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Minutes

A Meeting of the Chailey Planning and Environs Committee was held on Tuesday 1st March 2011 in the Reading Room, Chailey Green, commencing at 7.30pm.

Present: (Chairman) Cllr. L Waller
Cllrs. D.Cranfield, J-P.Ellis, M. Evans, J.Millam, J.Tillard.
Cllr. D Cowan (arrived 7.40pm).

Public present: None

Guest speakers: Mrs A. Burgess (Local Partnership for Children Co-ordinator)
Mr S. Lipa (Community Transport Officer ESCC)

In attendance: V.Grainger (Clerk)

11/41. Apologies for absence: Cllrs. J. Davies, K.Gould, P.Olbrich.

11/42. Verbal representations by members of the public: None.

11/43. Declarations of Interest by Councillors: None.

11/44. Minutes: To agree and sign as a true record the Minutes of the Planning & Environs Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 1st February and the Urgent Planning Matters Meeting held on Tuesday 15th February 2011. The minutes were **Agreed** and signed as a true record. (Council resolution 205/11).

11.45. Items not on the agenda which the Chair of the meeting is of the opinion should be considered as a matter of urgency: None

11/46. Matters arising: It was confirmed that the response to Lewes District Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment would be discussed at the Council meeting on 15th March 2011.

11/47. Chailey Transport Partnership

Amanda Burgess the Local Partnership for Children Co-ordinator attended the meeting with Scott Lipa, Community Transport Officer for East Sussex County Council to explain the recent work that had been undertaken regarding local transport issues.

Mrs Burgess had relatively recently come into post and was based at Chailey School working with young people aged between 0-19 years. Issues relating to transport seemed to have an impact on all of the work attempted. A new Children's Centre had opened in Chailey but without good public transport links it was difficult for parents and children to attend the centre. The County Council offered a bursary system for bus use but Country Liner bus company initially would not make use of the scheme and accept tokens. After some representations were made the bus company agreed to use the scheme. It had also been identified that there was a bus that travelled to Sheffield Park on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Approaches were to be made to the bus company to ascertain if the bus could divert to take in the New Heritage area. Young people attending the Youth Group meetings in the Village Hall faced difficulties, as there was no bus stop at the Village Hall. There was also no footpath link from North to South Chailey.

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Cllr. Evans explained that there were currently discussions regarding the provision of a footway from New Heritage to A275 utilising section 106 monies but there were legal issues to be resolved. The available funds needed to be committed by July 2012. If the footpath could not be provided within the time scale, the funds would be used for providing a pedestrian crossing at South Chailey.

Cllr. Cranfield queried whether Lewes District Council could be approached to allow more time to consider the alternatives.

Further comments were made regarding the difficulties of providing a foot path which met certain standards and whether a more flexible approach was now appropriate.

Mrs Burgess confirmed that the Head of St Peters School would be happy to support the Council in any endeavours to implement improvements to the foot path.

Mr Lipa confirmed that he had been working at Chailey Children's Centre and Chailey School and had attended a meeting at Newick. It was concluded that improvements to public transport were unlikely in the near future. A number of Young People in rural areas faced transport difficulties. ESCC did not want to take a top down approach to resolve these issues and there were good examples of local initiatives. For example Newick had a voluntary car scheme, community transport for Lewes runs a dial a ride scheme and in North Wealden local precept of a small amount had supported a community transport scheme. It was suggested that Chailey, Newick and Barcombe would be an obvious Village cluster to form a Community Transport Partnership, aiming to resolve some local transport issues. It was acknowledged that Chailey was a very spread out Parish with no obvious centre. The starting point for such a Partnership would be to have a clear understanding of the needs of the community. Some information already existed, Gemma Kybert (youth leader) had completed a survey of young people and there was additional information from the transport consultation meeting.

Cllr. Evans queried whether dial-a-ride actually served Chailey.

There followed further discussion to ascertain how additional consultation could be completed. It was commented that local residents could do more to share car journeys and suggested that the Council could promote a car share scheme by providing links to the ESCC website, which may be used for this purpose.

11/48. The Planning applications presented were duly considered by members and the following responses were agreed:

Received date	Due Date	Planning Ref No.	Name & Address	Work Requested	CPC Decision
18.2.11	11.3.11	LW/11/0130	Bluebell Railway Sheffield Park Station East Grinstead Road	Planning Application – Erection of first floor ancillary facilities over existing workshop plus three storey stairwell and toilets extension.	No objections
		LW/11/0132	Mr J Pringle Singleton Oxbottom Lane	Planning Application – Erection of a single storey glazed rear extension.	No objections
		LW/11/0159	Mr S Duffield Bush Cottage Haywards Heath Road	Planning Application- Erection of a two storey extension to side and rear.	No objections

11/49. To note Lewes District Council planning decisions and planning appeals and recommendations: A listing of planning application decisions received was circulated to members for consideration and noting.

11/50. Correspondence for Noting: A listing of recent correspondence received was circulated for member's attention.

- A request had been received from Rev. Maskell for use of the Reading Room free of charge for the training of volunteers. It was **agreed** that use of the room free of

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charge would be permitted for the training of pastoral work volunteers. The Clerk to advise Rev. Maskell of the decision.

11/51. Risk Implications to be considered: None.

11/52. Implications to Crime and Disorder Act 1998 Section 17: None

11/53. Exchange of information:

- Cllr. Evans requested that arrangements for the Queen's 2012 Jubilee celebrations and members allowances should be added as agenda items for discussion in March or April.
- Cllr. Ellis raised concerns about the quality of workmanship of the commons fencing and circulated photographs of the fencing as illustration. It was agreed that the photographs would be provided to the Clerk to forward with a letter to the Project Manager highlighting the Council's concerns.

11/54. Date of next Planning & Environs Committee Meeting: Tuesday 5th April 2011, next Urgent Planning Meeting 15th March 2011.

The meeting closed at 8.40 p.m.

Signed:

Date:

Chairman