

Minutes of the Planning & Transport Committee held on Monday 18th January 2010 at 7.40pm in the Village Hall,

Present: Cllr C. Beglan, Cllr L. Britt, Cllr N. Cooper, Cllr M. Shaw, Cllr D. Wilkins
(Cllr R. Milner-Gulland, Cllr T. Cook, Cllr J. Davies remained for the discussion on the nominations for the Parish Council representative on the New National Park Authority)
1 members of the public

1. Apologies and declarations of interest

Apologies - Cllr Turley work commitments

Declarations of interest - Cllr Britt & Cllr Turley personal interest Planning Application the Barn, Church House, The Street – know the applicant.

2. Minutes of the last Planning Committee meeting

Minutes of the 14th December 2009 were approved and signed.

3. South Downs National Park – Parish representatives

This item was brought forward to enable the members remaining from the Footpaths Committee to take part. At the last full council meeting held on 4th January 2010, the Planning Committee were delegated the power to select 2 of the candidates.

Cllr Milner-Gulland had attended the hustings on 15th January and had circulated his comments on the various applicants to members, which were discussed in more detail.

After further discussion to look at the various candidates, taking into account the information provided by the candidates and Cllr Milner-Gulland, Cllr Shaw proposed and Cllr Beglan seconded Rodney Jackson - a vote by a show of hands was unanimous. Rodney Jackson was therefore selected as one of the candidates to vote for.

Cllr Beglan proposed and Cllr Shaw seconded Mike King - a vote by a show of hands 6 for 1 against 1 abstained. Mike King was therefore selected as the other candidate to vote for. Cllr Milner-Gulland, Cllr Cook, Cllr Davies left the meeting.

4. Matters arising

Iron Stone Barn- Update from HDC- they have until 21st December to remove the gates. Clerk to check what is happening.

Parish Plan meeting - New web based Community Led Plans (Parish plans) Database Training which will be taking place on Tuesday 23 February 2010 at Parish Council Chamber, Beeson House, Southwater. From 10.30am to 12.30pm If you wish to attend, please can you confirm your attendance by contacting Faustina Bayo, Action Plans Development Officer, Action in rural Sussex. 212 High Street, Lewes, East Sussex. BN7 2NH or on 01273 405885 or faustina.bayo@ruralsussex.org.uk It was agreed to book a place and it would be decided nearer the time who would attend.

Newhouse Lane- ongoing Cllr Wilkins has been in contact with Highways again.

East Clayton Farm- HDC Gary Peck confirmed he will be contacting the agents. Further email received which has been circulated. Suggested a site meeting be arranged with George Parker WSCC and Lorica to discuss these problems.

5. Planning Applications -

DC/09/2216 & DC/09/2217 - Barn west of Church Farm Cottage, Church House, and The Street - Conversion of granary/barn to self contained 1-bed ancillary accommodation No Objection.

DC/09/2297 - Woodlands Bracken Lane - Two front dormer extensions- It was noted that the roof has already been changed to incorporate the dormers, prior to the application being submitted, which is not clear on the plans- no objection.

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

DC/09/2324 - Rock Place Cottage 26 Montpelier Gardens - Proposed detached garage with shed and garden store. – Object

DC/09/2281 - New Highfield Works Spring Gardens- Extend factory working hours from 0700 hours to 2300 hours Monday to Saturday- This application had been sent to Ashington by HDC, who had commented with no objection, but members considered that as the factory was close to residents in Spring Gardens, and there had been at least one objection from them, that an objection would be raised to protect the amenity of the neighbouring properties.

6. **Roundabout Sponsorship**

The Clerk and the Chairman had both had lengthy phone conversations with Piers Mummery Director of Shoots, his subsequent email sent to Neil Smith WSCC regarding the signage had been circulated to members. The Clerk had informed Mr Mummery that his views regarding the signage would be relayed to members. Member's views remained the same, and they were pleased, if there had to be signage, that WSCC had agreed to reduce the size of the signs to the smallest. Clerk was asked to thank WSCC Wilkinson for the copy of the email he had given the Chairman confirming this.

7. **Emergency Planning for the future**

With the recent snow causing problem, it was suggested for the future it would be helpful to have details of people within the parish with 4x4's, chainsaws, First Aid, those who are vulnerable, etc and that an article would be put into the next newsletter. Also 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 & full them. Suggested sites so far are – Village Hall Car Park, Top of The Street by closed graveyard, Spring Gardens, Montpelier, and Newhouse Lane. Members to consider other areas that could be included.

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

North Farm- Nicola Mason to be asked when the application for the Winery is expected as PC were told a number of months ago that this was to be submitted. Also ask William Trinick what the hold up is.

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

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.

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. Clerk to ask HDC to visit.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting to allow the member of the public to speak

The local resident said he had not yet received a response to his letters sent to HDC and National Trust regarding East Clayton Farm. He said that there had been a banner advertising for staff displayed for sometime and he was surprised that this could be displayed without planning permission. The banner has now apparently been removed. The Chairman said that members will take all of these comments back when the site meeting is arranged.

9. **Date and Time of the next meeting**

Scheduled for 15th February 2010 (to be confirmed) Cllr Beglan gave apologies

Meeting finished at 9.05pm