

**UNADOPTED
POLEGATE TOWN COUNCIL**



PLANNING COMMITTEE

**Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 24th February 2014 at 7.30 pm
Council Chambers, 49 High Street, Polegate**

Present: M Clewett **MCI** (chair), Mrs M Piper **MP**, J Harmer **JH**, Cllr H Parker **HP**, J O’Riordan **JOR** (5)

Not present: Cllrs M Cunningham **MC**, Mrs C Berry **CB**, Mrs J Voyce **JV**, T Voyce **TV** (4)

9 members of public

Minute No.	Subject/Resolution	Action
10888	Apologies for absence Cllrs M Cunningham(health), T Voyce (personal), Mrs J Voyce (personal), Mrs C Berry (health)	
10889	Declarations of Interest in any items on the agenda None	
10890	Minutes of the Planning Committee meetings of the 3rd February 2014 It was resolved that the minutes were accurate and signed by the chair VOTE all in favour	
10891	Opportunity for Public comment No one wished to speak	
10892	Any other plans received prior to the meeting and notified to the public None	
10893	Planning Applications WD/2014/0153/MAJ Natewood Farm, Polegate Road, Hailsham BN27 3PH Construction of a solar park, to include the installation of solar panels to generate up to 8.8MW of electricity with transformer housings, security fencing and cameras, landscaping and other associated works and cable route/trench A discussion took place on the merits of solar power and the location of the proposed solar farm. A councillor commented that it was unlikely to be seen from the road, the area was flat and renewable energy (solar) was favoured over wind turbines. Sheep were able to graze under the panels and the farm would be unlikely to render the soil sterile. A councillor asked what the efficiency of solar was. Another councillor commented that although he was not an expert he understood that solar was about 35-36% efficiency. Councillors commented that they preferred solar farms over wind turbines as they were less intrusive. A councillor commented that she was concerned over the environmental effects as it was so close to Ogs wood, where there were interesting species. The chair stated that he had attended the Wealden briefing which included information on solar farms. He stated that once the grid was full no more could be added, so there were likely to be a number of applications coming through. Cllr J Harmer arrived at 7.37pm	

	A councillor commented that he was a great supporter of solar versus wind power. It was resolved to submit no objections to the application WD/2014/0153/MAJ VOTE 4 for 1 against (Cllr Mrs M Piper)	
10893	Delegated Applications WD/2014/0094/F 97 Brightling Road, Polegate BN26 5AX Study addition to planning consent WD/2013/2207/F Delegated Committee: Cllrs M Clewett, T Voyce, Mrs C Berry No objections WD/2014/0107/f The Centre, High Street, Polegate BN26 6AQ Change existing single glazed windows to flats 8-16 to new UPVC double glazed windows Delegated Committee: Cllrs M Clewett, T Voyce, Mrs C Berry No objections WD/2014/0045/MAJ Cophall Farm, Polegate BN26 6QL New Ambulance make ready centre (MRC) and associated access, parking and landscaping Delegated Committee: Cllrs M Clewett, T Voyce, Mrs C Berry No objections WD/2014/0110/F Westhyde, Dittons Road, Polegate BN26 6HX New Road crossing and extended hardstanding Delegated Committee: Cllrs M Clewett, T Voyce, Mrs C Berry No objections WD/2014/0081/PO Ogs Wood, Wilmington Removal of planning agreement Delegated Committee: Cllrs M Clewett, T Voyce, Mrs C Berry Objections as follows: Why would anyone remove a covenant in perpetuity, Should be preserved for the purpose stated in the original agreement, the covenant should remain. WD/2014/2403/F Land adjacent to unit 14, Chaucer industrial estate, Dittons Road, Polegate, BN26 6JF Erection of warehouse buildings for B1/B2 or B2/B8 use. Delegated Committee: Cllrs M Clewett, T Voyce, No objections Mrs C Berry Objections (site is not big enough to take any more parking) No Objections submitted	
10894	Planning decisions None	
10895	Planning updates/general Information – for information only The chair commented that a group of landowners in the Crowborough area had submitted a judicial review against the formulation of the core strategy. This had gone to the High Court and had been rejected. The District Council had been praised for their work and awarded costs. A letter had been sent regarding the Rights of way change from East Sussex County Council. <u>It was agreed that no further comment would be made; the committee felt that the plans for the moving of the footpath was perfectly reasonable.</u> A letter had been received and circulated to ALL town councillors from	

	the South Downs National Park inviting councillors to attend the workshops on the forthcoming consultation on the SDNP local plan. No councillors wished to attend.	
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The meeting closed at 7.45 pm