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Minutes

A meeting of Members of the Chailey Parish Council Planning and Environs Committee (Urgent Planning Matters) was held on Tuesday 22nd May 2012 in the Reading Room, Chailey Green commencing at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllr. J. Millam (Chairman)
Cllrs. P. Atkins, D. Cowan, D.Cranfield, P. Olbrich, R.Trussell (part), L.Waller

Public present: Two

In attendance: V. Grainger (Clerk)

12/92. Apologies: Cllrs. J-P Ellis, M. Evans, S.Griffin, J. Tillard.

12/93. Verbal Representations by members of the public: Mr R. Townsend of New Heritage Way advised that he wished to make representation on behalf of residents regarding planning application LW/12/0320, creation of a new play area. Mr P. O’Conor confirmed that he was the applicant for planning application LW/12/0463, erection of an agricultural dwelling; and was attending to assist with any questions Councillors might have.

12/94. Declarations of Interest by Councillors: Cllr. Atkins declared a personal interest in item 5) Planning Applications LW/12/0461, LW/12/0451 and LW/12/0320, as he occupied a neighbouring property. Cllr. Olbrich declared a personal interest in item 5) Planning Application LW/12/0463, as the applicant was a neighbour. Cllr. Millam declared a prejudicial interest in item 5) LW/12/0463 due to a business interest.

12/95. Items not on the agenda considered as a matter of urgency: None

12/96. Lewes District Council Planning Applications: The Planning Applications presented were duly considered by members and the following responses agreed:

Received date	Due Date	Planning Ref number	Name & Address	Work Requested	CPC Response
3.5.12	25.5.12	LW/12/0445	Mr & Mrs S Topliff 5 Warrenwood	Planning Application: Erection of ground and first floor side and rear extension to garage and internal alterations.	Support- See comments below
		LW/12/0461	Mr K O’Rourke 42 New Heritage Way	Planning Application: Erection of conservatory to rear.	Support
		LW/12/0463	Mr P O’Conor Land at Tomkins Farm Cinder Hill	Approval of Reserved Matters Application: Erection of an agricultural dwelling.	Support
10.5.12	1.6.12				
		LW/12/0320	Taylor Wimpey SW Thames Land South of New Heritage Way	Planning Application: Creation of a play area within existing development.	See comments below
		LW/12/0451	Mrs J Mullaney	Planning Application:	Support

			52 New Heritage Way	Erection of conservatory to rear.	
		LW/12/0471	Grantham Trustees Car Parking Area Grantham Close	Planning Application: Modifications to car park to provide 24 additional parking spaces and one lay by.	Support-see comments below

It was agreed that the order of agenda items should be changed for the benefit of members of the public present. Application LW/12/0320 was discussed as the first planning application item and LW/12/0463 as the second, other items followed in the set sequence.

LW/12/0320: Land South of New Heritage Way.

The Parish Council had received six letters concerning LW/12/0320, the proposed play area at New Heritage Way.

Mr R Townsend of New Heritage Way spoke on behalf of residents' of New Heritage. The key point made by residents was that it had been concluded that it was in the owners' best interests to accept and support the current planning application for the creation of the play area. However, there were suggested comments that the appearance of the play area should be in keeping with a local woodland environment, as follows:

- The seating, equipment should be of wood or in similar materials and colours wherever possible.
- The fencing should be wooden e.g. Sussex post and rail type, with suitable netting inside to exclude wildlife. The plan does not clearly identify fencing at the rear of the play area; the area should be completely enclosed to deter wildlife.
- The seating and bin should be removed opposite 40 New Heritage Way, as this would act as a natural meeting place for groups of people causing lack of privacy and disruption for houses facing the play area. The bin should be sited next to or inside the play area.
- The metal benches should be replaced with wooden benches, situated next to the play area.
- The tarmac path should be made from a material that is more sympathetic with its woodland setting e.g. chippings- wood or stone.

Councillors were sympathetic to residents' views and agreed to **support** the application **subject** to cosmetic changes to ensure that materials used were in keeping with the rural environment. It was suggested that:

- The proposed tarmac entry path should be replaced with a paved area.
- The bench and bin opposite No. 40 should be resited closer to the play area perimeter.
- The colour of the benches should be brown not blue.
- Low level screen hedging (indigenous species) should be planted around the fencing to improve the visual impact.

LW/12/0463 Land at Tomkins Farm

Having declared a prejudicial interest in this item, Cllr. Millam relinquished the Chair of the meeting to Cllr. Waller and left the room. Cllr. Waller chaired the meeting for this item only.

LW/12/0445 5 Warrenwood

Comments: Councillors were in support of the application subject to this being in accordance with restrictive planning conditions (see LW/93/1634) which stipulated that floor space should not exceed the existing.

LW/12/0471 Grantham Close: modifications to car park to provide 24 additional parking spaces and one lay-by.

Comments: Councillors were in support of the application subject to this being restricted for use by visitors and residents only.

12/97. **To note Lewes District Council planning decisions, planning appeals and recommendations:** A listing of planning application decisions received was circulated to members and duly noted.

12/98. **Date of next P&E Committee meeting: Tuesday 12th June 2012.**
The meeting closed at 8.15 p.m.

Signed:

Chairman

Date: