



DRAFT MINUTES

1) APOLOGIES:

Cllr Sargent (PS),

2) ATTENDEES:

Cty Cllr Davies (AD); Dist Cllr Mooney (MM); Farmer (PF) acting Chairman, Harding (JH), Johnson (DJ), Pratt (DP), Maltby (RM), Wontner-Smith (AWS); Biggs (TB), Conservation Soc'y (SG) & approx 18 members of the public

3) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

PF re 8e; DP & DJ re 8h

4) ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS - To consider such other items as the Chairman decides are urgent and due notice of which has been given to the Clerk by 9:00am on the day of the meeting:

There were none

5) REPRESENTATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: - Maximum of 15 minutes

There was an objection from the floor about Item 8e, a copy is attached to the Minute Book.

6) MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 9th January 2020

Were approved, adopted & signed by the vice-Chairman

7) REPORTS BY PARISH, COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS:

PF read out a report from the Chairman PS that confirmed the expected arrival of the new library building on 26th Feb., hopefully allowing the library to be up & running by Easter. He, the Clerk and others had attended a meeting at RDC and this resulted in funds will be released to enable renovation works to the recreation ground to be started sooner rather than later. The open days at the Blue X site, now to revert to its original name of St. Francis Fields, were a great success with approx 600 residents visiting, plus BBC & Meridian TV news programmes. ESCC has offered some speeding signs for Horns Cross. Beckley P C are supporting us in this initiative. Finally, following a meeting with South East Water it was established that the excavation and pipe renewal on the Staplecross and Beckley roads may take in the worst scenario up to a year, so the speed feasibility study will be delayed. He also pointed out that, as a result of the St Francis Fields purchase the Council Tax for a band D property will increase by approx £47-00 per annum.

PF announced the Annual Parish Meeting will be held in the Village Hall 14 April 2020

DJ advised that the slide in the playground had been cleaned

RM enquired about the planting of a permanent Christmas Tree on the village green, it was resolved he would investigate potential suppliers & costs.

Action RM

TB reported on the current Horns Cross diversions in relation to the SE water works. The vote on NPC deciding whether or not to request an ES Highways 'slow down sign' will be taken at 12b.

AWS reported a problematical drain on the 'restricted byway' across the village green.

8) PLANNING:

9) NPC PLANNING COMMENTS - 13.02.20

a) RR/2020/78/P - Ivy Lodge, Station Road

NPC Supports approval.

However we are very concerned about the lack of pink notices which is in direct contravention of the Town and County Planning Act 1990 and does not permit residents to be aware of applications and therefore enable them to make submissions concerning applications.

b) RR/2019/2760/P - Littlewoods, Dixter Lane

NPC supports approval as this amended application addresses the previous issues.

However we are again very concerned about the lack of pink notices which is in direct contravention of the Town and County Planning Act 1990 and therefore does not allow residents to make submissions concerning this application.

c) RR/2019/2769/P - High Banks, Hastings Road

Unfortunately NPC were unable to comment on this application as the decision notice was issued on 7th February eleven days prior to the advertised decision date. Once again is it unclear as to whether or not the pink notices were displayed which again is contrary to the Town and Country

Planning Act 1990 and to reiterate therefore does not allow residents to make submission concerning this application.

d) RR/2019/2731/P - North View, Mill Corner

NPC supports approval.

However we are again very concerned about the lack pink notices, which is in direct contravention of the Town and County Planning Act 1990 and therefore does not allow residents to make submission concerning this application.

e) RR/2019/2738/P - The Paddock -

We believe that this application should be withdrawn as the red boundary at the top of the site plan includes land that is owned by ESSC Highways to which the applicant has 'No Good Title' to.

The plan also includes a 'Stopping Up Order' that does not exist as the application for the 'Stopping Up Order' was withdrawn in 2015

The applicant states that 40% affordable housing is not achievable and has offered RDC just 11% in order that they can achieve their maximum profit. This is in defiance of the Inspectors recommendation when he granted development status on this site.

Within the development, parking has been calculated using ESCC's formula but it has not taken into account that there is no on street parking due to the road being too narrow. Parking bays will be allocated to plots resulting in at least 12 of the 17 visitor spaces being situated at the southern most point of the site.

There has been no provision made for disabled bays or charging points.

Due to deployment of the parking bays it is envisaged that the lack of the redeployment of the Paddock spaces within the development, although allocated, will in practice not be available to Paddock residents, thus permanently depriving them of their current parking facility.

