



MINUTES OF THE BARNHAM & EASTERGATE PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 16th JULY 2019 AT EASTERGATE VILLAGE HALL

Present: Chris Allington (Chair for meeting in absence of Stewart Pritchard): Rob Bates:
Heather Kilroy: Ella Simmons: Sue Wallsgrove:

In attendance: Nina McMaster (Assistant Clerk):

1. Apologies for absence

Stewart Pritchard: Andy Earwaker:

2. Declarations of Interest

Members were reminded to make any declarations of personal and/or pecuniary interests that they may have in relation to the agenda. None were noted at this point in the meeting.

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 28th May 2019

Resolved: That the minutes of the Planning & Environment Committee held on 28th May be approved as an accurate record of the meeting and be signed by the Chairman.

4. Consideration of new applications made to Arun District Council

The Committee considered the following new applications within the Parish:

WA/48/19 – Land to the East of Fontwell Avenue – Approval of Reserved Matters following outline planning permission WA/22/15 comprising 400 new homes.

The Committee discussed several matters of concern in respect of the application and **agreed** to submit an objection to include the following:

- The Committee has noted the Environment Agency's correspondence in respect of their position in relation to groundwater issues on the site and fully agrees and supports the matters they raise.
- The Committee has noted Arun District Council's submissions in respect of surface water drainage and fully agrees and supports the matters they raise.
- The Committee remain completely opposed to WSCC having approved the highway scheme for the development

- The Committee have major concerns over parking matters in relation to the community hub, disabled parking, no electrical points and does not believe the current design complies with the ADC or WSCC policies on parking provision.
- Finally the Committee has major concerns in respect of the hedgerow that has been cut down that represents the Parish boundary and wishes to seek assurances that the hedgerow will not be further cut and certainly not be removed.

BN/19/19 – 92 Barnham Road – First floor extension over existing garage, conversion of garage to habitable rooms, conversion of conservatory including pitched roof. The Council **agreed** to raise no objection to this application.

Resolved: That the Clerk be authorised to submit responses to Arun District Council as approved by the Committee

6. The Committee noted the following decisions by Arun District Council in relation to applications considered by the Committee

BN/32/19 – Wagtails, Church Lane, Eastergate – Single storey rear extension

BN/23/19 – Cox’s Farm, Lake Lane, Barnham – Two storey side extension

BN/21/19 – 2 Critchmere Road, Eastergate – Demolition of existing conservatory and single storey garage/utility and replacement with single storey rear and two storey side extensions

BN/22/19 – Former Office, Highground Orchards, Highground Lane – driveway and turning area

BN/55/18 – Orchard End, Highground Lane, Barnham – Variation to application BN/30/14

EG/21/19 – 10 Appletree Drive, Barnham – crown reduction of Tulip tree

EG/20/19 – 19 Holmdale, Eastergate – Crown lift of English Oak Tree

All the above decisions were approved conditionally and the Council, and previous Councils, had raised no objections to any of the applications.

BN/31/19 – 3 Highview Road, Eastergate – porch and living extension – approved conditionally – the Council had submitted an objection

7.1 Arun Gypsy and Traveller and Travelling Showpeople Site Allocations Development Plan Document (G&T DPD) Consultation 2019

The Committee briefly discussed the various sites contained in the document that sat within the Barnham and Eastergate Parish and concluded that none of the existing/potential sites were controversial and that they would submit a response to that effect.

Resolved: That the Clerk submit a response to the consultation on behalf of Barnham and Eastergate Parish Council

7.2 Consultation on Parking Standards and Open Space, Playing Pitches and Built Sports Facilities

The Chair raised the fact that two further consultation documents had also just been published that the Council should consider responding to and suggested the following as responses:

Parking Standards – major issue to seek inclusion of something around car parking provision for transport hubs like Barnham Railway Station.

Open Space, Playing Pitches and Built Sports Facilities – The Strategy fails to address the deficits created before the Local Plan was adopted and whilst future provision cannot address the deficit the strategy should acknowledge it. It creates a new sports hub within the BEW Strategic Allocation but does not address the timing issue of housing being built before a new sports hub is built. The evidence base used does not make mention of the villages and to rectify this the ABE Reports published in 2019 should be used/added to the evidence base.

8. Barnham & Eastergate Neighbourhood Plan – Proposed Review of Plan

The Committee discussed the best way of starting to put a Review of the Neighbourhood Plan in place. It was noted that one of the key issues would be getting people involved in the process and that it might be that professional consultancy people may be required to assist.

The major focus of the review would be to identify additional housing sites and related to this would be flooding and drainage issues.

In addition all current policies would require reviewing/updating but it was hoped that Maureen Chaffe, with her current experience of working on other Parish plans would be able to provide some revised policies that could be easily reviewed and agreed.

There was now a need to put together an outline timetable and cost plan and to complete grant applications to ADC and other national government sources of funding.

It was **agreed** that the Clerk would meet with Maureen Chaffe of Process Matters to discuss a potential timetable and cost plan and assist with the grant applications and that a kick-off meeting be set up for early September for the Committee and any volunteers that could be identified, particularly from those who were involved in the original plan preparation.

9. Group Tree Preservation Orders/Tree Preservation Orders

Rob Bates and Sue Wallsgrove had asked for this item to be placed on the agenda following some research they had undertaken into TPOs in the Parish with a view to obtaining support of the Committee to undertake some further surveys and to potentially seek to apply for TPOs on trees in particular areas where currently no TPOs exist.

Rob Bates explained that they looked at Parish Online and the ADC TPO map layer and had particularly identified the footpath from Church Lane in Eastergate to Eastergate Lane as having trees and wildlife that required protection from future development. They want to be able to undertake further specific survey work and identification work and to then come back to the Committee with a plan to submit a blanket TPO to ADC. To assist them with this work the Clerk had set up a meeting with the Parish Council's volunteer Tree Warden. Mark Wardle of Make It Wild would also be asked to submit a quote for work to the footpath between Barnham Road and Eastergate Lane. They would also be looking to ensure that a suitable environmental policy was included in the Revised Neighbourhood Plan to cover future protection of our ancient trees.

The Committee were supportive of their proposal and **agreed** to their undertaking the necessary work and to then bring a proposal to the next available Committee meeting upon the conclusion of their work.

10. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting would take place on Tuesday 20th August 2019 at 7.30 p.m.

The meeting closed at 8.55 p.m.

Signed:
Chair, Planning & Environment Committee