

HAYWARDS HEATH TOWN COUNCIL

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 7th November 2011

Present: Cllrs: C Ash-Edwards (*Chairman*)
M Pulfer
R Clarke
Mrs S Ellis**
Mrs J Hayden
Mrs C McLean
J Sabin

Absent *
Apologies **

Also Present: Cllrs R Bates

77. Apologies

Cllr Ellis - Holiday

78. Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on 17th October were taken as read, confirmed as a true record and duly signed by the Chairman, with the following amendment;

- Min 74 point (b) should include road names Rushy Grove and Wheat Croft. The two road names would replace Sessile and Birchetts, which were incorrectly added within the Resolution.

79. Substitutes

Cllr Dorking substituted for Cllr Ellis.

80. Member's Declaration of Interest

Cllr Mclean declared a personal interest in relation to Item 7 planning application 11/02279/FUL due to involvement with the Friends of Ashengound and Bolnore Woods.

81. Planning Decisions

Members noted Mid Sussex District Council's decision list.

82. Planning Appeals/Decisions

Members noted one planning appeal.

83. Comments and Observations on Planning Applications

Members made comments and observations on 24 planning applications as per Appendix 1 of these minutes.

84. Mid Sussex District Council – Taxi Licensing Policy

Members generally agreed that it would be prudent to standardise the taxi service operations in the Town. The regulations would go some way to ensure that residents used taxi firms approved by Mid Sussex District Council not potentially rogue unlicensed taxis who have drivers that may not have the knowledge of the area, not have the appropriate badges to drive a taxi, not have the proper Criminal Records checks and have cars which were not safety checked. There were also concerns relating to being able to protect the business of taxi firms in the Town from firms from outside of Haywards Heath who are coming into the Town and trying to take trade.

However, where all of the above was welcomed it was questioned who would regulate the changes on a day to day to basis and how regulations would be enforced on local companies. There was also concern about the ramifications of making the changes in terms of cost for taxi companies and the potential to produce a monopoly situation on taxi services in the Town. Badging of all cars was also suggested as per Brighton and Hove formal taxi services.

Turning to the questionnaire that supported the consultation Members agreed that standardising of colours, even taking in account the problems identified above, would help the situation regarding residents knowing they were getting into a legal taxi. Members were supportive of proposals two and three as safety checks were crucial due the mileage driven by taxis and it was agreed that it seemed sensible to control the age of the cars. It was suggested that most of the firm based taxis would be on lease and changed on a regular basis. Members were also in agreement with the rest of the proposals outlined in the document, making special reference to the need to address problems of parking around the station quarter where the main taxi rank for the Town is located. Customer charters and insurance were also critical for the comfort and safety of taxi users. Members asked the Clerk to note their comments and draw up a representation for consideration at the next meeting of the Planning Committee as per the body of this minute for final agreement.

Members RESOLVED to:

Instruct the Clerk to formulate a response to the Taxi Licensing consultation for consideration and agreement at the next meeting of the committee dated the 28th November 2011.

85. Consultation – Draft Mid Sussex District Plan

The Clerk informed Members that he had circulated Mid Sussex's District Council's Draft District Plan, which was going through its consultation process. The Clerk informed Members that Full Council would be agreeing the Council's position on the matter on the 21st November 2011. In preparation for these discussions the Clerk asked if committee Members could inform him of any major issues during the meeting or as per other Member of the Council directly to him. This was on the grounds that are queries/issues could be investigated before the Full Council meeting. Member of the Committee had no major areas of concern, at that time, so;

Members AGREED to note the update.

86. Items agreed as urgent by the Chairman

There were none.

The meeting closed at 8.54pm

Appendix 1

11/02279/FUL - Balancing Ponds Site, Parkfield Way

Lucastes

Development of two balancing ponds to serve Phase 4. (Revised plans received 7th October 2011 and 11th October 2011)

Observations: **No Objection** – it was noted that the ponds were located in a sensitive area and that there should be safeguards in place to ensure that water runs to an appropriate drain to run away.

11/03128/FUL - Flat 1, Radnor House, Harlands Road, RH16 1LN

Heath

Changing a large single glazed aluminium framed (brown) window to a aluminium frame (brown, RAL 8014) double glazing with two small fanlights that open with handles.

Observations: **No Objection** – No comments

11/03139/FUL - 61 New England Road, RH16 3LE
Proposed single storey extension to side and rear.

