

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, 11th November, 2010, commencing at 7.00 p.m.

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

In Attendance: 4 members of the public.

52. **Apologies for Absence** had been received from Mr. J. Macey (ill). The reason for absence was duly **ACCEPTED**.
53. **To Receive Declarations of Interest from Members.** Mrs. Wheatley declared a personal interest in DC/10/2147.
54. **To Approve and Sign and Minutes of the Meeting held on the 9th September, 2010.** These minutes were duly **APPROVED** as being a correct record of the proceedings thereat and were duly signed by the Chairman.

Matters Arising :-

There were no outstanding matters arising.

55. **Budget Review.** It was noted that there had been no further expenditure since our meeting of 9th September and as such the total expenditure to date remained at £745.
56. **TPO's : Proposals for Streamlining Consultation Paper.** Mr. Jerman gave a brief précis of this large document and discussed his proposed answers to the 14 questions on the response page. These were distributed and discussed between members. It was **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED** that:

The responses as discussed should be e-mailed to tpo@communities.gsi.gov.uk

57. **Planning Applications Awaiting Comment – Appendix I :-**

- (a) **DC/10/2147 : St Francis, Thakeham Road.** All members (apart from Mrs. Wheatley) had previously viewed the application and undertaken a site visit. The plans were projected on the wall and discussions ensued. Concerns were expressed regarding the loss of trees, the narrow entrance, the proposed properties were considered too large for the size of the plot and would be out of context with the surrounding area.

The owner of St Francis requested to speak and stated that only one tree would be lost which was a silver birch currently laying on power lines. Members mentioned that the application showed a number of trees would be removed, to which the owner replied that the plans were incorrect as the beech and two oak trees to the front of the property would be retained. Mrs. Worthington-Leese stated that members could only comment on the application details to hand.

Mr. Mullard made reference to concerns regarding sewerage issues, lack of infrastructure and the fact that Storrington had major problems with air quality being below acceptable levels.

Mrs. Worthington-Leese stated that the planning proposals would be considered “garden-grabbing” which had now been outlawed. It was also mentioned that there was insufficient parking for properties of this size.

Taking all comments into consideration it was **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED** to:

STRONGLY OBJECT to this application and that a list of these objections should be sent to H.D.C. Planning.

- (b) **DC/10/2270 – 11, Old Mill Drive.** Members viewed this application electronically and discussions ensued. It was felt that a hedge would be preferable to the proposed close board fence or even a wall (in line with what was there currently). It was **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED** to:

OBJECT to this application on the grounds that the proposed fence would be out of keeping with the surrounding area. Attention should be drawn to Storrington & Sullington’s recently adopted Parish Design Statement – point 7.2 – Principles and Guidelines which states “retention of hedgerows/trees wherever possible to encourage wildlife and for visual effect.” And “Fences should be avoided wherever possible, preference being given to hedges in order to retain the rural feel and encourage wildlife.”

- (c) **DC/10/2296 – 7, Swan Close.** Mr Jerman kindly took this application away to comment on.

58. **Planning Application Decisions – Appendix II.** These were duly **NOTED.**

59. **Planning Applications, Comment Summary – since the meeting on the 9th September, 2010 – Appendix III.** These were duly **NOTED.**

60. **Appeals.**

It was noted that the owners of Lion Heart, Fryern Road had appealed against H.D.C.’s decision to refuse permission for the retention of the close boarded fence.

61. **Chairman’s Announcements:-**

(a) **Enforcement – Outstanding Issues**

- **EN/10/0427 - Willow Tree Cottage – Untidy Site.** The Office had chased H.D.C Compliance to be informed that Ms. Howland-Smith had left and this case had now been taken over by Joanna Searle. Further messages had been left with the owners requesting they update H.D.C. Compliance of the latest situation. To date the debris had still not been removed.
- **EN/10/0436 - Lionheart, Fryern Road – Erection of Outbuilding and Large Poles.** Again this case had been passed to Joanna Searle. H.D.C. Compliance had spoken with the agent w/c 1st November and he was keen to meet with them to discuss the situation prior to submission of an application (for retention of the outbuilding etc.) this meeting would be arranged shortly.

- **EN/10/0377 - 7, Pulborough Road (The Laurels) – Retention of Trellis.** It had been reported to the office that the trellis fencing at this property had since been removed and that planting had been undertaken in its place. This case was now closed.
 - **EN/10/0491 - Sawyards, Manleys Hill – Untidy Site.** H.D.C. Compliance had written to the office on 11th October stating that they had spoken to the owners, requesting they tidied the site. This case was now closed.
 - **EN/10/0098 – 36, High Street.** Joanna Searle had taken over this case and was due to arrange a site visit at her earliest convenience.
 - **EN/10/0549 – 1, Crown Cottages, Pulborough Road.** H.D.C. Compliance had informed the office on 8th November that the owner had decided to proceed with an application for the fence, despite their advice that the application would probably be refused.
 - **EN/10/0539 - 17, Church Street.** H.D.C. Compliance notified the office that the owners are to apply to replace the windows that overlook Church Street with more suitable ones; however the windows to the rear are to be retained as they are not visible from Church Street.
- (b) **DC/10/1908 – Southdown Gliding Club, Pulborough Road.** Mrs. Worthington-Leese announced that this application would be considered at H.D.C.'s Development Control Committee Meeting on 16th November. The recommendation was for approval with five conditions attached.
- (c) **DC/10/1729 - Land South of Venters, Storrington Road Thakeham.** Mrs. Worthington-Leese announced that this application would be considered at H.D.C.'s Development Control Committee Meeting on 16th November. The recommendation was for refusal and copies of the recommendations had been passed to all members.
- (d) **DC/10/1872 – Douglas Lodge, Parham Park.** Mrs. Worthington-Leese read out a letter from the General Manager of Parham Park, thanking members for their support on this application.
- (e) **Sandgate Park Refresher Study.** Mrs. Worthington-Leese announced that a briefing to explain the findings of the Sandgate Park Refresher Study (carried out for H.D.C. by Land Use Consultants) would be held on Monday 22nd November, 10am at Horsham's Council Chamber. It was agreed that one place should be booked for this briefing and a decision on who should attend would be made nearer the time.

62. Documents for Councillors to Read.

- (a) English Rural Housing Association – Annual Report 2010. This would be put on file in the office.
- (b) South Downs Focus Magazine – July-September 2010. Mr. Mullard took this document away to read, Mr. Roper also requested a copy be put in his pigeonhole.

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- (c) Action in Rural Sussex – October 2010 Newsletter. This would be put on file in the office.
- (d) C.P.R.E. Sussex Review – Autumn 2010. Mr. Jerman took this document away to read.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8 p.m.