Within the development the police have recommended on street lighting (not bollards) which is totally out of keeping with the rest of the village and totally unacceptable.

There will be a significant increased traffic flow through Goddens Gill due to a lack of employment opportunities within the village, lack of local transport infrastructure and the site being so remote from local amenities.

Goddens Gill was not the Inspectors preferred route of access when development status was granted but Beales Lane was, however this seems not to have been considered. This does not make Goddens Gill acceptable as per the Inspectors recommendation, but puts local residents, their children and the elderly at risk certainly during the construction period..

NPPF Policy 180 states that tranquil areas should be protected from construction traffic, this includes recreational spaces such as Goddens Gill Green.

This is a significant urban development, overbearing in nature and design situated behind a quiet cul de sac, it is totally out of keeping in a village environment.

NPC strongly objects to this application as it is not sustainable and should be refused.

f) RR/2019/2716/P - Rother Valley Caravan Park

NPC does not support this application due to the siting of the caravan too close to the water course. We have requested, via Dist Cllr Mooney that this application should be called in to the Planning Committee. However we are very concerned yet again about the lack of pink notices, which is in direct contravention of the Town and County Planning Act 1990 and therefore does not allow residents to make submission concerning this application. Some residents even comment on the lack of pink notices within their submissions to RDC. We also request that a condition precluding permanent occupation be imposed.

g) RR/2019/2640/P - 26 Coplands Rise

NPC supports this application. However we are very concerned about the lack of pink notices which is in direct contravention of the Town and County Planning Act 1990 and therefore does not allow residents to make submission concerning applications.

h) RR/2019/2641/P - Coome Cottage, Ewhurst Lane

NPC objects to this application as we believe that is over development of the site and, because of this, we have requested Dist Cllr Mooney, that this application is called to the Planning Committee. However we are very concerned about the lack pink notices which is in direct contravention of the Town and County Planning Act 1990 and therefore does not allow residents to make submission concerning applications.

- i) **RR/2019/2677/P** - Station Road – Land
NPC objects to this application and the developer has removed the landscape barrier for the proposed dwellings which is contrary to the planning conditions that form the original application for the original development of the site.
To reiterate we are very concerned about the lack of pink notices which is in direct contradiction to the Town and County Planning Act 1990 and therefore does not allow residents to make submission concerning this application.
- j) **RR/2019/2625/P** - The Surgery, Main Street
Unfortunately NPC were unable to comment on this application as the decision notice was issued on 7th February despite the fact that the application had only appeared on the RDC Planning website on 7th January eleven days prior to the advertised decision date. Once again is it unclear as to whether or not the pink notices were displayed which again is contrary to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.
NPC is also extremely concerned about the ongoing dangerous condition of the surface of the Surgery Car Park and we can only hope that RDC will see fit remedy this situation immediately before disaster strikes!.
- k) **RR/2019/2621/P** - Sycamore Cottage, Main Street
NPC supports approval of the application but is mindful of the fact that we, NPC, are the owners of St Francis Fields (formally the Blue Cross site) who's land is adjacent to this property.
However, once again is it unclear as to whether or not the pink notices were displayed which again is contrary to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and therefore does not allow residents to make submission concerning this application.

9. ALL PLANNING DECISIONS HAVE BEEN PREVIOUSLY CIRCULATED TO COUNCILLORS:

10. OTHER PLANNING MATTERS:

11. **CASUAL VACANCY:** Mr Burns & Mrs Schlesinger have submitted their applications to be considered for co-opting. Due to the business load it was resolved to carry this forward to the March meeting

12. VILLAGE MATTERS:

- a) Report on St Francis Fields Open Days – see item 7 above
b) Horns Cross consultation – see item 7 above, having been proposed by TB and AWS seconded it was resolved to install the speed signs from ESCC.

13. CORRESPONDENCE OTHER THAN THAT ALREADY CIRCULATED:

14. FINANCE:

All financial information has been previously circulated to all Councillors & is available on the web site.

- a) Adoption of Financial Regulations proposed by TB and seconded by AWS it was unanimously resolved they be adopted
b) Air ambulance request for contribution – proposed by DJ & seconded by AWS it was resolved to donate £500.00

15. STANDING ORDERS:

- a) Adoption of Standing Orders proposed by PF and seconded by DP it was unanimously resolved they be adopted.

16. FINANCE, OTHER MATTERS:

- a) Clerk explained he was investigating additional bank accounts

17. CHEQUES FOR SIGNATURE:



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RAY HARRINGTON-LOWE - PARISH CLERK

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON 12th MARCH 2020