Bentswood

Observations: **No Objection** – No comments

11/03155/FUL - 22 Blunts Wood Road, RH16 1NB
Demolition of existing garage and covered link and construction of new single storey extension to create replacement garage and utility with integral access plus front canopy to front elevation.

Lucastes

Observations: **No Objection** – No comments

11/03186/TREE - Public Car Park, St Josephs Way
Sycamore (T1) reduce overall canopy by 1 m.

Heath

Observations: **No Objection** – No comments

11/03189/TCA - 45 Lucastes Avenue, RH16 1JZ
Oak (A) Fell. Oak (B) reduce overall canopy by up to 2m.

Lucastes

Observations: **No Objection** – No comments

11/03190/TREE - Cobblers Oak, New England Road, RH16 3JJ
Oak (T1) Lift canopy by 2m. Thin canopy by 15%-20% . Remove epicormic Growth.

Bentswood

Observations: **No Objection** – No comments

11/03199/FUL - 5 Hurstfield Close, RH17 7BQ
First floor extension above existing, flat roofed, Garage

Franklands

Observations: **No Objection** – No comments

11/03215/FUL - 42 Greenhill Way, RH17 7SQ
Extend the front of the existing attached double garage by approximately 2.5m to create a porch with a single garage door to the left of the porch.

Franklands

Observations: **No Objection** – No comments

11/03237/COU - 7-9 South Road, RH16 4LE
Change of Use of Upper Floors from existing B1 (Office) Use to C3 (Four -Residential Flats).

Ashenground

Observations: **No Objection** – No comments

11/03260/FUL - 6 Woodlands Road, RH16 3JY
Rear and side, single and two-storey extension, containing breakfast room, utility, entrance and master bedroom with en-suite.

Bentswood

Observations: **No Objection** – No comments

11/03274/FUL - 187 Hoblands, RH16 3NA
Two storey side extension to existing house

Franklands

Observations: **No Objection** – No comments

11/00808/EOT - JYW House, 25 Bridge Road, RH16 1UA **Heath**
Extension of Time of to undertake the construction of the development approved under application reference no. HH/07/01120/FUL in 3 no phases incorporating the necessary car parking, turning facilities, bin storage and bicycle storage at each stage of the works thereby not complying with the timing of conditions 6, 13 and 29 of the approval (draft legal agreement received 14 October 2011)

Observations: **No Objection** – No comments

11/01861/FUL - Chelsea House, 8 - 14 The Broadway, RH16 3AP **Heath**
Proposed installation of an additional new air conditioning unit on the rear wall of the building of Chelsea House. This will provide air conditioning to an IT server room within the building on the second floor.

Observations: **No Objection** – No comments

11/03247/FUL - 8 Colwell Close, RH16 4HF **Ashenground**
First floor front extension and part single, part 2-storey rear extension.

Observations: **No Objection** – No comments

11/03278/ADV - Specsavers, 89 South Road, RH16 4JW **Ashenground**
Fascia and projecting sign. Please note amended address.

Observations: **No Objection** – No comments

11/03332/FUL - 52 Lewes Road, RH17 7SN **Franklands**
Two storey west side extension including single rear extension with balcony. Existing garage block being demolished.

Observations: **No Objection** – No comments

11/03338/FUL - 14 Gander Green, RH16 1RB **Heath**
Construction of single storey rear extension with dormer and pitched roofs on existing dormers at front and rear.

Observations: **No Objection** – No comments

11/03342/FUL - 16 Gower Road, RH16 4PJ **Ashenground**
2 No: Windows in side elevation not installed and existing window removed and bricked in, new escape windows installed in side and rear elevations.

Observations: **No Objection** – No comments

11/03361/TCA - 42 And 44 Lucastes Avenue, RH16 1JY **Lucastes**
Oak - reduce overall canopy by up to 2m. Beech - remove lowest small branch on south west side.

Observations: **No Objection** – No comments

11/03362/FUL - 12 Lucastes Lane, RH16 1LD **Lucastes**
Relocations of existing close board timber fence to approximately 0.75m inside the concrete boundary markers, to extend garden by approximately 2.0m

Observations: **No Objection** – No comments

11/03376/FUL - Land At The Spinney, Eastern Road **Bentswood**

Erection of single detached 3 bedroom dwelling with garage.

Observations: **No Objection** – No comments

11/03401/FUL - 131 Western Road, RH16 3LH

Bentswood

Single storey annexe in rear garden which is ancillary to main house.

Observations: **No Objection** – No comments