

**UNADOPTED
POLEGATE TOWN COUNCIL**



PLANNING COMMITTEE

**Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 28th April 2014 at 7.30 pm
Council Chambers, 49 High Street, Polegate, BN26 6AL**

Present: M Clewett **MCI** (chair), Mrs M Piper **MP**, J Harmer **JH**, Cllr H Parker **HP**, J O'Riordan **JOR** M Cunningham **MC** T Voyce **TV** (7)

Not present: Cllrs Mrs C Berry **CB**, Mrs J Voyce **JV**, (2)

7 members of public

Minute No.	Subject/Resolution	Action
10941	Apologies for absence Cllrs Mrs J Voyce (personal), Mrs C Berry (health)	
10942	Declarations of Interest in any items on the agenda None	
10943	Minutes of the Planning Committee meetings of the 31st March 2014 It was resolved that the minutes were accurate and signed by the chair VOTE all in favour (FOR Cllrs M Clewett, Mrs M Piper, J Harmer, H Parker, J O'Riordan, M Cunningham, T Voyce)	
10944	Opportunity for Public comment Standing orders suspended A resident spoke in opposition of the application WD/2014/0749/F 21 Victoria Road. He stated that he felt it would undermine his privacy of his whole garden. It would be overbearing. The door at the southern end would be better sited on the end to go into the neighbour's garden instead of his garden. He requested that the town council ask for a condition of obscure glass on all windows facing his boundary. Standing orders reinstated.	
10945	Any other plans received prior to the meeting and notified to the public None	
10946	Planning Applications WD/2014/0749/F 21 Victoria Road, Polegate BN26 6DB Erect single storey extension at rear with balcony over <i>This item was brought forward before minute 10945</i> A councillor commented that he had been to the area and had taken some photos with the permission of the neighbour. The photos were circulated amongst the councillors. <i>Cllr Broadbent arrived at 7.35pm (for the full council meeting to follow)</i> The councillor stated that although some of the application had been thought through, there seemed to be no consideration for the neighbour's privacy and he had looked in various parts of the garden and once the balcony had been installed, there would be no privacy in the garden at all. He felt that the balcony was a step too far. A councillor stated that he did not feel the balcony was necessary in this type of area. He agreed that the door should probably go on the end instead of the side. A councillor stated that it appeared to be a gross invasion of privacy having the balcony there. He stated that it was a pity	

	that the neighbours had not spoken to each other before the application had been submitted. A councillor suggested that an objection was raised specifically for the balcony and that a condition be requested for obscure glass where it overlooked the neighbours. A councillor stated that thought that the obscured glass may not be considered by planning but that the council could ask for this in their comments as statutory consultees. He stated that a comment could be made about the door at the end. It was resolved to comment on the application suggesting it be refused with comments that it was felt to be a gross invasion of privacy, overdevelopment, the balcony being totally unnecessary and invasive. A condition is placed on the glass facing the neighbours to be obscured. To suggest that the door could be moved to be less invasive to the neighbours.	
10947	Delegated Applications WD/2014/0646/F 14 Hyperion Avenue, Polegate BN26 5HU Single storey rear extension to replace existing conservatory. No Objections (Delegated committee – Cllrs M Clewett, T Voyce, Mrs C Berry) WD/2014/0737/F Westhyde, Dittons Road, Polegate BN26 6HX Relocation of road crossing and extended hard standing No objections (Delegated committee – Cllrs M Clewett, T Voyce, Mrs C Berry)	
10948	Planning decisions WD/2014/0127/F 5 Gatcombe Crescent, Polegate BN26 6FP Addition of conservatory to the rear Approved by Wealden District Council on 3rd April 2014. 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 electricity with transformer housings, security fencing and cameras, landscaping and other associated works and cable route/trench. Approved by Wealden District Council on 17th April 2014. WD/2014/0405/F 11 Brightling Road, Polegate BN26 5DB Roof conversion with rear dormer Approved by Wealden District Council on 17th April 2014. TM/2014/0071/TPO 7 Hythe Close, Polegate BN26 6LQ Fell three oak trees and one ash tree within tree preservation order (Polegate) No. 20,1985 Granted consent subject to conditions 22nd April 2014.	
10949	Planning updates/general Information – for information only A councillor asked if the clerk had any further information on the s106 monies that were discussed previously. The clerk stated that she had met with Two officers from Wealden District Council to discuss what it could be used for and was awaiting some responses from planning regarding possible uses. The clerk reported that as soon as she had further information which allowed the item to be discussed, she would produce a report and present it to council. <i>Cllr D Shing arrived for full council at 7.45pm</i>	

The meeting closed at 7.48 pm