

**Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting  
Held on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2021**

**In attendance:** Cllr Tara Barber, Cllr Richard Booth, 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 18

- | <b>Item No</b> | <b>Minutes</b>   |
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| <b>1.</b>      | <b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b>   |
| 1.1            | No apologies were received.  |
| <b>2.</b>      | <b>DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS AND DISPENSATION REQUESTS</b>   |
| 2.1            | There were no declarations of Member's interests nor any dispensation requests.  |
| <b>3.</b>      | <b>TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 28<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2021</b>  |
| 3.1            | Cllr Whitlock requested that the minutes at point 7.2 be changed to read "an improvement" rather than "a vast improvement". This was voted on by all Cllrs present and it was <b>resolved</b> to accept the minutes with this alteration.  |
| <b>4.</b>      | <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 19.06 the Chairman suspended Standing Orders to allow members of the public to speak.   |
| 4.2            | One member of the public queried the result re. Westbourne at point 7.2 of 28 <sup>th</sup> January 2021 minutes saying it was not representative of the initial show of hands' vote. He said RPC are duty bound to revise their comments as the Planning Officer is still open to it. Another public member expressed their concern for the number of houses being proposed highlighting the problem of water supply. |
| 4.3            | At 19.12 the Chairman reinstated Standing Orders.  |
| <b>5.</b>      | <b>ACTION POINTS</b>   |
|                | a) There are no action points which are not covered on this agenda - none.   |
| <b>6.</b>      | <b>CORRESPONDENCE (this was covered after points 7. &amp; 8.)</b>  |
| 6.1            | a) Call for sites in Ringmer – Lewes District Council SHLAA  |
| 6.2            | Cllr John Kay discussed the Draft Methodology paper prepared by Lewes District Council (LDC). He observed that it does not mention the following four key points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>i) The Neighbourhood Plan and conformity to it</li><li>ii) Facilities for the elderly</li><li>iii) Affordable housing</li><li>iv) Capturing and allowing for housing by permitted development</li></ul>        |

6.3 Cllr Kay then went on to go through the 43 site submissions for development with reference to the paper he had previously circulated and indicating the sites on the shared map on screen. After 2 Cllrs expressed their concern for what they saw as RPC's "rejection" of every site, Cllr Kay explained that at this stage the objective was merely to provide LDC with local knowledge of each of the sites with a view to suitability, availability and achievability.

6.4 Members of the Council thanked Cllr Kay for his excellent work on this.

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

6.6 There was no correspondence after this agenda was published.

## 7. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS (this was taken before point 6.)**

### 7.1 **LW/20/0011 Averys Nurseries Uckfield Road Ringmer East Sussex BN8 5RU – Additional comments to new documents displayed on the District Councils Planning Portal**

Outline application (Access only) for demolition of existing commercial/agricultural buildings and construction of new office/light industrial workshops (B1) and 53 dwellings, including new site entrance and A26 right turn lane

#### 7.2 **Comments and observations:**

Ringmer Parish Council wishes to reinforce its objection of 6<sup>th</sup> March 2020. Cllr John Kay is to provide the strong worded objection directly to LDC which is to be copied to the office.

### 7.3 **LW/21/0021 35 Springett Avenue Ringmer**

Erection of a single storey side/rear extension, erection of a front porch extension and garage conversion

#### 7.4 **Comments and observations:**

Ringmer Parish Council offer no objections to this application.

After it was established that 3 parking spaces would be available this went to a vote with a show of hands. It was a unanimous vote with all being in favour of offering no objection.

### 7.5 **LW/21/0025 24 Harvard Road Ringmer East Sussex BN8 5HW**

Proposed single storey extension, garage conversion, new sliding doors to the rear and new rooflights and patio to the rear

#### 7.6 **Comments and observations:**

Ringmer Parish Council objects to this application for the following reason:

- It goes against Ringmer's Neighbourhood Plan as the additional 4<sup>th</sup> bedroom requires 1 more parking space.

This went to a vote on a show of hands with all voting to object.

## 8. **PLANNING CONSENTS, REFUSALS & APPEALS RECEIVED – further information regarding consents, refusals & appeals recorded in appendix 2 (this was taken before point 6.)**

LW/20/0785 8 North Road – **Permission granted**

8.1 This was noted.

9. **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN DEVELOPMENT**

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

9.1 Cllr Whitlock is to review this before the document is updated and submitted. This is to be revisited at the next meeting.

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

10.1 Cllr Booth was mildly encouraged by the government's paper on bringing back beauty in local design.

11. **ITEMS FOR REFERRAL TO NEXT AGENDA OR APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE**

11.1 The Neighbourhood Plan.

12. **URGENT ITEMS AT THE CHAIRMAN'S 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 20.53.

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