

STORRINGTON & SULLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning and Development Committee held in The Chanctonbury Room, the Parish Hall, Thakeham Road, Storrington on Thursday, 10th February, 2011, commencing at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Mrs. A. Worthington-Leese in the Chair, Mr. A. Mullard, Mr. D. Roper and Mrs. L. Wheatley.

86. **Apologies for Absence** had been received from Mr. J. Macey (ill), Mr. R. Jerman and Mrs. G. King (prior engagements). The reasons for absence were duly **ACCEPTED**.
87. **To Receive Declarations of Interest from Members**. Both Mr. Roper and Mrs. Worthington-Leese declared an interest in agenda item number 7. DC/10/2552 and DC/10/2547: Southern Access Crane Hire.
88. **To Approve and Sign and Minutes of the Meeting held on the 13th January, 2011.** These minutes were duly **APPROVED** as being a correct record of the proceedings thereat and were duly signed by the Chairman.

Matters Arising

89. There were no outstanding matters arising.
90. **Budget Review.** It was noted that there had been no further expenditure since our meeting of 13th January and as such the total expenditure to date remained at £745. That said there would be some expenditure in the near future due to essential tree surveys on parish land (as per item 91. below).
91. **Tree Surveys.** Discussions took place regarding surveying trees on the Parish Land. It had been recommended by the insurance company that tree inspections should be undertaken biannually, that said they did not have to be by a professional arboriculturalist. It was agreed that the office should ask Mr Jerman if he would be happy to inspect the trees at the Storrington Recreation Ground, Sullington Recreation Ground and around the Pond. If he felt that professional advice was necessary the office would then organise this.
92. **DC/10/2552 and DC/10/2547: Southern Access Crane Hire.** All members had been furnished with a copy of The Wiggonholt Association's correspondence prior to the meeting. This topic was discussed at length and members agreed that as the company was not operating the machinery from the site and that the area was only used for storage, a letter should be sent to The Wiggonholt Association, thanking them for their correspondence, stating that after due consideration, the Parish Council's comment of no objection still remained.
93. **Planning Applications Awaiting Comment – Appendix I:-**
- (a) **DC/11/0069: 18, Palmer Close.** All members viewed the application and a number had undertaken a site visit before the meeting, after a short discussion, it was **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED** that:

A comment of NO OBJECTION should be sent to H.D.C.

- (b) **DC/11/0089: 2, Havant House.** Members viewed the projected plans and a number had seen the paper plans before the meeting. Lengthy discussions ensued where it was decided that the sign colours were too garish, were not consistent with other signs in neighbouring premises and did not comply with the principles and guidelines within the Parish Design Statement. It was **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED** to:

Send a comment of OBJECTION to H.D.C. on the above grounds. Whilst members were not objecting to a sign, they agreed that the background should be white, which would be more in keeping with surrounding businesses.

- (c) **DC/11/0111: Land South of Venters, Storrington Road.** This application had been viewed by members previously and concerns expressed in a number of areas. Having reviewed the Facilitating Appropriate Development criteria, all of which new developments HAD to meet, it was noted that this proposal failed on the vast majority of them, namely points 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 15. The proposed development is located in the countryside outside of the defined built-up area boundary and is unrelated to the needs of agriculture, forestry, the extraction of minerals or the disposal of waste and is therefore considered an unacceptable form of development in the countryside. The site is in a relatively unsustainable location with limited services, people will not walk 2km with their shopping and bus services are very limited. It was also felt that the quality of the environment would be affected by such a development, Storrington was already an AQMA and problems with air quality would be exacerbated. It was therefore **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED** to:

STRONGLY OBJECT to this application.

- (d) **DC/11/0140: 8, Holly Close.** A few members had previously visited the site and comments collated. With the plans and details projected, all members discussed the proposal and it was **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED** to:

Send a comment of NO OBJECTION to H.D.C. stating however that bearing in mind Storrington's problems with surface run-off water overloading sewers, that ALL materials used should be of porous material.

- (e) **DC/11/0149: Ty Gwyn, Nightingale Lane.** A few members had already undertaken a site visit and their comments were discussed. Members felt that the plot was too small for a further dwelling and that this would result in a lack of amenity space, it was also felt that the shared driveway would result in restricted access. Members believed that the existing bungalow had been a form of back-land development at some stage in the past. It was **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED TO:**

OBJECT to this application.

- (f) **DC/11/0177: Woodpeckers, Woodpeckers Lane.** This recent application was for the removal of Condition 11 (financial contributions). Discussions ensued and the following points were raised:

- all of Storrington & Sullington's play areas were free to use 24 hours a day and that these had to be maintained and insured,

- the Leisure Centre had to be staffed, maintained and equipped,
- every extra house built added pressure on the sewers, roads, community facilities, schools, Doctors etc.
- the Fire Brigade has a much larger area to cover now that Findon's Fire Station has been closed (thus putting more pressure on Storrington)
- Storrington is an AQMA and any additional traffic will only exacerbate this. It was also felt that funds could be put to good use for example:
- Resurfacing the ground by the football walls at both Sullington and Storrington Recreation Grounds.
- The provision of seats on Sullington Warren
- The provision of benches and bins at Meadowside play area.
- Pond beautification.

