

UNADOPTED

POLEGATE TOWN COUNCIL

PLANNING MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on 16 September 2008 in the Council Chamber, 49 High Street, Polegate at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Cllrs. T Voyce (Chair), S. Barber, G. Carter, Mrs M Piper, J Rogers and T Wright

The Chair welcomed members to the meeting and asked for agreement to the inclusion of an additional item 9A, Planning Reports from District Councillors. This was agreed.

8209 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Mrs Berry, Harmer and Watkins.

8210 Declarations of interest

Cllr. Barber declared a prejudicial interest application no. WD/2008/2287/F 9 Walnut Walk, Polegate.

All committee members present declared a personal interest in application no. WD/2008/2204/O, 3A Brook Street, Polegate.

8211 Minutes of the meeting held on 19 August 2008

The minutes of the meeting held on 19 August 2008 were adopted as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

8212 Matters arising from the meeting held on 19 August 2008

There were none.

8213 Planning applications:

WD/2008/2235/F 67 Station Road, Polegate. Erect porch at front.

OBJECTIONS:

1. Out of keeping with the terracing effect.
2. Detrimental to the street scene.
3. Forward of the building line.

WD/2008/2204/O 3A Brook Street, Polegate. Demolition of existing workshops and redevelopment of the site to provide 3 x three bed cottages in one three storey terrace with ancillary car parking with the existing access from Brook Street.

3 letters of objection received

OBJECTIONS:

1. Overdevelopment.
2. Proposed terrace would form an over-dominant bulk on this site.

3. Overshadowing and loss of privacy to neighbouring properties.
4. A two storey terrace would be more acceptable and more in keeping with the surroundings.

WD/2008/1269/F 28 Westfield Place, Polegate. Proposed first floor extension. Proposed conservatory.

NO OBJECTIONS

WD/2008/2287/F 9 Walnut Walk, Polegate. Two storey side extension and front parking area.

Cllr. Barber left the meeting at this point and took no part in the discussions.

OBJECTIONS:

1. Overdevelopment.
2. The size of the proposed extension is out of keeping with neighbouring and surrounding properties and would be over-dominant on the street scene.

Cllr. Barber returned to the meeting at this point.

WD/2008/2265/F 7 Shepham Lane, Polegate. Proposed extension at side and rear including replacing existing conservatory.

NO OBJECTIONS

WD/2008/2157/AI 7 The Centre, Polegate. 5 x s/s fascia signs. 3 x s/s wall mounted signs. 2 x s/s menu boards.

NO OBJECTIONS

8214 Plans received prior to meeting

WD/2008/2416/F 44 Windmill Road, Polegate. Single storey extension to rear.

NO OBJECTIONS

WD/2008/2327/F 48 Gosford Way, Polegate. Single storey side and rear extension.

NO OBJECTIONS

8215 Planning decisions

WD/2008/1764/RM Erection of single storey private dwelling with vehicular access onto Wannock Road. Land within the cartilage of 1 Northfield, Polegate.

WD/2008/1734/F Crossover/driveway/parking and turning area. Removal of existing hedge and replace with brick wall and wrought iron gates. Westbourne Lodge, Dittons Road, Polegate.

WD/2008/2054/F New conservatory extension in courtyard. ST. John's Church, 1 Church Road, Polegate.

WD/2008/1882/F Single storey brick extension with tiled roof to match existing. Lite Bites, Polegate Services, Cophall Roundabout, Polegate.

WD/2008/1355/F Provision of 220 sq.m. of B1 business space with associated parking provision. Improvement of existing access to create safe access and egress onto existing service road. Rosebank Depot, Nightingale Hill, Hailsham Road, Polegate.

WD/2008/1730/F Construction of conservatory to rear elevation. 29 Greenleaf Gardens, Polegate.

8216 Correspondence

1. Copy WDC permission to carry out tree works at 28 Northfield, Polegate noted.
2. Notice of Appeal re. 36 Albert Road, Polegate – noted.
3. Notice of Appeal re. 35 Brightling Road, Polegate – noted.

8217 Planning updates and general information

1. Strategic housing land availability assessment (SHLAA). Members were advised that as part of the LDF process Wealden was requesting landowners/agents to submit site locations which may have housing potential. It was confirmed that the Council's suggested site of land west of Shepham Lane had previously been recorded.
2. Partial review of the South East Plan in respect of gypsy and traveller accommodation – comments formulated for submission.
3. Copy of explanatory letter from Pelham's to local resident regarding the proposed pedestrian and cycle links to the High Street via Brookside Avenue – noted.
4. Cllr. Wright gave a brief update on the Parish Planning meeting he recently attended.

8218 Planning reports from District Councillors

It was noted that District Councillors had attended committee meetings at Wealden concerning matters relating to Polegate and in particular the Eastbourne/Hailsham Triangle and LDF sub committee meetings but no report on the proceedings had been received by Council. This was particularly worrying as a number of proposals had been put forward as a result of these committee meetings including Polegate as a major development site within the Triangle and its economic viability.

It was therefore suggested that a letter be sent to Cllr. Shing who had attended most of these meetings requesting him to supply reports to this Council on the LDF sub-committee as he is an active member.

It was also agreed to put this item on the next Full Council agenda.

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting.

