

UNADOPTED

POLEGATE TOWN COUNCIL

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on 28 November 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, J. Harmer and Mrs. M. Piper

1 member of the public

0 press

7339 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Gibbs and Mrs Voyce.

7340 Declarations of interest

Cllr. Harmer declared a non prejudicial interest in application no.

WD/2006/3035/F, 9 Brightling Road.

Cllr. Voyce declared a non prejudicial interest in application no. WD/2006/2992/F 24 Malcolm Gardens.

7341 Minutes of the meeting held on 31 October 2006

The minutes of the meeting held on 31 October 2006 were adopted as correct and signed by the Chair.

7342 Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

7343 Planning applications:

WD/2006/2987/F Barclays, 59-61 High Street, Polegate. Installation of a new Barclays ATM.

NO OBJECTIONS

WD/2006/2988/AI Barclays, 59-61 High Street, Polegate. 1 x ATM integrated lightbox and 1 x illuminated top panel.

NO OBJECTIONS

WD/2006/3075/F 37 Oakleaf Drive, Polegate. Two storey extension to side and conservatory to rear.

NO OBJECTIONS

WD/2006/2995/AI Lloyds TSB, 41 High Street, Polegate. Internally illuminated fascia sign and projector.

NO OBJECTIONS

WD/2006/2981/F 47 Dover Road, Polegate. Erection of a detached, single storey garage at rear of bungalow.

NO OBJECTIONS

WD/2006/2992/F 24 Malcolm Gardens, Polegate. Erection of 1.5m high brick wall of existing pattern and built 3 metres from the public footpath.

NO OBJECTIONS

WD/2006/3065/F Land off Wannock Road, Polegate. Proposed revised design in respect of proposed farmhouse and garage to replace mobile home and garage previously approved under reference WD/2001/1296/F.

NO OBJECTIONS provided the restrictions in the original consent WD/2001/1296/F are transferred to the new permission.

WD/2006/3035/F 9 Brightling Road, Polegate. Single storey ground floor rear conservatory.

NO OBJECTIONS

7344 Delegated applications:

WD/2006/2881/F 2 Levett Way, Polegate

NO OBJECTIONS

7345 Building Land West of Shepham Lane

The suggestion was put forward that the land between the rear of Greenleaf and Oakleaf Gardens and the bypass would be a suitable location for housing development. The site, if developed, would be easily integrated into the existing town and community and provide easy access to the High Street and local facilities. Government is pressing for further allocations of housing stock in Polegate even if the Pelham development does go ahead and this would be an opportunity for Council to have some input at ground level rather than potential sites being selected by developers. It was therefore proposed, seconded and agreed by all to put the suggestion to the next Full Council meeting with the recommendation that the site is identified to Wealden as a potential housing development site.

7346 Details of Planning Decisions

WD/2006/2979/LDP Conservatory to rear elevation. 10 Windsor Way, Polegate.

WD/2006/2648/F Erection of two storey extension to front to provide additional office accommodation. Units 15&16, Chaucer Industrial Estate, Dittons Road, Polegate.

WD/2006/2495/F Side and rear extension. 51 Greenleaf Gardens, Polegate.

7347 Correspondence

1. Copy of permission to fell oak tree at 10 St. Mary's, Lynholm Road - noted.
2. Wealden Design Guide update - members were advised that a draft guide would be circulated in the new year for comment with the final version available later in 2007 - noted.
3. WDC response to Council re. application no. WD/2006/2495/F, 51 Greenleaf Gardens, Polegate - previously circulated.

7348 Planning updates and general information

Members were advised that the prefabricated garage and conservatory at 27 Shepham Lane were considered to be permitted development - noted.

It was commented that WDC did not always include all residents that may be affected by submitted planning applications, in particular, those overlooked by rear dormers. The policy was to advise near neighbours rather than the properties which may be adversely affected by overlooking. It was suggested that this problem could be raised at the Planning Panel meetings or at the Town & Parish Planning meetings.

The Chair advised that he had recently attended a 'blue sky' meeting which had been arranged by the leader of WDC. This was to provide an opportunity for local groups and Councils that are likely to be affected by large housing allocations to discuss what they would like to see. The main items to be discussed were:

- A27 to be dual carriageway funded by contributions from both Highways Agency and the developers.
- Infrastructure improvements agreed up front prior to development.
- ESCC offices move to Polegate.
- Acceptance that over 20 years of SE Plan 2000+ houses would be built in the Polegate/Willingdon area.
- A27 improvements could lead to need for high tech business park.
- Need for green space and play areas within developments
- Suggestion: that Eastbourne, WDC and Freedom Leisure work towards combining a bigger leisure complex.
- Suggestion: north facing land on south side of Polegate A27 bypass should be considered for development.

The Chair felt that the meeting had been a useful exercise and advised that the next meeting was scheduled to be held early next year.