

UNADOPTED

POLEGATE TOWN COUNCIL

PLANNING MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on 12 February 2008 in the Council Chamber, 49 High Street, Polegate at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Cllrs. T. Voyce (Chair), S. Barber, Mrs C. Berry, Mrs M. Piper, J. Rogers, A. Watkins, T. Wright.

5 members of the public.

7887 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs. G. Carter, J. Harmer and Mrs J. Voyce.

7888 Declarations of interest

Cllrs. Mrs Piper and J. Rogers declared a personal interest in application no WD/2008/0149/0: 1, Northfield, Polegate.

7889 Minutes of the meeting held on 29 January 2008

The minutes of the meeting held on 29 January were adopted as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

7890 Matters arising from the meeting held on 29 January 2008

There were none.

7891 Opportunity for public comment

In order to allow members of the public the opportunity to address the committee it was resolved to suspend standing orders.

STANDING ORDERS SUSPENDED

Two members of the public spoke to voice opposition to the application WD/2008/0149/0 – 1 Northfield. In summary their comments are:

1. If further development is allowed in this area then it would change in nature from medium density to high density
2. The different elevations of this development would mean that it no longer corresponded to the existing natural building line
3. There is the possibility of flooding to the site in view of its close proximity to the brook

4. If developments such as this are allowed to continue it will seriously affect the character of the town
5. There are concerns from neighbours regarding the proposed height of the development

The chair thanked the members of the public for their comments

STANDING ORDERS REINSTATED

7892 Planning applications

WD/2008/0193/F 14 Porters Way, Polegate. Proposed detached garages

NO OBJECTIONS in principle subject to Highways approval regarding issues of visibility and access onto Porters Way

WD/2008/0085/F 28 Hailsham Road, Polegate. Proposed loft conversion and rear dormer

OBJECTIONS:

1. Overdevelopment
2. The appearance and design shape would be out of balance with neighbouring properties and not in keeping with the general street scene

WD/2008/0116/F 58A High Street, Polegate. Replacing shop front and moving door to the centre

NO OBJECTIONS

WD/2008/0172/F 13 Western Avenue, Polegate. Change of hipped roof to gable end and single storey extension to replace existing conservatory

OBJECTIONS:

1. The unbalanced appearance of the roof would be detrimental to the character and general appearance of the street scene
2. The external alterations would be out of character with neighbouring properties

WD/2646/CC Gilda Resource Centre, Polegate. Replacement windows and doors w/pvcu & aluminium & minor alterations to main entrance reception area

NO OBJECTIONS

WD/2008/0201/F 1a Victoria Road, Polegate. Proposed front porch

NO OBJECTIONS

WD/2008/0267/F 45 St Mary's, Aberdale Road, Polegate.
Proposed conservatory on rear elevation.

NO OBJECTIONS

WD/2008/0207/F 36 Albert Road, Polegate. Demolition of existing bungalow & erection of 2 no. semi detached houses with off street parking

OBJECTIONS: 1. Overdevelopment
2. Overshadowing of neighbouring property

WD/2008/0149/0 Land within cartilage of 1 Northfield, Polegate.
Erection of single storey private dwelling with vehicular access on to Wannock Road.

OBJECTIONS: 1. Out of character with existing street scene
2. Gradients to access road unacceptable
3. Overdevelopment of constrained site which fails to achieve satisfactory living environment for future occupiers of the property
4. Would impact upon views towards AONB

7893 **Details of planning decisions**
None to report

7894 **Planning updates and general information**
It was agreed that it would be useful if in future the agenda contained an item which would allow for urgent business to be admitted to the meeting at the discretion of the chair.

LDF further consultation – The chair asked members to give consideration to the questions posed by Wealden Planning Officers during their recent presentation to Council.