

UNADOPTED

POLEGATE TOWN COUNCIL

PLANNING MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on 3 April 2007 in the Council Chamber, 49 High Street, Polegate at 7.30 p.m.

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

No members of the press or public

7495 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr. Mrs Berry.

7496 Declarations of interest

All committee members present declared a non-prejudicial interest in application no. WD/2007/0687/F - 15 St. John's Road, Polegate as the applicant sponsors one of the Council's flower beds and is a business associate of Cllrs. Mrs J and T Voyce.

7497 Minutes of the meeting held on 6 March 2007

The minutes of the meeting held on 6 March 2007 were adopted as correct and signed by the Chair.

7498 Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

7499 Planning applications

WD/2007/0720/F Polegate Community Centre, 54 Windsor Way, Polegate.
A 9500mm run of 2000mm high close boarded fencing and extension to an existing paved area.

NO OBJECTIONS

WD/2007/0687/F 15 St. John's Road, Polegate. Single storey pitched roof rear extensions.

Following discussion a proposal was put forward, and seconded, to return an objection to an un-neighbourly construction and a vote was taken as follows:

In favour of returning an objection: 4

Against 1

Cllrs. Mrs J and T Voyce abstained

Therefore the proposal was carried:

OBJECTION: 1. Un-neighbourly construction

WD/2007/0665/F Unit 11 Chaucer Industrial Estate, Polegate. To undertake motor vehicle servicing, maintenance and repairs, engine diagnostics, tyre fitting and air conditioning.

NO OBJECTIONS

Wd/2007/0741/F 83 Dover Road, Polegate. Proposed rooms in the roof with dormer to rear.

NO OBJECTIONS

WD/2007/0746/F 25 St. Mary's, Lynholm Road, Polegate. Conservatory at rear.

NO OBJECTIONS

WD/2007/7501/T Station Road, Polegate. Installation of 11.7 metre high slimline monopole supporting 3no. antennas, equipment cabinet and ancillary equipment.

OBJECTIONS: 1. Blight on the town centre
 2. A more suitable site would be a rural or industrial location
 3. Obstruction of the footway

WD/2007/0842/F 14 Sunstar Lane, Polegate. Single storey rear extension.

NO OBJECTIONS

WD/2007/0845/F 41 Sunstar Lane, Polegate. Construction of conservatory to rear elevation.

NO OBJECTIONS

7500 Delegated applications

WD/2007/0550/F 2 The Thatchings, Polegate. Erect conservatory at side of property.

NO OBJECTIONS

WD/2007/0448/F 2 Grand Parade, Polegate. Extension at first floor level over existing store to provide new radiator showroom.

NO OBJECTIONS

WD/2007/0291/F Cophall Farm Service Area A22/A27 Polegate ByPass. Change of use from site manager's office to site manager's office and tea rooms/sandwich bar.

NO OBJECTIONS

7501 Planning Decisions

Permissions:

WD/2006/3304/LDP 54 Hyperion Avenue, Polegate. Porch.

WD/2007/0353/LDP 13 Shepham Lane, Polegate. Conservatory to rear.

WD/2006/3581/FA Former Waterhouse Coaches site, Dittons Road, Polegate. Variation of condition 22 of planning permission WD/2006/0368/O to allow eight of the approved houses to have a footprint not exceeding 54 square metres and one house with a footprint not exceeding 80 square metres.

WD/2007/0441/F 23 and 23A Station Road, Polegate. Proposed alterations including revisions to internal layout, replacement of windows and replacement of roof covering together with single storey extension to rear to ground floor flat (no. 23). Existing garage to be demolished.

Refusals:

WD/2007/0668/LDP Northfield Cottage, Wannock Road, Polegate. New conservatory.

7502 Parish Planning Meeting

The Chair advised that he had attended the meeting with Cllr. Mrs Piper and the Assistant Town Clerk. Although the topics were well presented, in particular the update on traveller sites, the meeting mostly covered the same ground as previous meetings.

However, one important development was that following the elections, councillors sitting on the planning committees at Wealden would be required to attend training sessions to enable them to carry out their role more efficiently, and it was proposed to also offer this training opportunity to town and parish councils.

It was therefore proposed, seconded and agreed by all to raise this issue at Full Council and to put forward the proposal that members sitting on the planning committee will be required to attend training sessions, and that councillors who declined training should not be permitted to serve on the planning committee. The opportunity for training would also be open to council members who did not sit on the planning committee.

Another topic raised at the meeting was town and parish action plans in respect of the proposed additional housing for the area. A number of councils had actually formulated their views on housing and infrastructure requirements and these were being fed into the consultation process for Wealden's Local Development Framework.

It was therefore proposed, seconded and agreed by all to propose to Full Council that Council formulates an action plan for future development in the town including consultation with all residents.

7503 Correspondence

1. Permission to carry out reduction of one ash and trimming of one bay at 23 West Close, Polegate - noted.
2. Refusal of permission to fell oak tree at 62 Greenleaf Gardens, Polegate - noted.
3. Extract from DCSSC minutes - previously circulated.
4. Invitation to LDF workshop - it was agreed not to send a representative on this occasion.
5. Invitation to meet Wealden Officers re. LDF Core Strategy - it was agreed that due to the forthcoming local elections to defer a meeting until the new planning committee was in post.

7504 Planning updates and general information

There was nothing to report.