

PULBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

**A meeting of the Planning & Services Committee was held at the Sports Pavillion on Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> January 2007 at 7.30 pm.**

**PRESENT:** Mrs H Black (Chairman)  
Mrs C Barnett  
Mrs J Botting  
Mr D Boulton (Vice Chairman)  
Mr J Denison  
Mrs A Lawson  
Mr J Noble

**In Attendance:** Cllr B Donnelly (HDC)

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Mr M Longridge.

**2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Mrs J Botting declared a personal interest in DC/06/2725 as the applicant is a friend.

Mr J Denison declared a personal interest in DC/06/2795 as the applicant is a close friend.

**3. MINUTES**

Mrs Barnett asked that item 5 be altered to read "Court House" not "The Courtyard".

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2006 be received and signed.

**4. PUBLIC SPEAKING**

There were no public speakers.

**5. Matters Arising**

The Clerk reported that HDC Parks Department are responsible for cutting back the brambles opposite the Library in Brooks Way. They had been reminded on 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2007.

It was also reported that CJ Uden Ltd were due to start work on the drains by the Sports & Social Club next month.

The Clerk informed members that three surveys had been done on the roof of the Sports & Social Club and two reports had been received. As the work was urgent, the Clerk was instructed to make sure all reports would be available for the meeting of full Council on 18 January 2007 for discussion.

It was noted the work to the entrance to St Mary's School had been completed. WSCC Highways are aware of the potholes in the road

outside the school grounds and the work on these will commence shortly.

Mrs Barnett asked how matters were progressing in regard to the lighting required in the footpath running alongside 11 The Moat. The Clerk advised the land is not owned by HDC and she had contacted Saxon Weald four times and was still awaiting a definite response. Mr Boulton said he would look at the paperwork held by the occupier of 11 The Moat to confirm ownership of the footpath.

Mrs Barnett also enquired when the hedge outside the Court House would be cut back. The Clerk suggested that Mrs Botting raise the matter with Paul Addison of WSCC Highways at their meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2007 as Shirley Stone, who was dealing with this for Highways, had retired and was not to be replaced for at least three months.

## 6. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The Committee considered the following planning applications:

### **DC/06/2447 – 111 Lower Street, Pulborough**

Application for Listed Building Consent for internal alterations to ground floor and first floor partitions.

**No objection**

### **DC/06/2514 – Rear of “Treetops”, Hill Farm Lane, Codmore Hill, Pulborough**

Amendment to earlier plans – length reduced by 1m. Roof amended.

**No objection**

### **DC/06/2548 – Badgers Croft, Nutbourne Lane, Nutbourne, Pulborough**

Convert existing double garage into annexe accommodation. Members noted that HDC had already issued their decision, because of haste on the applicants' part and therefore no discussion was necessary. The Clerk was instructed to ascertain what HDC mean by “haste”.

### **DC/06/2588 – Arunwey Cottage, Toat Lane, Pulborough**

Demolition of existing rear single storey extension & addition of rear two-storey extension with side porch.

**No objection**

### **DC/06/2646 & 2704 –Ransom’s Swan Corner, Pulborough**

Demolition of existing buildings & erection of 7no. flats.

**Objection.** The Committee noted there was no access to the site and objected to the application on the grounds that parking facilities were inadequate. For 7no. 2-bedroom flats, a minimum of 14 spaces would be necessary and that allowance for visitor parking was essential, as there were no facilities elsewhere in the vicinity for such. Members agreed that the fascia looked good.

**DC/06/2714 – “Woodside”, Stall House Lane, North Heath, Pulborough**

Dormer extension to bedroom to include w/c & shower room.

**No objection**

**DC/06/2725 – Tullens Toat, Pickhurst Lane, Pulborough**

All weather menage for private domestic purposes.

**No objection**

**DC/06/2735 – Badgers Croft, Nutbourne Road, Nutbourne, Pulborough**

Demolition of single storey extension and erection of new two-storey extension.

**No objection**

**DC/06/2769 – The Tea Room, Lower Street, Pulborough**

Permission for retention of building or continuance with a condition imposed on planning permission.

**No objection**

**DC/06/2795 – 29 Lower Street, Pulborough**

Two storey rear extension with room in roof including dormer window.

**No objection**

**DC/06/2842 – Broomers Hill Lodge, Broomers Hill Lane, Pulborough**

To construct gym/playroom.

**Objection.** The playroom appears to be much too far away from the main building, raising doubts as to the true purpose of the annexe.

**7. TREES**

**DC/06/2815 – 7 Allfrey’s Wharf, Pulborough**

To fell two semi-mature, previously pollarded sycamore trees. Report from tree wardens copied to Committee.

**No objection**

**8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS DECISIONS**

The Chairman reported the decisions received and Appeals lodged.

**9. PAYMENTS**

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

Pulborough Social Centre	£40.00
Primus	£14.30
SLCC	£19.50
Blachere	£870.68
Pulborough Social Centre	£55.70
Lesley Hoff	£39.99
Viking Direct	£105.73

EDF Energy	£312.90
Blachere	£102.81
Pulborough Social Centre	£60.00
J Randall	£450.03

**10. DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT**

Mr Donnelly reported that the Planning Department of HDC had undergone a structural analysis. Andrew Frost had been in charge of two sections and now there was to be two planning officers overseeing both sections and improvements would be seen over the next twelve months. He stated the staff of the Planning Department were good officers but had been under pressure.

He advised that the plastic dolly posts had been uprooted and thrown into the road before Christmas by revellers. He suggested that concrete posts, the same as in front of Cordens, should be used to replace them.

Mr Donnelly also advised members he had spoken to a resident of Stane Street Close who told him they were having a lot of trouble from children from Raglan Housing. He had watched them push over a lamppost in Stane Street Close a month or so ago.

**11. CORRESPONDENCE**

Andrew Frost – HDC

A letter was received from Andrew Frost concerning the Committee's queries regarding decisions made on certain planning applications. This had been previously copied to the Committee.

WSSC – Denominational School transport – Consultation  
Members noted responses were required by 9<sup>th</sup> February 2007.

WSSC – Telephone call received re Wish List

WSSC stated they do not like "Loading bay outside butchers needs hatching". They make the decisions on what needs doing. The Parish Council should just point out the problem and not offer the solution.

Pulborough Community Partnership – Results of parking meeting held on 20 September 2006.

This item had previously been copied to the Committee. The Clerk was instructed not to let the Partnership have anymore free copier paper as this had been agreed for the original setting up period and not as an ongoing arrangement.

Network Rail

The Clerk handed out copies of a letter received that day from Network Rail which stated that train horns would only sound in an emergency during the hours from 2300hrs until 0700hrs. There were various other improvements which the Councillors noted.

**12. URGENT MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS**

Mr Boulton stated categorically that he had no intention of resigning from the Parish Council and he had been surprised to hear the rumour that he had already left. He also stated he was not taking over as Chairman of the Pulborough Community Partnership and had advised Mr Aylott accordingly.

Mr Noble advised members there were four new potholes in Nutbourne Lane between the Castle and Redfold Farm. He also stated the A29 was breaking up at the entrance to Gay Street Lane; Church Close was flooding just before the railway bridge. This was caused by silt being washed off the fields and whilst he was there, an old lady cleared the drain with her walking stick. The Clerk was instructed to advise WSCC Highways of these issues.

Mr Noble informed the Committee the survey on Nutbourne Speed Limits was being distributed on 5<sup>th</sup> January 2007.

He also advised members that Murrells was closing.

Mrs Barnett related how a bus was travelling so fast along Spinney North that her car shook as she sat in it. She stated the bus was being driven by a man on 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2006 mid-morning and there had been many children around. The Clerk was instructed to complain to the bus company but also point out that the young woman bus driver is very careful.

Mr Denison advised members that for the second occasion running, no one in Old Rectory Lane had received copies of the Parish Newsletter. The Clerk was instructed to let Mr Goldsmith know this was unacceptable.

Mrs Botting praised Danny Flynn on how lovely the lights in the fir tree in Lower Street had looked and the excellent job he had done in erecting them.

**The meeting terminated at 9.23 pm**

..... Chairman

..... Date