

UNADOPTED

POLEGATE TOWN COUNCIL

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on 1st August 2006 in the Council Chamber, 49 High Street, Polegate at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Cllrs. T Voyce (Chair), S. Barber, Mrs C Berry, G. Carter, M. Fitzgerald, G. Gibbs, J. Harmer, Mrs M Piper, Mrs J Voyce

No members of the public or press

7179 APOLOGIES

None received

7180 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr. Mrs Berry declared a prejudicial interest in application no. WD/2006/2564/F Surplus land at Shopping Centre Car Park, Polegate.

At this point the Chair asked the committee if they would be prepared to accept an additional item on the agenda, viz. Parish Planning Panel, and this was unanimously agreed.

7181 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 4 JULY 2006

The minutes of the meeting held on 4 July 2006 were adopted as correct and signed by the Chair.

7182 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising.

7183 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

WD/2006/1847/F 12 Hailsham Road, Polegate. Single storey entrance porch at front, crossover and off street parking.

NO OBJECTIONS

WD/2006/1964/F 59 Greenleaf Gardens, Polegate. Flat roof single storey extensions at side and rear.

NO OBJECTIONS

WD/2006/1873/F 9 Brightling Road, Polegate. Single storey ground floor rear conservatory.

A proposal was put forward that the committee should object to this application on the grounds of overdevelopment. This was seconded and a vote taken as follows:

In favour of the objection:	6
Against	2

Therefore the proposal was carried.

OBJECTION: Overdevelopment

WD/2006/1918/F 10A High Street, Polegate. Extension in width to existing high level fire escape platform.
NO OBJECTIONS

WD/2006/2054/F 77 Heron Ridge, Polegate. Two storey side extension.
NO OBJECTIONS

7184 DELEGATED APPLICATIONS

WD/2006/1870/F 66 Station Road, Polegate. Two storey extension at side.
NO OBJECTIONS

WD/2006/2564/F Surplus land at Shopping Centre Car Park, Polegate. Erection of 3 storey residential development containing a mixture of 1&2 bed flats. Post decision information, lighting letter, photo, plan no. AC/PO1CP/06 dated 27.6.06.
NO OBJECTIONS

7185 PARISH PLANNING PANEL

The Chair advised that he and the Mayor had attended the first meeting of the Parish Planning Panel organised by the Wealden Association of Local Councils. Unfortunately it had not got off to an auspicious start as both the Chair and Deputy Chair failed to arrive at the meeting and it was subsequently chaired by a volunteer.

Two different lists of proposed cluster groups formed of the various Parishes were discussed but no agreement reached as to which list would be used. It was also decided that the towns would have a separate representation and it was only when it was pointed out that Polegate not only had the title of town but was expecting an additional 2,500 new homes that it was agreed to include Polegate in that group!

The cluster groups would liaise and put forward a representative to the Parish Planning Panel but it was not clear at this stage how the towns would be represented. Members were therefore asked whether they thought it advantageous to nominate representative(s) to attend these meetings. Following some discussion it was agreed that the existing representatives to the Wealden Association of Local Councils would attend where appropriate.

7186 DETAILS OF PLANNING DECISIONS

Permissions:

WD/2006/1870/F Two storey extension at side. 66 Station Road, Polegate.

WD/2006/1813/F Front porch, 229 Eastbourne Road, Polegate.

WD/2006/1250/RM Relocation of public toilet block and associated parking area and public open space together with relocation of electricity substation and provision of site manager's office. Land adjacent to Cophall Farm, A22 with junction of A27 Polegate ByPass, Polegate.

WD/2006/1649/F Single storey extension at rear. 53 Brook Street, Polegate.

WD/2006/1592/F Proposed rear loft conversion. 1 Sayerland Road, Polegate.

Refusals:

WD/2006/1916/LDP Certificate of Proposed Use or Development. Provision of rooms in roof space including dormer, escape window (velux or similar) to front roofslope. 17 Hastings Close, Polegate.

WD/2006/1580/F Single storey pitched roof rear extensions. 15 St. John's Road, Polegate.

WD/2006/1551/F Loft conversion and garage enlargement. 36 Station Road, Polegate.

WD/2006/1436/F Formation of two dwelling units over existing garaging. Land rear of 93-97 Station Road, Polegate.

7187 CORRESPONDENCE

1. Copy letter from WDC re. refusal to allow tree works to be carried out at Little Shepham, Shepham Lane, Polegate.

2. South Downs Management Plan consultation document - as the timescale for a response was prior to the date of the planning committee meeting, a committee member had kindly volunteered to complete the questionnaire and comment section accordingly. The document was available in the office for members to peruse.

7188 FOCUS GROUP (for the production of a Supplementary Planning Document on a 'Local List' of buildings of historic, architectural or social importance or interest). Owing to the resignation of Cllr. Brian Winn, a Focus Group representative was required to serve on this body. Cllr. Mark Fitzgerald indicated his willingness to serve and this was unanimously agreed.

7189 PLANNING UPDATES AND GENERAL INFORMATION

Members were advised that a letter of thanks had been received from WDC with regard to the Draft Statement of Community Involvement documents which had been made available at this office for public consultation. It was anticipated that a further consultation period would take place in September - noted.

Members were also advised that recently the question had been raised regarding the legal definition of the period of occupancy for agricultural shows, boot fairs etc. where the land would normally be for agricultural use. This raised a further question with regard to boot fairs; did the 14 days per annum allowed for the holding of boot fairs include setting up and dismantling time? It had subsequently been confirmed that the setting up and dismantling time was included within the 14 day time frame.

This in itself posed another question with regard to the boot fairs held at Cophall Farm where the fields are divided for the different stands on a permanent basis which means that the land cannot be used for agricultural purposes - noted.