

Minutes of the **PLANNING & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE** meeting held at the Parish Council Office, Lower Green Road, Pembury on **Monday 16 September 2019 at 7.30pm.**



Councillors Present:

Cllr A Gaukroger (C)
Cllr K Brooks

Cllr A Partridge (VC)
Cllr G Hall

Also in attendance:

Cllr L Mills
Cllr N Stratton
Yvette Allen (Deputy Clerk)

Cllr S Sharp
Cllr M Weaver
4 residents

P19/48. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.** Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr P Gillan.

P19/49. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.** Cllr Gaukroger declared an interest in planning application 19/02185/FULL as he knew the applicants.

All councillors declared an interest in the land known as PE1 in the Local Plan as they had been lobbied by a developer.

P19/50. **MINUTES.** The minutes of the meeting held on **27 August 2019** were signed as a correct record.

P19/51. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS.** The Chairman reported that he had attended the Planning Committee meeting at the Town Hall when application 19/01696/FULL at Stone Court Lane was considered. He was disappointed to report that this had been approved despite the Parish Council's and residents' strong objections.

P19/52. **CLERK'S REPORT AND ACTION UPDATES.**

- Repair work to the Polley Close bus shelter had been completed.
- The speed indicator device at the High Street would be installed imminently.
- The gateway at Woodgate would be installed imminently.

The meeting was adjourned at 7.35pm.

P19/53. **OPEN SESSION.** A representative of the nine owners of land at PE1 in the Local Plan spoke about access issues to the site. If the development of this land did take place, he would like to see activities for youth included e.g. a skatepark and a playground for younger children.

A resident queried the site allocation at Notcutts and land next to the hospital and was told that this had been put forward for economic development and not housing.

The meeting reconvened at 7.46pm.

P19/54. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS.** The following application was considered, and it was **RESOLVED** that the following response be sent to Tunbridge Wells Borough Council (TWBC).

- a. **19/02185/FULL** **Coppins, 4 Romford Road**
Demolition of existing conservatory, garage, shed and side porch;
erection of a single storey rear extension and garage with alterations to
windows, doors and rooflights.

RESPONSE: NEUTRAL

P19/55. **LATE PLANNING APPLICATIONS.** The following application was considered, and it was **RESOLVED** that the following response be sent to Tunbridge Wells Borough Council (TWBC).

- a. **19/02386/FULL** **35 The Gill**
Proposed first floor side extension above garage and rear single storey
extension (Part retrospective)

RESPONSE: NEUTRAL subject to there being no loss of light or privacy to
immediate neighbours.

P19/56. **PLANNING DECISIONS.** The following were noted:

- a. **19/01323/FULL** **15 Belfield Road**

Provision of a dropped kerb, vehicle crossover, two hard standing parking
spaces and erection of a garage/shed.

GRANTED

- b. **19/01998/TPO** **3 Knights Close**
TREES: LIME (T1) – Remove epicormic growth below a height of 7 feet
on an annual basis (2019-2028 inclusive).

GRANTED

- c. **19/02017/FULL** **78 Beagleswood**

Removal of existing porch, erection of new porch.

GRANTED

- d. **19/02018/FULL** **78 Beagleswood**
Removal of existing rear extension and erection of single storey rear
extension.

GRANTED

P19/57. **LATE PLANNING DECISIONS.** The following was noted.

a **19/01223/FULL** **79 Henwoods Crescent**

Dropped kerb and triangular grassed area in front of house to be paved for vehicle parking.

REFUSED

- P19/58. **NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN (NDP).** After lots of discussion about the value of having an NDP, members were not ready to commit to recommending to Full Council that an NDP is formulated. It would take a huge amount of work and would need to be community led rather than Parish Council led. Members felt that the Pembury Society should be approached to gauge what their appetite was for an NDP. Members also wanted to wait for feedback from the Local Plan questionnaire to gauge public opinion. This would be available at the public meeting on 23 September and on the website.
- P19/59. **PROPOSED MOTOR VILLAGE.** Updates regarding the KCC highways assessments were still awaited. No date had yet been set for the proposed planning application to be heard by the TWBC Planning Committee.
- P19/60. **LOCAL PLAN.** Members gave their opinions on the questions posed in the questionnaire but felt it essential to wait for residents' feedback before formulating their response.
- P19/61. **LOCAL PLAN MEETING.** Three sets of plans would be on display. Questionnaires would be available to fill in during the evening or to take away and Councillors are to be on hand to listen to residents' views. A formal meeting will be chaired by Cllrs K Brooks and A Gaukroger and would start at 8pm.
- P19/62. **HIGHWAYS IMPROVEMENTS.** A resident had raised some queries:
- Speeding in the High Street. A speed indicator device would shortly be installed.
 - Noise from the A21. As part of any proposed developments, sound-proof barriers would be included within the Local Plan
- P19/63. **QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS OR AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS.** There were none.
- P19/64. **MEETING DATES.** Members noted the following date: **28 October 2019.**

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.38pm.

Signed: _____ Date: _____
Chairman