front garden. A member of the Highways Department visited the site and reported that they would have to object due to visibility for the 30mph speed limit being substandard in an easterly direction causing safety concerns.

Mr Noble expressed a wish to attend the next meeting with Paul Addison on 20 November 2006 at 10am.

The Clerk was instructed to contact Paul Addison to have the Pulborough Society's request for bollards outside the Co-op Store and the Sorting Office be included on the next agenda.

Mr Noble advised that two meetings, one in the morning and another in the afternoon, had been arranged with Roger Harper concerning speed limits in Nutbourne. Members thought that no decisions could be made spread over two meetings and the Clerk was instructed to contact Mr Harper to arrange that the morning meeting be cancelled.

9. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Committee considered the following planning applications:

DC/06/1547 – Haybourne Old Farm, Scrase Farms, Lee Place, Pulborough

Change of use of part of workshop to repair cars.

No Objection (after a recorded vote of 1 objection and 3 with no objection) subject to strict controls against future expansion.

DC/06/2054 – The Stables, Upper Nash Farm, Nutbourne Lane, Pulborough

Extension of music room to existing dwelling – amended plans.

No Objection

DC/06/2306 & DC/06/2307 – 89 Lower Street, Pulborough

New shop front.

No Objection

DC/06/2320 – Redfold Farm, Nutbourne Lane, Pulborough

Laying of access track to existing agricultural building.

No Objection

DC/06/2441 – Franklins Barn, Highfield, Stane Street, Codmore Hill, Pulborough

Demolition of existing garden shed and erection of single-storey detached garden studio.

No Objection

10. TREES

DC/06/2352 – Lavender Hill, Rectory Lane, Pulborough

Application to cut back eucalyptus to leave 2m-3m pollard and to remove three or four small diameter, low branches from false acacia. Report from Pulborough tree wardens copied to Committee.

No Objection

DC/06/2353 – Fetfair, Rectory Lane, Pulborough

Application to cut to ground level one oak tree. Report from Pulborough tree wardens copied to Committee

Refer to the judgement of Will Jones, HDC Tree Officer

11. PLANNING APPLICATIONS DECISIONS

In the Chairman's absence, the Vice Chairman reported the decisions received and Appeals lodged.

12. PAYMENTS

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

Staff salaries	£2594.85
Inland Revenue	£871.13
Primus	£14.73
EDF Energy	£48.56
Southern Water	£1223.33
EDF Energy	£1596.31
EDF Energy	£58.75
Land Registry	£30.00
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Anderson, Longmore & Higham	£391.87
SLCC	£75.00
Banham	£358.38

13. CORRESPONDENCE

Members noted the contents of a letter from Mr Andy Moore.

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WSSC Rights of Way – Request to divert public footpath 2338 at Nutbourne. The Committee fully supported the diversion.

Members noted the contents of the Pulborough LAT minutes of the meeting held on 11/10/2006.

14. URGENT MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS

Mr Boulton advised the Committee that the recent downpour had caused the drain between the Sports & Social Club building and the car park to collapse. A drainage consultant had arrived with water divining rods but it was felt that a company with an internal drain camera, to ascertain where the blockage was, should be employed. The Clerk was instructed to obtain three quotes as a matter of urgency.

Mr Boulton advised members that the flat roof was leaking onto the bar. On investigation, it had been found that water of about one foot deep was on the roof because the two small rain water drains were blocked. It was agreed that the wall around the edge of the roof may have to be removed. The Clerk was instructed to obtain three quotes as a matter of urgency

The meeting terminated at 9.13 pm

..... Chairman

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