

Planning Committee
Minutes of a Meeting held at 7.30 pm on 4th June 2009

Present: Mr Salisbury, (Chairman), Mrs Revell (Vice-Chairman), Mr Gregory, Mr Blanch, Mrs King & Mrs Burgess
In Attendance: Mrs Jones (Clerk)

18. Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman

It was proposed, seconded and unanimously resolved that Mr Salisbury be re-elected as Chairman and Mrs Revell be re-elected as Vice-Chairman of the Planning Committee.

Public Question Time

The Chairman explained that due to new procedures, the public question time period would now be minuted. Several members of the public were present with an interest in the planning application for the new Baptist Chapel. Neighbours living in Barrowfield objected to the application as the chapel would be sited very close to their northern boundary. There were concerns regarding security and privacy but this could be mitigated if the chapel was re-sited further away and the footpath moved. Concerns were also expressed that, if planning permission was granted, restrictions should be imposed to prevent further expansion or a change of use for the buildings. A representative from the Baptists stated that the new location had been driven by the planners but that they would be open to re-visiting the siting of the building and to a diversion of the footpath. The current site was fully utilised and would not provide sufficient space for the needs of the church.

19. Apologies for absence were received from Mr Blanch

20. Declarations of Interest There were no declarations of interest regarding any items on the agenda.

21. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting The minutes of the meeting held on 7th May 2009 were taken as read and confirmed as a true record.

22. Planning Applications Received from Mid Sussex District Council

09/01039/OUT: Baptist Chapel, Polestub Lane

Outline application for a new Baptist Chapel on land currently used as a car park and change of use of existing Chapel into residential accommodation

The Chairman stated that the Parish Council could only consider the plans before it and could not comment on what could happen in the future.

Policy: The Parish Council recognised that the site was outside the built-up boundary and was sited in an area of countryside development restraint (Policy C1 Mid Sussex Local Plan). However, the policy did allow for exceptions to be made under Policy C1(e) for “proposals for facilities which are essential to meet the needs of local communities and which cannot be accommodated satisfactorily within the built-up areas”. After discussion, the committee agreed that the development was necessary to meet the needs of the local community. The Baptist Church was well established with a large community and the current church was inadequate for its needs.

Location: It was recognised that the current design and location would reduce the impact on the surrounding countryside but concerns were expressed with regard to the detrimental impact on the neighbours in Barrowfield and the issue of security. The current application was for outline permission

and it was considered that the actual siting of the church, including the moving of the footpath, should be revisited by the Baptist Church.

09/01033/FUL: Joles House, High Street

Second storey rear extension over existing ground floor with adjoining single storey rear extension
No objections

09/01147/FUL: Crossways Tylers Green

Proposed shed to front of property

Object. The building is in front of the building line and insufficient information regarding the use of the building has been provided.

09/01222/FUL: 27 Chapelfields Whitemans Green

Change of use to residential.

No objections

09/01417/FUL: Haywards Heath Rugby Football Club, Whitemans Green

Formation of new car parking facilities for 100 cars for use by the users of HRFC club house and playing fields with new access off Staplefield Road. This application is connected to the previous planning approval CU/05/00183/FUL

Full support for this application.

23. MSDC Sustainable Rural Communities Consultation

The alterations proposed by the District Council were considered appropriate and no further comments were made.

24. Planning Decisions Received from the District Council

08/03748/ADV: Co-op: 1 fascia sign

Permission

09/00018/LBC: Co-op: Upgrade external facework

Permission

09/00476/FUL: 3 Halleighs Whitemans Green - Rear/side single storey extension.

Permission

09/00576/FUL - 1 Callender Walk - Conservatory on rear elevation

Permission

09/00674/FUL: 3 The Hardings, London Lane

Minor demolition and single storey side and rear extension

Permission

09/00709/C3REG : Warden Park School - Variation of conditions attached to 08/3525/C3REG: Condition 16 (use limitation), condition 17 (limitation on hours/days of use) and condition 18 (limitation on number of evening public performances).

Permission

09/00837/FUL: 24 Barrowfield

Demolish existing garage. Construct new two storey side extension and attached garage

Permission

09/00968/TCA: Junipers, Whitemans Green - Fell two Bay trees.

No objections

09/01001/FUL: 20 Barrowfield

Single storey rear extension, first floor front extension, tiled lean-to roof over existing flat-roof extension.

Permission

09/01018/TREE: 3 Mantell Drive - Remove 2 branches of ash

Permission

09/01069/TCA: Ockenden Garden House And Land Adjacent Ockenden Lane

Eucalypus - fell and beech to trim back to edge of drive.

Decision No objections

09/01090/TCA: Steptoos Cottage - Fell maple

No objections

09/01149/TREE: Land Parcel Rear Of 14 To 40 Goreside Lane

1 Ash - remove lowest branch on eastern side.

Permission

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