

## NEWICK PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES** of the Meeting of the Planning Committee of Newick Parish Council held at the Sports Pavilion, King George V Playing Field, Allington Road on Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> August 2016 at 6.30 p.m.

**Present:** Councillors: C. Allen, C. Armitage (Chairman of this committee), M. Halsey, C. Jago, M. Thew and C. Wickens

**In Attendance:** Mrs. S. Berry (Clerk)  
Four members of the public

An audio recording was made of the meeting

- 1. Apologies for Absence** – No apologies had been received
- 2. Disclosure by Members of personal interest in matters on the agenda, the nature of any interest and whether the Member regards the interest as prejudicial under the terms of the Code of Conduct.** Cllr. Thew declared a personal interest in applications LW/16/0482 & 0483 and LW/16/0595 as a close friend of both applicants. Cllr. Wickens declared a personal interest in application LW/16/0482 & 0483 as a close friend of the applicant.
- 3. Questions or Statements by Members of the Public** – Mr Smith spoke in connection with his planning and listed building consent applications LW/16/0482 & LW/16/0483. He stated that he wished to allay any concerns that the proposed spiral cellar, which would be constructed within the new orangery, would cause damage to the structure of the existing listed building. He advised that he had engaged an architect and a structural engineer to work on the design and that he had been assured that the construction of the cellar would have no impact on the existing house as long as it was at least a metre away. Mr Smith invited questions from the committee but none were asked. *Mr Smith left the meeting.*

*Cllr. Halsey joined the meeting at 6.33 p.m.*

Mr Barnes spoke on behalf of his daughter and son-in-law (residents of 30 West Point) in connection with planning application LW/16/0595. Photographs of the rear garden of 30 West Point, taken at various times of the day to show the impact of the existing single storey extension at 29 West Point on the house and garden of 30 West Point, were circulated at the meeting and Mr Barnes referred to them during his speech. Mr Barnes stated that the proposed extension was oppressive and bulky in design and that he believed it would result in an unacceptable loss of amenity and light for the residents of 30 West Point. He referred to LDC Planning Policy RES13 (policy saved from 2003 Local Plan) and stated he believed that the proposed extension would be in contravention of this policy. Mr Barnes invited questions from the committee but none were asked. *Mr and Mrs Barnes left the meeting at 6.42 p.m.*

#### 4. Planning Applications

##### **Newick**

LW/16/0482 &  
LW/16/0483

##### **Case Officer:**

Mrs Alyson Smith

##### **Cuttings Cricketfield**

Planning & Listed Building Consent Applications - Proposed wine store within the new orangery for Mr Smith. It was agreed to make **no comment** on this planning and listed building consent application. Having declared a personal interest, two members of the committee did not vote.

##### **Newick**

LW/16/0595

##### **Case Officer:**

Mrs Alyson Smith

##### **29 West Point Newick East Sussex BN8 4NU**

Planning Application - Alterations to existing single storey rear extension including adding timber cladding, changes to fenestration and construction of deck area, erection of first floor extension with pitched roof above existing ground floor rear extension, addition of pitched roof to replace existing flat roof on front elevation for Miss P Carpenter. It was noted that the residents of 30 West Point had sent

a letter of objection to the proposed extension. It was agreed to **object** to this planning application on the grounds that it would be an overdevelopment of the site which would lead to overshadowing and substantial loss of light to adjacent properties. The committee considered that the proposal contravened Neighbourhood Plan policy EN1 'New developments in the Parish should respect the local landscape character and be designed to blend in well with the existing built environment'. Having declared a personal interest, one member of the committee did not vote.

**Newick**  
LW/16/0599

**Case Officer:**  
Mr Andrew Hill  
**Newick**  
LW/16/0613

**Case Officer:**  
Miss Michelle  
Gardiner

**11 Church Road Newick**  
Planning Application - Erection of two storey side extension and alterations for Mr & Mrs Firrell. It was unanimously agreed to make **no comment** on this planning application.

**6 Church Road**  
Listed Building Consent Application - Removal of gas fire in living room; installation of wood burner in dining and living rooms; lining of chimneys for wood burners; replacement of two chimney cowls; replacement of gatepost at front of property; painting and decorating of exterior with like-for-like colours for Ms C Bradshaw. It was agreed to make **no comment** on this listed building consent application.

4.1 **Approvals/Refusals etc.** – It was noted that the following applications had been approved by Lewes District Council:-

**LW/16/0441 7 Allington Road** – Erection of a replacement garden store.

**LW/16/0361 41 West Point** – Demolition of existing garage, erection of two storey side extension.

4.2 **Tree Works Applications** - There had been no tree works applications

5. **Consultation from East Sussex County Council (ESCC) re upgrade of two bus stops on A272** – An email dated 25<sup>th</sup> July 2016 from ESCC Transport Development Control had been circulated in advance of the meeting. It was agreed to confirm to ESCC that the committee was supportive of its proposals to upgrade the bus stops on either side of the A272 near to Nightingales instead of upgrading the bus stops near to the Village Hall.
6. **Response to letter from Lewes District Council (LDC) re electronic consultation on planning matters** – An email from Ian Morris, LDC Head of Planning and Revenues, dated 28<sup>th</sup> July 2016 had been circulated in advance of the meeting. It was agreed that the Clerk should respond to this email making the following comments:-
  - a) The copying of plans from the LDC website on to a memory stick for display at meetings was time consuming and meant that the cost of staff time had merely been transferred from the District Council to Town and Parish Councils.
  - b) The promised 'All Plans' facility whereby all plans associated with a particular planning application could be downloaded together was not available for a large number of applications, thereby increasing the time taken to transfer individual documents on to a memory stick.
  - c) Downloaded plans had to be renamed at the point of saving on to a memory stick because the file reference numbers did not allow individual documents to be easily identified.
  - d) The clarity of plans needed to be improved for those viewing on a tablet as the image became pixelated when using the zoom facility.
  - e) The letter stated that printed versions of plans would be supplied for major planning applications, however, it had been stated at the training attended by the Chairman and Clerk that this would not be the case unless the developer had provided additional copies of the plans. This matter needed to be clarified.
7. **Mitchelswood Planning Appeal** – It was noted that the Planning Inspector's decision had been sent to the Secretary of State for consideration and that a decision would be issued on or before 8<sup>th</sup> November 2016.

The Meeting Closed at 7.06 p.m.

**Signed:** ..... **Dated:**.....

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