

Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting

Held on Thursday 24th September 2020 via Zoom

In attendance: Cllr Richard Booth (Chairman), Cllr Johnny Denis, Cllr Clare Herbert, Cllr Gavin May, Cllr Sarah Phillips, Cllr Gordon Sims, Cllr David Terry, Cllr Richard Turner and Cllr Stephen Wilkins

Also, in attendance:

Corinna Goward – Assistant Clerk

Members of the public: 1

Item No	Minutes
1.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
1.1	Apologies were received from Cllr Kay, Cllr Harper, Cllr Whitlock and the Clerk - Karen Crowhurst.
2.	DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS AND DISPENSATION REQUESTS
2.1	No declarations of Members' interests were received. Nor were there any dispensation requests.
3.	TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 23rd July 2020
3.1	It was resolved to accept the minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 23 rd July 2020 as a true and accurate record of the meeting.
4.	PUBLIC QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS - 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	There were no questions or comments from members of the public in attendance.
5.	ACTION POINTS – UPDATES, PROGRESS AND TO AGREE ANY OTHER ACTIONS
5.1	a) EAST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL LOCAL CYCLING AND WALKING INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN 2020 – 2030 – Action by Cllr Denis
5.2	This action is still outstanding and was not completed.
5.3	The Chairman requested that the preliminary report be accepted although the closing date had passed. It was pointed out that the agenda item was just to receive the report. Cllr Denis was not present at this point of the meeting but joined later in the discussion. It was agreed to leave this item on future agendas and take part in the future consultations.
6.	CORRESPONDENCE
6.1	a) To consider any correspondence after this agenda has been published
6.2	There was no correspondence for consideration.
7.	PLANNING APPLICATIONS
7.1	LW/20/0542 Carey Croft Isfield Road Ringmer BN8 5RP New detached garage with home study/ancillary accommodation above and covered walk way

- 7.2 **Comments and observations**
Ringmer Parish Council supports this application.
- 7.3 This was proposed and seconded, all were in favour.
- 7.4 **LW/20/0572 8 North Road Ringmer BN8 5JS**
Single storey side extension
- 7.5 **Comments and observations**
Ringmer Parish Council discussed this application in respect of parking spaces and the relevance of the NDP in this matter, the extension protruding in front of the house and the improvement to living standards. A recommendation was made to support this application.
- 7.6 This was proposed and seconded, all were in favour.
- 7.7 **LW/20/0044 10A Elphick Road Ringmer BN8 5PR**
Access window in roof
- 7.8 **Comments and observations**
A proposal was made to support this application which was seconded, all were in favour.
- 7.9 **LW/20/0589 45 Christie Avenue Ringmer BN8 5JT**
Tree 1 (T1) – Horse Chestnut Trees Removal of tree – bad case of leaf minor and the canopies are starting to decline from the south west. T1 also has multiple old storm damage wounds that are starting to rot back down the limbs. Tree T2 – Horse Chestnut Tree. Diseased with leaf minor and growing towards the right creating concern that this will be dangerous. Replant with Silver Birch in same position.
- 7.10 **Comments and observations**
- 7.11 Members discussed the condition of the trees and the need to retain trees in the village where possible. A proposal was made to support the removal of the trees subject to satisfactory approval by the Tree Officer and to replace with the same variety of tree instead of silver birch as stated in the application.
- 7.2 This proposal was seconded, a vote was taken by a show of hands, the result was 1 against, 3 abstentions and the remainder in favour. Therefore, it was resolved to accept the proposal to support the application subject to Tree Officer approval and replace with like for like trees.
8. **PLANNING CONSENTS, REFUSALS & APPEALS RECEIVED** – further information regarding consents, refusals & appeals recorded in appendix 2
- 8.1 LW/20/0444/CD Land North of Chapters Bishops Lane Ringmer– **Permission granted**
LW/20/0209 7 Anchor Field Ringmer – **Permission granted**
LW/20/0368 Land North of Chapters (Sewage) – **Permission granted**
- 8.2 LW/20/0466 19 Turnpike Close – **Permission granted**

All decision notices have been previously circulated to all Members

Members noted the decisions made by Lewes District Council however, it was clarified that the first item LW/20/0444 CD Land North of Chapters Bishops Lane Ringmer was incorrect. This condition had not been discharged.

9. **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN DEVELOPMENT**
a) Modifications to existing Neighbourhood Plan

- 9.1 Members discussed this item at length. The Chairman apprised them that to his knowledge and in the absence of Cllr Kay, who was delegated to make the minor amendments, this was still ongoing. It was suggested that as these amendments were still ongoing, a newly formed working group would have more available time to focus to these matters and could act promptly.
- 9.2 b) To consider renewing or the creation of a new Neighbourhood Plan and agree any actions arising from this
- 9.3 The Chairman suggested that all Members take time to read the current Neighbourhood Plan and consider any amendments they believe worthy of change and bring to the following planning meeting. The suggestion of a working group was reiterated to consider the changes required and respond to the Parliamentary white paper. The Chair stated he would draft some Terms of Reference.
- 9.4 Three proposals were made and seconded but only one voted on which was – to set up a working group to consider the future of the neighbourhood plan. This was seconded and a vote by show of hands was taken. 6 were in favour, 1 against and the remainder abstained. Therefore, the motion was carried. However, no appointments were made and other proposals were not voted upon. The Chairman stated that all members would be welcome to the working group and he would ask the Clerk to seek volunteers.
- 9.5 There was confusion over the wording to the proposals and the Chairman apologised for the lack of clarity and any misunderstanding. He also reminded members to ensure all avenues of discussion were finished before voting takes place.

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

- 10.1 Cllr Denis reported on the application from Upper Lodge Farm, The Broyle planning application no LW/20/0485. Lewes District Council were aware of the number of objections and were seriously considering the matter.
- 10.2 Lewes District Council is in the process of recruiting a new enforcement officer.

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

- 11.1 It was requested that an agenda item be placed on the next Parish Council meeting to consider ways to improve the reputation of Ringmer Parish Council.

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

- 12.1 The matter of responding to the white paper as a matter of urgency was discussed but no decisions were made.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.00pm

Date of the next Planning Meeting 22nd October 2020