

**Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting  
Held on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

**In attendance:** Cllr Tara Barber, Cllr Margaret Crompton, Cllr Johnny Denis, Cllr Clare Herbert, Cllr John Kay, Cllr Gavin May, Cllr Sarah Phillips, Cllr Gordon Sims, Cllr David Terry, Cllr Richard Turner and Cllr John Whitlock (Chairman)

**Also in attendance:** Karen Crowhurst (Clerk/RFO) and Gail Metcalfe (Administrator)

**Members of the public:** Approximately 7

<b>Item No</b>	<b>Minutes</b>
1.0	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b>
1.1	No apologies were received.
2.0	<b>DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS AND DISPENSATION REQUESTS</b>
2.1	<b>LW/20/0867</b>
2.2	Members of Ringmer Area Community Land Trust (RACLT) with dispensation: Cllrs Kay, May, Terry and Turner
2.3	Members of RACLT with no dispensation: Cllrs Booth, Denis and Sims
3.0	<b>TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 26<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2020</b>
3.1	It was <b>resolved</b> to accept the minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 26 <sup>th</sup> November 2020.
4.0	<b>PUBLIC QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS</b> - This item shall last not more than 15 minutes or at Chairman's discretion and no contribution shall last more than 3 minutes.
4.1	At 19.03 the Chairman suspended Standing Orders to allow members of the public to speak.
4.1	Three members of the public spoke of their reasons why they believed the Council should reject the planning application <b>LW/20/0795</b> (point 7.1 below). The main objections were as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>i) <b>Density</b> – the developer was offered the compromise of 4 units as plot considered too small for 6 but they had rejected this.</li><li>ii) <b>Drainage</b> – there does not seem to be a drainage plan.</li><li>iii) <b>Parking</b> – access is poor and does not provide for two-way traffic thus a parking issue.</li></ul>
4.2	Another Member of the public in attendance spoke about planning application ref <b>LW/20/0867</b> to which he provided background and other information regarding the application.
4.3	At 19.17 the Chairman reinstated Standing Orders.
5.0	<b>ACTION POINTS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) There are no action points which are not covered on this agenda</li></ul>

5.1 None.

## 6.0 CORRESPONDENCE

6.1 a) Planners user group report from Cllr Kay

6.2 Members noted and accepted the report.

6.3 b) To consider any correspondence after this agenda has been published

6.4 None received.

## 7.0 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

### 7.1 LW/20/0795 Land Rear Of Westbourne Lewes Road Ringmer

Erection of six semi-detached single storey residential dwellings for TSA Brighton Ltd

#### 7.2 Comments and observations:

Ringmer Parish Council offer no objections to this application.

After hearing from all members, and whilst the issues raised by the Public were recognised and discussed, it was acknowledged that the current proposal was an improvement on the previous one for detached houses. It was stated that the developer would not be able to go ahead without a solution to the drainage problem.

The Council's support went to a vote on a show of hands. There were 4 in support, 5 objections and 2 no comments.

### 7.3 LW/20/0880 Land Adjacent 3 Mill Close Mill Road Ringmer East Sussex

Demolition of existing vacant Garages, erection of 1x wheelchair accessible, five bedroom bungalow with associated hardstanding and soft landscaping

#### 7.4 Comments and observations:

Ringmer Parish Council objects to this application for the reasons below:

- i) **Design** – 22 ½ degrees interlocking tiles on roof and substantially further forward than current building line.
- ii) **Not in keeping with the area** -The proposed extension will not be in keeping with surrounding dwellings.
- iii) **Parking issues** – 2 parking spaces is not enough and is not in accordance with Policy 8.3 of the Neighbourhood Plan. There will also be significant impact on Mill Road as there will be an increase of parking, preventing busses from passing on an extremely busy bus route

### 7.5 LW/20/0867 Land Adjacent to Neaves House, Laughton Road, Ringmer, East Sussex

Erection of 6 dwellings (four affordable) (resubmission of LW/18/1011 as full application with site boundary amendment)

#### 7.6 Comments and observations:

Ringmer Parish Council fully support this application.

## 8.0 PLANNING CONSENTS, REFUSALS & APPEALS RECEIVED – further information regarding

consents, refusals & appeals recorded in appendix 2

None received at the time of publication of this agenda.

8.1 None received.

9.0 **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN DEVELOPMENT**

- a) Submission of small modifications to Ringmer 2030 Neighbourhood Plan

9.1 Cllr Kay to resend this to Cllrs Booth and Whitlock who will agree the final amendments and submit them to the Clerk for submission to the District Council. **Action: Cllrs Booth, Kay & Whitlock**

10.0 **ANY REPORTS (BY LEAVE NOT DISCUSSION OR DECISION) ON PLANNING MATTERS**

10.1 Reports were received regarding:

- **Bridge Farm** – the industrial units had been visited and looked good. Mr Mark Stroud reported he is receiving weekly requests from 5 or 6 people wishing to rent units. He is, therefore, thinking of expanding further. RPC to keep an eye on this.
- **Potential development sites** – RPC have requested to LDC that they be a part of this process.
- **Averys Nursery** – would be sensible to reconsider this seeing as a new 20 page submission was lodged on 30/12/2020.
- **Riverdale (LW/20/0011)** – a suggestion was made that RPC might want to revisit this application as not happy with the two new street names suggested (Dan Forth Way and North Hill Close) as Caburn Field would be more appropriate.  
**Action: Cllr May to forward to the Clerk a map highlighting the two new streets.**

11.0 **ITEMS FOR REFERRAL TO NEXT AGENDA OR APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE**

11.1 There were no items for referral that were not already included on the agenda.

12.0 **URGENT ITEMS AT THE CHAIRMANS DISCRETION REQUIRING DECISIONS WHICH CANNOT BE HELD OVER UNTIL THE NEXT MEETING**

12.1 There were no urgent items for consideration.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20.01.

Date of the next meeting: Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2021