

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF NORTH HORSHAM PARISH COUNCIL
PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE
HELD ON THURSDAY 9th JULY 2015
AT ROFFEY MILLENNIUM HALL**

Present: Councillors Mr N. Butler*, Mrs R. Ginn, Mrs F. Haigh*, Mr R. Knight*, Miss H. Ralston, Mr T. Rickett*, Mr D. Searle*, Mr I. Wassell, Mrs S. Wilton (Chairwoman)

In attendance: Stephen Rennie – Committee Clerk

* denotes absence

PART 1 – OPEN SESSION

PET026/15 PUBLIC FORUM

There were no members of the public present.

PET027/15 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies of absence were received from Councillors Haigh, Butler and Knight.

PET028/15 APPROVAL AND SIGNATURE OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 18th June 2015, having previously been circulated, were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

PET029/15 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Chairman's announcements.

PET030/15 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Ralston declared a **Personal Interest** in planning application DC/15/1150 as the neighbour of the applicant was known to her.

PET031/15 TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATION DC/14/2430 – The FOUNTAIN INN, 81 RUSPER ROAD

Following on from the initial discussions regarding this planning application at the Committee Meeting of 21st May 2015, and the deferral of a decision in order to allow an application for an Asset of Community Value (ACV) to progress as well as giving Hall and Woodhouse the extra time to market the pub as a going concern, Members noted that the ACV application was unsuccessful.

Members also noted the update received from Liz Abraham of Hall and Woodhouse, detailing the extent of the marketing undertaken and the

level of interest that had been received. This included 63 live hits on their own website to date with 36 downloads; 21 enquiries by phone calls; and direct mailing of 2,992 sets of particulars to applicants, and local, regional and national agents to date. However, there has only been one viewing, which was on 7th July.

Members were disappointed to learn that the application for ACV had not been successful, and considered that the demolition of the building would be detrimental to the local area and would like to see it retained as a community building if at all possible. However, Members had no objection to the plans as proposed for the housing.

IT WAS RESOLVED

Whilst the Parish Council has no objection in principal to the proposed development on this site, it does however consider that the loss of such a building to housing will be a detriment to the local area and would represent loss of amenity value, and that it would be greatly beneficial if the building could be retained and utilised for the benefit of the local community in some way, even in the event that a pub was proven not viable.

PET032/15 TO CONSIDER PUBLIC CONSULTATION OF ELECTORAL REVIEW OF WEST SUSSEX

After brief discussion Members were of the opinion that the County Council electoral boundaries concerning Horsham were proportional and therefore didn't require changing.

IT WAS RESOLVED

To respond to the consultation that the Parish Council considers the current boundaries regarding Horsham to be proportional.

PET033/15 TO CONSIDER STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION REGARDING POTENTIAL NEW RAILWAY STATIONS BETWEEN HORSHAM AND CRAWLEY

Members discussed at some length the information provided on the two proposed new railway stations, but felt that key details were lacking such as the likely impact and implications on existing nearby stations such as Faygate and Ifield, as well as Littlehaven station which has recently undergone improvement works to extend the platforms and would be in close proximity to the proposed North Horsham station.

Members also felt that the uncertainty remaining around the North Horsham development, and therefore the earlier deliverability of the Kilnwood Vale station, gave it an advantage. However, Members would like to see more detailed information regarding the implications on all current stations between Horsham and Crawley before making any decisions.

IT WAS RESOLVED

That the Parish Council consider that not enough information is available at this stage to make a clear and considered choice, in particular the implications on other stations i.e. Faygate, lfield and the recently improved Littlehaven if either new station were to be built, as well as the uncertainty surrounding the proposed development North of Horsham.

PET034/15 TO CONSIDER REQUEST REGARDING BUS STOP AND BUS SHELTER OPPOSITE CHESTERTON COURT, MANOR FIELDS

Members noted that the new pole had now been installed by WSCC, and that Metrobus had confirmed they will be moving the signage across as soon as possible.

IT WAS RESOLVED

To note this section of the report.

PET035/15 TO DISCUSS PLACEMENT OF BOLLARDS AT LAMBS FARM ROAD JUNCTION WITH GREENFIELDS ROAD

Members noted that contact had been made with County Councillor Rae, and that an update was awaited.

IT WAS RESOLVED

To note this section of the report.

PET036/15 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Members noted receipt of the Planning Applications, as set out in the accompanying schedule, received under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, from Horsham District Council since 18th June 2015.

IT WAS RESOLVED

That the Committee's comments on each application be forwarded on to Horsham District Council

PET037/15 PLANNING DECISIONS

Members noted receipt of the schedule of planning decisions made by the Planning Authority

IT WAS RESOLVED

To note the schedule of planning decisions

PET038/15 DATE OF NEXT MEETING
Thursday 6th August 2015 at 7.30pm

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.12pm

.....Chairman Date

PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

9th July 2015

SCHEDULE OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS

DC/15/1150

HOLBROOK EAST

31, Drake Close
Rear elevation single story extension
Applicant: Mr & Mrs B Jennings

COMMENT

Councillor Ralston declared a Personal Interest in this application as the neighbour of the applicant was known to her.

The Parish Council consider that this application represents over development of the site.

OBJECTION

DC/15/1185

ROFFEY NORTH

5, Leith View Road
Timber outbuilding/shed
Applicant: Mr Toby Murphy

COMMENT

NO OBJECTION

DC/15/1255

ROFFEY NORTH

83, Rusper Road
Single storey side extension to replace existing conservatory (Full Planning) (Affects the setting of a Listed Building)
Applicant: Mr Matt Emery

COMMENT

NO OBJECTION

DC/15/1256

ROFFEY NORTH

83, Rusper Road
Single storey side extension to replace existing conservatory (Listed Building Consent) (Affects the setting of a Listed Building)
Applicant: Mr Matt Emery

COMMENT

NO OBJECTION

DC/15/1263

62, South Holmes Road

To erect a conservatory to the rear of the property

Applicant: Mrs C Robinson

ROFFEY SOUTH

COMMENT

NO OBJECTION

DC/15/1317

Parsonage Road

Fell 9 x Sycamore trees, fell 1 x Ash tree

Applicant: Mr Terry Elliott

HOLBROOK EAST

COMMENT

The Parish Council consider the proposed number of trees to be felled to be excessive and will represent a significant loss of amenity value, especially given that a number of trees have already been felled in the locality to make way for the development. The Parish Council were also concerned to note the representation letters from neighbours, and the uncertainty over the ownership of the trees.

OBJECTION

DC/15/1355

Willow End, 13 Roffye Court, Crawley Road

Erection of a conservatory (in 1998) in breach of condition 10 of NH/81/94 and use of the same as part of the dwelling (12a Roffye Court) without planning consent (Lawful Development Certificate – Existing)

Applicant: Miss Holly Kaye

ROFFEY SOUTH

COMMENT

NO OBJECTION
