

Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting

Held on Thursday 9th August 2018 in Ringmer Village Hall

In attendance: Cllr Richard Booth (Chairman), Cllr Johnny Denis, Cllr Jenny Hill, Cllr David Matthews, Cllr Roy Sutherland, Cllr David Terry, Cllr Julie Terry, Cllr Richard Turner and Cllr Ron Wilcox.

Also, in attendance: Karen Crowhurst – Clerk/RFO

Members of the public – 1

The Vice Chair requested to make an announcement which was duly granted.

The Vice Chair referred to the recent resignation of Martin Whitlock and expressed much sadness and offered sincere thanks for all of his hard work which a lot of which occurred behind the scenes. All Members concurred with the Vice Chair.

The Vice Chair then thanked the Clerk and Cllr Whitlock regarding the recent situation of Travellers on the Green. The Vice Chair advised Members that the Clerk and then Cllr Whitlock had worked hard behind the scenes and need to be congratulated on the work carried out by them. All Members were in agreement of this and expressed sadness regarding the resignation of Martin Whitlock.

Item no	Minutes
1.	APOLOGIES
1.1	Apologies were received from Cllr Brown, Cllr Crompton, Cllr Kay Cllr Sutherland and Corinna Goward – Assistant Clerk.
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 comment. Cllr Turner also expressed an interest with regard to planning application reference LW/18/0568 8 Sadlers Way Ringmer East Sussex BN8 5HG.
2.2	Cllr Denis also declared a similar interest as he acted as a substitute to the Lewes District Councils Planning Applications meeting at a recent meeting.
3.	MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 26TH JULY 2018
3.1	It was resolved to accept the minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 26 th July as a true and accurate record of the meeting. The minutes were then signed by Cllr Booth.
4.	PUBLIC QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS ON ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA
4.1	At 7.37pm 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; <ul style="list-style-type: none">- The possible relocation of the skate ramp at Anchor Field;- The proposed development at Anchor Field including the size of the gardens;- Previous statements made by an individual Councillor.
4.3	Orders were reinstated at 7.39pm.

5. **ACTION POINTS – UPDATES, PROGRESS AND TO AGREE ANY OTHER ACTIONS**

5.1 a) Location of Skate Park on Anchor Field

5.2 The Clerk informed Members that she has been in contact with Veolia who have informed her that there will not be any funding claw back. The Clerk advises Members that if the skate park were to relocate that a new grant application can be submitted to Veolia and then explained the criteria. The Clerk also informed Members that the Developer for Anchor Field is liaising with Lewes District Council about relocating the skate park to Fingerpost Field. Members made comments and expressed views about this, however, no further decisions were made.

5.3 b) CIL application for Cycle Path

5.4 The Clerk informed Members that she has sourced the application form and will be working on it in conjunction with the other possibilities of funding from East Sussex County Council.

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 There was no correspondence for noting or requiring any action.

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 Cllr Turner left the meeting.

7.2 **LW/18/0568 8 Sadlers Way Ringmer East Sussex BN8 5HG**
Ground Floor Side and Rear Extension

7.3 **Comments and observations**
No objections.

7.4 Cllr Turner re-joined the meeting.

7.5 **SDNP/18/03745/TPO tree works application for Middleham Lewes Road Ringmer**
T1 of the Order - Beech
Fell due to excessive basal decay and general decline of tree.
T5 of the Order - Beech stem Fell standing monolith to ground level for aesthetic reasons.

7.6 **Comments and observations**
No objections on the proviso that the Tree Officer is satisfied with the proposed works.

7.7 **LW/18/0495 31 Mill Mead Ringmer East Sussex BN8 5JG**
Proposed single storey rear extension

7.8 **Comments and observations**
No objections.

7.9 **LW/18/0572 Oak Side Farm Campsite Green Lane Ringmer East Sussex BN8 5AD**
Proposed change of use of Agricultural Building to Class C3 dwelling and associated operational development

7.10 **Comments and observations**
Ringmer Parish Council were unable to comment on this application due to insufficient information and inadequate plans which are unreadable.

- 7.11 Ringmer Parish Council have requested a Ward District Councillor call this application into the Planning Applications Committee in order for the Committee to make a decision rather than Officer determination.
- 7.12 **LW/18/0575 1 The Chestnuts Lewes Road Ringmer East Sussex BN8 5QA**
Single storey rear extension including the removal of two windows and brickwork beneath
- 7.13 **Comments and observations**
Ringmer Parish Council does not support this application as they consider the proposed extension to be an overdevelopment of the area. Member also had significant concerns regarding the height of the neighbouring wall.
- 7.14 For the reasons above Ringmer Parish Council have requested a Ward District Councillor call this application into the Planning Applications Committee in order for the Committee to make a decision rather than Officer determination.
- 7.15 Ringmer Parish Council would encourage the advice of Design and Conversation Officers be given due credence.
- 7.16 Cllr Hill left the meeting after declaring an interest as a Cheyney Trustee as some of the land shown on the application belongs to the Trust.
- 7.17 **LW/18/0576 1 The Chestnuts Lewes Road Ringmer East Sussex BN8 5QA**
Single storey rear extension including the removal of two windows and brickwork beneath.
- 7.18 **Comments and observations**
Ringmer Parish Council does not support this application as they consider the proposed extension to be an overdevelopment of the area. Member also had significant concerns regarding the height of the neighbouring wall.
- 7.19 Cllr Denis left the meeting after declaring an interest as the applicant is well known to him.
- 7.20 For the reasons above Ringmer Parish Council have requested a Ward District Councillor call this application into the Planning Applications Committee in order for the Committee to make a decision rather than Officer determination.
- 7.21 Ringmer Parish Council would encourage the advice of Design and Conservation Officers be given due credence.
- 7.22 Upon the advice of the Clerk a request will be made by Cllr Turner to Cheyney Trust to explore the boundary line and terms of the lease for the areas highlighted in blue on the map, prior to the Planning Applications Committee Meeting. **Action – Cllr Turner.**
- 7.23 Cllr Hill and Cllr Denis re-joined the meeting.
8. **PLANNING CONSENTS, REFUSALS & APPEALS RECEIVED** – further information regarding consents, refusals & appeals recorded in appendix 2
- 8.1 LW/18/0303 Downsvie Farm Laughton Road Ringmer – **Permission granted**
LW/18/0330 Lower Lodge Farm Laughton Road Ringmer East Sussex – **Permission granted**
LW/18/0399 47 Springett Avenue Ringmer – **Permission granted**
- 8.2 Members noted the Planning Decisions made by Lewes District Council.

9. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN DEVELOPMENT

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

9.2 A report by Cllr Kay which was circulated prior to the meeting was noted, various comments were made, but in the absence of Cllr Kay it was agreed to hold a Steering Group meeting after the next Council meeting in order to submit recommendations for noting or decision to the next Planning Committee meeting.

10. ANY REPORTS (BY LEAVE) ON PLANNING MATTERS

10.1 Reports were received, regarding;

- Permission being granted for the Chaplefield application;
- The new coffee shop at Old Forge Pine.

11. ITEMS FOR REFERRAL TO NEXT AGENDA OR APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE

11.1 There were no items for referral to the next agenda or appropriate Committee.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.37pm. The date of the next meeting is scheduled for, Thursday 27th September 2018, 7.30pm, St Mary's Room, Ringmer Village Hall.