



Chailey Parish Council

Minutes

A meeting of Members of the Chailey Parish Council Planning & Environs Committee was held on Tuesday 2nd February 2016 in the Reading Room, Chailey Green commencing at 7.30 pm.

Present: Cllr. J. Millam, (Chairman)
Cllrs. P. Atkins, S. Avery, R. Barnard, M. Evans, K. Matthews and P. Olbrich.

Public present: none.

In attendance: S Treharne (Clerk)

16/011 Apologies for absence: Cllrs. V. Harrison, K Jordan and P.O'Conor.

16/012 Verbal representations by members of the public: none.

16/013 Declarations of Interest by Councillors: Cllr. Millam declared an interest in relation to application LW/15/0990 and it was agreed that Cllr Olbrich would take the chair when this application was considered.

16/014 Items not on the agenda considered as a matter of urgency:

Application for tree works at Fir Lodge, Chailey Green (TW/16/004): Councillors agreed that they had no objection to works being carried out on the tree but noted that it is a yew tree and probably of some age. Accordingly, Councillors considered it important that any works are subject to the prior approval and agreement of LDC's tree officer and are carried out under his supervision.

Tree works on the A275 at North Chailey: the Clerk advised Councillors that he had received a request from ESCC Highways for a small tree near the A272/A275 junction to be cut back. The tree in question is on the Council's land and is fouling a street light. A quote had been received from Treewise of £125 plus VAT to remove the tree. Councillors agreed that the tree should be removed and accepted the quote, subject to satisfactory confirmation that the contractor has the required insurance and will implement traffic management measures as required by Chapter 8.

Damage to the lane leading to properties on Red House Common: the Clerk reported that he had received information from a Resident that damage is being caused to the edge of the lane by flooding water with the result that the lane is becoming too narrow for larger vehicles, including potentially fire engines. The Clerk had undertaken a site visit and he reported his findings to Councillors. Councillors considered that the Council has no responsibility for the maintenance of the lane concerned and the Clerk was asked to inform the Resident accordingly.

Overhanging trees on the lane leading to properties on Red House Common: the Clerk reported that there were a number of small branches overhanging the lane which could impede high vehicles. A quotation had been received for removing these branches. Councillors again considered that the Council has no responsibility for the maintenance of the lane concerned and the Clerk was asked to inform the Resident that the Council would have no objection to Residents in the lane having this work done at their expense.

Lewes District Council Plan: the Clerk reminded Councillors of the deadline for comments to be made. The Clerk was asked to circulate comments already drafted by Cllr. Evans which,

subject to any further comments from Councillors, would form the basis of the Council's comments to Lewes DC.

Ditch clearance on Red House Common: the Clerk advised that he had again been contacted by a Resident about clearing a ditch adjacent to her property. After discussion, the Clerk was asked to inform the Ranger so that the matter could be taken up by Lewes DC which has responsibility for the maintenance of the common.

16/015 Approval of minutes: the minutes of the meeting of the Planning & Environs Committee held on 5th January 2016 were approved unanimously and signed by the Chairman.

16/016 Lewes District Council planning applications: The following planning applications were considered by Councillors and the following responses were agreed:

Planning Ref No.	Name and Address of Applicant	Work Requested	Response
LW/15/0894	M Stevens and P Sansom c/o LMA Associates Clock Tower House Lewes Road Lindfield RH16 2LH	Long Cottage, Haywards Heath Road, North Chailey. Planning application: demolition of existing dwelling and erection of one detached house with detached three bay garage and new vehicular access	<u>Objections</u> See note
LW/15/0990	Bluebell Railway Sheffield Park Railway Station East Grinstead Road North Chailey TN22 3QL	Bluebell Railway, Sheffield Park Railway Station, East Grinstead Road, North Chailey. Planning application: maintenance and storage facility	<u>Support</u> See note
LW/15/0834	Mr C Emery Broadstone Farm North Common Road North Chailey BN8 4ED	Broadstone Farm, North Common Road, North Chailey. Listed building consent application: alter and adapt the existing fireplace opening in the Dining Room to create a new recess to accommodate a wood burning stove, installation of a flue liner & new log burner bird guard cowl and take down the existing external glazed door & frame affected by rot and replace with a new glazed door in matching oak.	<u>Support</u> See note
LW/16/0027	Mr B Barrell Old Forge South Road South Chailey BN8 4AN	Old Forge, South Road, South Common. Planning application: extension to existing garage	<u>No Objections</u>
LW/16/0029	Mr L Cresswell Little Warren Farm Redgill Lane Newick BN8 4JJ	Little Warren Farm, Redgill Lane, Newick. Planning application: erection of a proposed single storey orangery.	<u>Support</u>

LW/15/0894: Councillors resolved to object to this application. They considered that the design of the proposed replacement dwelling lacks any character and is overlarge compared to the existing historical building. They also considered that the proposed three bay garage is overlarge and poorly sited. Councillors considered that, should Lewes District Council be minded to approve the application, a condition should be imposed mandating the carrying out of an archaeological survey of the existing building and the site on which it is located so that the history of the building and site are recorded. Also, consideration should be given as to whether any feature of the existing building that is capable of being salvaged could be incorporated into any new dwelling.

LW/15/0990: consideration of this application took place with Cllr. Olbrich in the chair and with no participation from Cllr. Millam.

LW/15/0834: Councillors resolved to support this application subject to the works requested being approved by and carried out under the supervision of the Conservation Officer.

16/017 Lewes District Council planning decisions, planning appeals and recommendations:
the following decisions were noted:

LW/15/0885	Millfield, Haywards Heath Road. Outline application for ten dwellings.	<u>Refused</u>
LW/15/0812	Land to the rear of the Horns Lodge, South Chailey. Erection of two semi-detached dwellings.	<u>Refused</u>
LW/15/0944	Alverstone House, Haywards Heath Road. Works to existing dwelling and car port extension	<u>Granted</u>

16/018 Date of next Planning & Environs Committee meeting: Tuesday 1st March 2016 at 7.30 pm in the Reading Room, Chailey Green.

Signed: *J Millam*
Chairman

Date: *1st March 2016*