

Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting
Held on Thursday 26th April 2018 in Ringmer Village Hall

PRESENT: Cllr Martin Whitlock who chaired the meeting, Cllr Mandy Brown, Cllr Margaret Crompton, Cllr Johnny Denis, Cllr Jenny Hill, Cllr John Kay, Cllr Roy Sutherland, Cllr David Terry, Cllr Richard Turner and Cllr Ron Wilcox.

Also, in attendance: Karen Crowhurst – Clerk/RFO, Corinna Goward – Assistant Clerk

Members of the public – 3

Minutes

1. APOLOGIES

1.1 Apologies were received and accepted from; Cllr Booth, Cllr Matthews and Cllr J Terry.

2. DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

2.1 Cllr Turner advised that as a Member of Lewes District Council's Planning Applications Committee if it is likely that an application will be called in, he will refrain from having a view or make any comments. Cllr Turner also declared non-pecuniary interests regarding the applications for Lower Clayhill Cottages applications.

2.2 All Members declared an interest regarding application reference: LW/18/0142 Shelleys Gote Lane Ringmer as the applicant is known to them.

3. MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 22ND MARCH 2018

3.1 It was **resolved** to accept the minutes of the meeting held on 22nd March 2018 as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

4. PUBLIC QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS ON ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA

4.1 At 7.32pm the Chairman invited the Meeting to suspend Standing Orders and asked for questions or comments from members of the public present.

4.2 One member of the public present made comment or referred to:

- The recent news about grass cutting and ESCC only carrying out 2 cuts per year in urban areas. The member of the public strongly urged the Council to consider offsetting the costs to provide 6 cuts per year.
- The same Member of the public referred to planning application reference: LW/18/0185 Crowthorne House and expressed various views.

4.3 Another member of the public, also the applicant for LW/18/0185 Crowthorne House provided background information regarding the application as well as the need in order to be compliant with Highway Regulations. The member of the public expressed concerns regarding health and safety at the location.

4.4 Another member of the public also the applicant for application reference(s) LW/18/0171 and LW/18/0172 Lower Clayhill Cottages explained why there were 2 applications for the same site and provided information as to why the extension is needed.

4.5 The Chairman reinstated orders at 7.36 pm

5. **ACTION POINTS - UPDATES AND PROGRESS**

5.1 a) East Sussex County Council – Waste and Minerals Consultation

5.2 This action is on-going.

6. **CORRESPONDENCE – FOR NOTING OR ACTION**

6.1 a) To consider any correspondence for noting or action, after this agenda has been published

6.2 Cllr Kay reported that he has received correspondence regarding a letter sent as part of Regulation 14 consultation process. Cllr Kay apprised Members of the purpose of the correspondence. Bearing this in mind, all agreed for the Regulation 14 document to be removed from the old Parish Council Website.

7. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED**

To consider Planning applications including those received after this agenda has been published– Appendix 1 (note – consult notice board and/or Clerk for further information):

7.1 **LW/18/0185 Crowthorne House Lewes Road Ringmer East Sussex BN8 5NE**

Section 73A Retrospective application for the retention of 1m high brick wall, installation of 3.5m access gate with .6m wide slab strip wheel runs

7.2 **Comments and observations**

No objections, however, Ringmer Parish Council would like to make the Planning Officers of East Sussex County Council aware of the proposal for a new pedestrian crossing, which is in close proximity of the access proposed within the application.

7.3 **LW/18/0171 Lower Clayhill Cottages Uckfield Road Ringmer East Sussex**

Two storey side extension and associated works

7.4 Cllr Kay declared an interest, as he had provided historical background relating to the property.

7.5 Members moved to a vote by show of hands to submit to Lewes District Council “no objections” and to refer to the Design and Conservation Officer regarding this application. The outcome of the vote was 8 for and 2 abstentions, therefore, the vote was carried.

7.6 **Comments and observations**

No objections, subject to the Design and Conservation Officer being satisfied with materials being used and there being no impact on the street-scene.

