

**Minutes of the Planning & Transport Committee held on Monday
15th February 2010 at 7.35pm in the Village Hall,**

Present: Cllr L. Britt, Cllr N. Cooper, Cllr M. Shaw, Cllr D. Wilkins, Cllr J. Henderson

1. **Apologies and declarations of interest**

Apologies - Cllr Beglan – Holiday. Cllr Turley work commitments
Declarations of interest- none received

2. **Minutes of the last Planning Committee meeting**

Minutes of the 18th January 2010 were approved and signed.

3. **Matters arising**

Iron Stone Barn- File has been passed onto Madeleine Hartley for further action.

Parish Plan meeting - New web based Community Led Plans (Parish plans) Database Training which will be taking place on Tuesday 23rd February 2010 at Parish Council Chamber, Beeson House, Southwater. From 10.30am to 12.30pm.

A place has been booked, it was decided that the Clerk would attend.

Newhouse Lane- Cllr Wilkins has been informed by WSCC that the works will be done and the landowner billed -ongoing.

East Clayton Farm- A meeting has been arranged with George Parker WSCC Highways Engineer to look at the visibility splays etc, 11.00am Tuesday 16th February, Cllr Cooper will attend.

Emergency Planning for the future

It was suggested that more information be sought on grit bins from WSCC, can PC now provide them, and will WSCC purchase them on behalf of the PC & fill them. Suggested sites so far are – Village Hall Car Park, Top of The Street by closed graveyard, /Weavers Yard subject to checking with Mr Goring, Spring Gardens, Montpellier, and Newhouse Lane. Members to consider other areas that could be included.

Clerk has spoken to Richard Speller, Assistant Highways Manger, who has made several suggestions. The PC can purchase grit bins, but they will need a licence, as they are classed as a licensed obstruction on the Highway. WSCC do not encourage the purchase of grit bins, as in their experience they are in normal years, not used very frequently, and because of this are subject to vandalism and misuse, ending up being used as litter bins and toilet facilities. He suggested the parish should consider carefully the locations, and who could be a key holder etc prior to any purchases. WSCC do not purchase them, but he suggests Glasdon are quite competitive, price is £130 for a slim line 300ltr (yellow) lockable box. WSCC would be prepared to fill the boxes, when grit is available, but if in short supply they would not be a priority. He also thought that this could include Heath Common and to add them onto any list sent to WSCC. Another option to grit bins being tried as a result of the recent weather is Hippo bags. These Hippo bags (the bag builders merchants use to deliver gravel etc in) will be delivered to agreed points in parishes, in advance of snow or icing conditions being forecast, the bags would then be collected once empty, the aim of this is to remove the need for the additional expenditure of providing permanent grit bins which may not be required very often. A further option is for the Parish Council to purchase a supply of grit in the summer months, when WSCC purchase there supply, this summer it was priced at £24 per ton, this could then be stored by WSCC and supplied as required. Because of the demand at present it is now over £80 per ton.

Members decided that grit bins would be a better option, as the grit would then be insitu and contained. Three or four bins were thought to be required at Heath Common, but members will check out specific sites. The Clerk to check with Glasdon and other companies as necessary to obtain prices and to see if bulk buying will significantly reduce the individual costs. If so then other parishes will be contacted to see if they wish to join together for a bulk purchase. Report to come back to Committee, at this stage, as it is envisaged that the bins would be in place for autumn 2010, and further details are required, prior to submission to full council for approval. North Farm Winery - Nicola Mason has responded that they are expecting an application to be submitted soon. *William Trinick has responded to the email sent, saying that they are awaiting a pre- consultation meeting with WSCC, and hope to submit an application in 1st week of March.*

MWDF- details of the meeting being held on Friday 22nd January with WSCC were confirmed. - Agenda item

Saxon Weald – an email has been circulated advising of grants available via Saxon Weald, the Chairman suggested some of the funds could be spent on maintenance to their bank that runs from The Street. It was also suggested that allotments be supplied on their land at Spring Gardens. Clerk has spoken to Les Marjoram at Saxon Weald, and the process is for an application to be made, normally from a tenant, for a small contribution towards a specific project i.e. improving security lighting or door entry safety for a tenant for instance. Tintells, Melrose Place- Concern has been expressed that the works are not being kept to the approved plans, and that the tiles used are not as approved. *Cllr Wilkins has spoken to Beth Howland-Smith at HDC and she has visited the site and confirmed that the tiles are not as agreed and will have to be replaced, and Building Control have also visited the site and confirmed that the extension is approx 1 meter higher than the agreed plans, and the owner has been informed that they should cease work until amended plans have been submitted.*

4. **Planning Applications** -

DC/10/0203 – Drifters, Sandy Lane - Fell 1 Sweet Chestnut (T3) surgery to 1 Sycamore (T4) and 1 Douglas Fir (T5) - The Chairman read out the Tree Wardens report, which members agreed to submit to HDC.

Decisions

Approvals

DC/09/2216 - (Barn west of Church Farm Cottage The Street) - Conversion of granary/barn to self contained 1-bed ancillary accommodation 7 LBC Approval DC/09/2217

DC/09/2276- Four Oaks Sanctuary Lane - Attached double garage with habitable room over

EN/10/0067- 02/02/2010 - West Clayton Storrington Road - Erection of stable block and stationing of mobile home – Pending

5. **MWDF background papers – response**

A response to be formed following the recent meeting with WSCC to discuss the background papers, for submission by the 26th February 2010. After discussion, it was decided that the Chairman would form a draft for circulation to members. Cllr Shaw reported that HCRA had been told by WSCC Cllr Frank Wilkinson that he would support their letter of objection to the sites.

6. **Any other Planning or Transport matters that may arise**

Kia- Washington Motors - A meeting has been arranged with Gary Peck HDC and the Agent, for 3.15pm on 1st March the Chairman and Cllr Cooper will attend, to discuss the landscaping plan. RMC/Wealdon site Beth Howland-Smith had a meeting arranged for January which they cancelled, she has written to them again asking for another meeting, will let us know the outcome.

West Clayton Bungalow- mobile home/stables- she has visited the site, but there was no one there, she has therefore written to the owners telling them they would have expected the building works to have been nearing/completed by now and as there was no evidence of work taking place, has asked for a site meeting to establish what is happening

Rights of Way – WSCC confirmation by Deborah Urquhart that WSCC intend to continue with their aim of taking on all Footpath/Bridleways etc maintenance, without any consultation and not to pass this function onto the new National Parks Authority. This would normally be an item for the Footpaths Committee but as they are not meeting on Monday, member are asked if they wish any further response to be made, following the emails received from Amberley PC, prior to the next Full Council meeting.

Wiston Estates – William Trinick has asked if members of the PC would like to attend a site visit to the Winery prior to the plans being submitted. Members thought that the last visit that had been made during a site visit to North Farm was sufficient. Mr Trinick has also suggested dates for a further Estates Liaison meeting. Clerk to email dates and members will check diaries, and a date will then be arranged. Cllr Milner-Gulland to be given dates as well.

7. **Date and Time of the next meeting**
15th March 2010 time to be confirmed.

Signed Date 15th March 2010
Chairman