

PULBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Planning & Services Committee was held at St Mary's School Hall on Thursday, 29th March 2007 at 7.00 pm.

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

In Attendance: Mr B Donnelly (District Councillor) (until Min. 54)
Thirteen members of the public

The Chairman welcomed the members of the public and thanked the staff of St Mary's School for allowing the Parish Council to use the hall.

43. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Mr J Noble.

44. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

45. MINUTES

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Meetings held on 1st March 2007 and 15th March be received and signed.

46. Matters Arising

46.1 Damage to the Recreation Ground

The Clerk reported that a bill had been sent to the Rugby Club for £65, being 10 hours @ £6.50 per hour for Jim Leadbeatter's work on repairing their damage to the Recreation Ground. Members felt this was not a large enough sum and would not act as a deterrent.

46.2 Nutbourne Speed Limits

Members were advised an email had been received that day from Roger Harper, with a copy of the survey results and would be discussed under Additional Items.

46.3 EDF Repair and Replacement of Lampposts

The Clerk advised the lampposts in Spinney North had been replaced and the work on the street lighting at Codmore Hill would start in April.

46.4 Street Naming

The Committee was advised a reply had been received from Bellway Homes and copies would be distributed under Correspondence.

46.5 Damage to footpath between Harwoods and Chestnut Walk and dip in road repairs in Stream Lane, Nutbourne.

Members were advised these had been reported to WSCC by the Assistant Clerk

46.6 Brambles, Brooks Way

The Clerk reported a letter had been sent to HDC, Parks Department thanking the staff for cutting back the brambles.

47. PUBLIC SPEAKING

The meeting was adjourned at 7.17 pm for public speaking

Having given formal notice, Mr Michael Bowman, Mr Kevin Green and Mr Mulligan were invited to speak for two minutes each and Mr Jonathan Scrase was invited to speak for three minutes, as he was speaking for other members of the public, on Planning Application DC/07/0491 – Haybourne Old Farm, Scrase Farms, Lee Place, Pulborough.

48. Presentation by Clare Lee concerning the Redevelopment of Nutbourne Pumping Station

Ms Clare Lee gave a short presentation on the redevelopment of Nutbourne Pumping Station and answered members' queries. Mrs Black thanked her for attending the meeting

The meeting was reconvened at 7.35 pm

49. Lower Street Car Park Survey

The Committee discussed the results of the survey at length. Mrs Black stated only 33 members of the public had responded to the survey, which had been included in the Parish Council newsletter, which is distributed to over 2000 households.

The Clerk was instructed to send a copy of the comments from a resident of RH20 2BF concerning the several accidents in Brooks Way, to WSCC Highways. This was caused by parking on both sides of Brooks Way and Mr Denison advised members he had recently been unable to drive the mini-bus down to the Village Hall.

Mrs Botting agreed with those surveyed, who wanted no designated resident parking, as the parking facilities of each property was known when the owners purchased it.

Mrs Black knew of a former office, which was now a domestic residence and the owners had taken over the traders parking permit. The Clerk was instructed to investigate and advise HDC.

50. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Committee considered the following planning applications:

DC/07/01491 – Haybourne Old Farm, Scrase Farms, Lee Place, Pulborough

Change of use of farm workshop for car repairs.

The Committee felt that tight working hours should be put in place and insisted there should be no further expansion into light industry on the site. If there was close monitoring of the situation, members offered **no objection**.

DC/07/0532 – Green Meadows, Old Mill Place, Pulborough

Outline planning application for the demolition of existing property + outbuildings + construction of 16 dwellings comprising:- 6 x 2 bed semi-detached (affordable), 3 x 3 bed detached/attached, 1 x 4 bed detached, 3 x 3 bed terrace and 3 x 2 bed terrace.

After a lengthy discussion, members agreed a height restriction should be placed on trees backing onto the watermeadows. A vote followed, with one Councillor against the application and four members raising **no objection**.

DC/07/0579 – 27 Glebelands, Pulborough

Erection of new chimney stack

No objection

DC/06/0588 – Ropers Farm, Nutbourne, Pulborough

Replacement house.

No objection

DC/07/0599 – Upper Stile, Place Farm, Gay Street, Pulborough

Erection of sandschool and equestrian building comprising 7 x stables, tack room, ancillary machinery and haystore.

No objection

DC/07/0606 – Land rear of 89 Lower Street, Pulborough

Erection of 1 bed dwelling.

Objection on the grounds the dwelling would come in front of the building line.

51. TREES

Tree Preservation Order – The Deck House, Hill Farm Lane, Codmore Hill, Pulborough

To receive notification of Tree Preservation Order 1334.

Members were pleased to note a TPO had been placed on an oak tree at this property.

52. PLANNING APPLICATIONS DECISIONS

The Chairman reported the decisions received and Appeals lodged.

53. DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT

Mr Donnelly reported that street wardens were employed by HDC to fine anyone letting their dog foul in public places. It was hoped they would visit Pulborough.

He also informed members he had attended a recent meeting of the Primary Care Trust and the fate of the Accident and Emergency Department was still being discussed.

Mr Donnelly then apologised and left, as he had another meeting to attend.

54. ADDITIONAL ITEMS

54.1 Closure Notice of FP 2327

Members noted the footpath running from the railway station to Church Place was closed for up to three weeks for repairs to the surface.

54.2 Nutbourne Speed Limits

The Committee were very pleased to receive the results of the survey for Nutbourne Speed Limits, as the requirements of the majority to have a 20mph limit through Nutbourne, was being recommended.

54.3 Rental for the Telegraph Poles on the Council's land at Nutbourne Common.

Members decided to opt for an annual payment of £9.85 per pole and not a one-off payment of £145 per pole, as it would give the Council more control over the poles in the future. It was noted there are no longer back payments for rental. The Clerk was instructed to make the necessary arrangements for payment.

54.4 Chequers Hotel

The Committee was asked to note that Mrs Black, Mrs Barnett and Mrs Botting had been invited to attend a site visit to the hotel regarding car parking facilities. Although lunch was to be provided by the owners, it was agreed to decline refreshments. Mr Denison also thought it was important that anything discussed was minuted.

55. CORRESPONDENCE

55.1 HDC- Local Development Framework – Site Specific Allocations of Land – Development plan Document (DPD)

Members received notification of the public examination and noted there was nothing in the document specifically concerning Pulborough.

55.2 SEERA – Regional Housing Review – Consultation February – April 2007

The Committee noted comments on the document were to be made online and therefore instructed the Assistant Clerk to complete the responses.

55.3 Bellway Homes- Street naming of the former Riverside Concrete Works.

Members received a letter from Bellway Homes, thanking the Council for providing alternative street names and confirming they had no objections to them. The Clerk was instructed to write a letter thanking Bellway Homes for listening to the Council's suggestions.

55.4 HDC – Development Control Update and Action Plan

The Committee noted the contents of the Development Control Update and Action Plan and had no comments to make.

55.5 Coldwaltham Parish Council – Landfill at Washington

Members received a copy of an email from the Clerk of Coldwaltham Parish Council, asking whether the Committee had formally objected to the landfill at Washington. The Clerk was instructed to send a formal objection and to advise Coldwaltham Parish Council accordingly.

55.6 Copy of a Letter to WSCC from Brendan Johnson concerning the state of Footpath 2327

The Committee noted the comments of Mr Johnson but thought no reply was necessary, as work had now commenced on the footpath.

56. URGENT MATTERS RAISED BY COUNCILLORS

Mrs Barnett informed members she had advised the Clerk, earlier that day, of damage done to the surface of the play area at the Recreation Ground. Large holes had been cut in the surface by children the previous afternoon under both the tyre swing and another swing. The Clerk advised members the headteacher of St Mary's had been informed and asked to speak to the children about the matter. She had agreed to do this. The Groundsman had roped off both damaged areas with tape, to prevent children using the apparatus and possibly hurting themselves. He also took photographs to prove these measures had been put in place. It was noted the tape had been removed by 3pm. The Clerk was instructed to contact ARD to request repairs are undertaken as a matter of urgency. The Clerk was also to advise Neville Warner, the PCSO of the damage, so that he could monitor the situation.

Mrs Barnett stated that the Recreation and Open Spaces Committee had been considering updating the equipment at the playground but she now felt it would be a waste of the Council's funds.

She also instructed the Clerk inform WSCC Highways that the traffic light on the south side of Lower Street at the pedestrian crossing had been damaged and also the traffic light by the crossing on the A29 is now facing Chestnut Walk, having been deliberately turned around.

Mr Denison stated a tree surgeon had trimmed the hedge on East Glebe Field and would like a letter of thanks sent to the Diocese. Mrs Botting advised it should not have been done after the end of February, due to nesting birds but agreed it was not necessary to mention that in the letter, which the Clerk was instructed to write.

Mrs Black asked the Clerk to inform WSCC Highways that the A283 was damaged at the mini-roundabout adjoining the A29.

Mrs Botting reported she had attended a meeting of the Community Care on 26 March 2007, as they are trying to get a Care Home in

Pulborough. Questionnaires from both Community Care and HDC are being circulated to all residents to see what demand there is for provision of care in Pulborough. The results of both surveys will be collated by HDC.

57. PAYMENTS

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

H Barrett	£29.29
Horsham District Council	£230.35
Pulborough Sports & Social Club	£300.00

The meeting terminated at 9.27 pm

..... Chairman

..... Date