7.7 **LW/18/0172 Lower Clayhill Cottages Uckfield Road Ringmer East Sussex**

Two storey side extension and associated works

7.8 Cllr Kay declared an interest, as he had provided historical background relating to the property.

- 7.9 **Comments and observations**
No objections, subject to the Design and Conservation Officer being satisfied with materials being used and there being no impact on the street-scene.
- 7.10 **SDNP/18/01644/TPO Middleham Lewes Road Ringmer BN8 5EY**
T1 - Beech tree approx. 8 metres from B2192 and overhanging B2192.
Extensive Ganoderma brackets and a large area of basal decay on the road side leads me to suggest that the tree's crown is reduced in size by approximately 2 metres all round to reduce wind sail effect.
- 7.11 **Comments and observations**
No objections on the proviso that the Tree Officer is satisfied with the proposed works.
- 7.12 **LW/18/0201 20 Delves Close Ringmer East Sussex BN8 5JW**
To remove the condition for the garage to remain as a parking space so that part of the garage can be converted into a utility room.
- 7.13 **Comments and observations**
No objections.
- 7.14 **LW/18/0142 Shelleys Gote Lane Ringmer East Sussex BN8 5HX**
Conversion and extension of existing detached garage to form annexe
- 7.15 **Comments and observations**
No objections.
- 7.16 **LW/18/0147 Wellingham House Wellingham Lane Wellingham Ringmer East Sussex BN8 5SW**
Construction of tennis court with green porous macadam surface surrounded by green PVC coated galvanised core chain
- 7.17 **Comments and observations**
No objections, so long as the Tree Officer is satisfied with the proposed.
8. **PLANNING CONSENTS, REFUSALS & APPEALS RECEIVED** – further information regarding consents, refusals & appeals recorded in appendix 2
- 8.1 LW/18/0059 Mobile Home Downsview Farm Loughton Road Ringmer – **Refused Permission**
LW/18/0033 Green End North Road Ringmer – **Permission granted**
- 8.2 Members noted the planning decisions made by Lewes District Council.
9. **WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981 – SECTION 53**
Claimed Public right of way Barcombe Mills – Amendment to Definitive Map – To consider response on behalf of Ringmer Parish Council (Previously circulated.)
- 9.1 It was agreed that Ringmer Parish Council should submit a response in support of the amendment. It was further agreed for Cllr Kay to draft a response on behalf of Ringmer Parish Council. **Action – Cllr Kay.**
- 9.2 During this item, orders were suspended for and reinstated as a member of the public had some useful information.
10. **DESIGNATION OF QUIET LANES IN RINGMER**
- 10.1 Cllr Turner reported that MP Maria Caulfield is campaigning for Quiet Lane designation

throughout local areas. Currently the MP is campaigning for;

- 1) Norlington Lane;
- 2) Green Lane;
- 3) The top of Broyle Lane;
- 4) Potato Lane;
- 5) Neaves Lane - Archers Farm to Moor Lane.

10.2 On behalf of Ringmer. The MP is also campaigning for areas on behalf of other Parish Councils.

10.3 After some discussion it was agreed for Cllr Whitlock to draft a statement for submission to East Sussex County Council. It was also agreed to try and gain collective support from other Councils. **Action – Cllr Whitlock**

11. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN DEVELOPMENT

11.1 a) Meeting with LDC regarding amending Neighbourhood Plans

11.2 Members noted and accepted the meeting notes circulated by the Clerk.

11.3 b) To consider issues, options as discussion or for decision or for referral to the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

11.4 It was agreed to hold a Steering Group meeting after the Planning Meeting to discuss this item.

12. ANY REPORTS (BY LEAVE) ON PLANNING MATTERS

Reports were received regarding;

- A site visit carried out by Cllr Hill and the Clerk at Cala Homes, where assurance was given regarding drainage and lighting matters;
- The Cllr Surgery held on Saturday 28th April 2018;
- The recent planning application at 51 Anchor Field as it seems to be a permitted development;
- A meeting held in Peacehaven regarding the Lower Hodden Farm Planning Application;
- Community Infrastructure current receipts and if there will be CIL funds arising from the Cala Homes development;
- Recent grass cutting at Bishops Lane
- Members noted the Planning Users Group report submitted by Cllr Kay;
- The decision by LDC Cabinet to carry forward providing affordable housing at Mill Road and Broyle Close.

13. ITEMS FOR REFERRAL TO NEXT AGENDA OR APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE

13.1 There were no items for referral.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.45pm. The date of the next Planning Committee Meeting is: Wednesday 24th May 2018, St Mary's Room, Ringmer Village Hall.