It was **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED** to:

STRONGLY OBJECT to this application on the above grounds.

94. **Planning Application Decisions – Appendix II.** These were duly **NOTED.**
95. **Planning Applications, Comment Summary – since the meeting on the 13th January, 2011 – Appendix III.** These were duly **NOTED.**
96. **Appeal Decision.**

Brook End House, Manleys Hill – DC/09/2080. It was noted that the Planning Inspectorate had allowed to the appeal and granted listed building consent for the conversion of outbuildings to ancillary domestic accommodation at the abovementioned address.

97. **Chairman's Announcements:-**

(a) **Enforcement – Outstanding Issues**

- **EN/10/0436 - Lionheart, Fryern Road – Erection of Outbuilding.** The office had spoken with the Case Officer regarding our letter of 7th January and it was suggested that the application was likely to be refused on various grounds
- **EN/10/0549 – 1, Crown Cottages, Pulborough Road.** Three applications had been received regarding various fences surrounding the property, whilst members had no objections to the post and rail fence (to the front of the property) or the fence to the rear of the property, they had objected to the larger fence to the front. On speaking with the Case Officer concerned, she agreed with these comments, it was hoped that a decision would be made shortly.

(b) **DC//10/2337 - Pulborough Rugby Club, Pulborough Road. Variation of condition number 11 of DC/05/2337 to allow extended clubhouse opening hours from 08.00 to 00.00.** It was noted that this application had been withdrawn the day before it was due to be heard at the meeting of the Development Control Committee on 18th January and that a noise assessment was to be carried out.

(c) **DC/10/2606 – West Sussex Golf Club, Golf Club Lane.** Mrs Worthington-Leese informed members that the above application would be going to the Development Control Committee (South) meeting on 15th February. It was noted that this

application was recommended for approval.

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- (d) **DC/10/1457 – Outline application for up to 89 residential units – RMC Engineering Services.** The office had e-mailed the case officer for an update regarding highways and air quality, as mentioned in January's minutes; however no response had been received to date.
- (e) **DC/10/1314 - Abingworth Development.** It had been reported to the office that this application would now be heard at the Development Control Committee (South) Meeting scheduled for 15th March.
- (f) **DC/11/0111 - St Mary's Church, Thakeham. Application for 8 units.** The office had received a number of complaints regarding letters being dropped through residents' doors requesting that they sign a pre-formatted letter in support of the development and forward it to the relevant Case Officer. This had been reported to Hazel Corke at H.D.C. who had sought legal advice. Whilst there was nothing the Council could do to stop the Church canvassing local residents to gain support for the scheme, when reporting representations to Committee she would say that x number of people had signed a pro forma letter (in the same way as a petition would be reported) this would not carry as much weight as individual letters. She also intended contacting the applicant, Croudace Homes.
- (g) **South Downs National Park Invitation.** Mrs. Worthington-Leese announced that an invitation had been received to attend a seminar on the future arrangements for dealing with planning applications within the National Park (in the run up to the SDNPA becoming the statutory planning authority in April 2011). It was agreed to ask Mr Jerman if he was able to attend; Mr Mullard would let the office know if he could attend also.
- (h) **Letter from Resident regarding DC/11/0103 - 7, Plantation Way.** All members had received a copy of the objection letter before the meeting. It was discussed and decided that members could not see a problem with the application and that a comment of No Objection had been sent to H.D.C. back in December. It was agreed that this view still remained.
- (i) **Arun District Council – LDF Consultation on Local Housing and Employment Growth.** Mrs. Worthington-Leese read out the letter to members, it was noted that this was the same as the previous request received in December 2010. Members agreed that no response was necessary.
- (j) **CPRE Sussex Countryside Awards 2011.** Members were asked to think of suitable countryside projects worthy of recognition. There were three categories - New Sussex Landscapes, Food – Field to Table and Sussex Rural Enterprise. Nominations should be passed to the office.
- (k) **H.D.C. Draft Interim Statement: Managing Development in Horsham District and the Draft Statement of Community Involvement.** Mrs Worthington-Leese announced that this document had been received for review and comment by 18th March 2011. It was agreed that Mrs. Worthington-Leese, Mrs. Wheatley and Mr. Mullard would read this, make comments and report these to the next Planning Committee on 2nd March. Once agreed, these comments would be sent to Horsham. The office was asked to obtain a further copy of the document and take it to the Library for public consultation.

98. Documents for Councillors to Read.

There were no documents for Councillors to read.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.30 p.m.