

WIRKSWORTH TOWN COUNCIL
Meeting of the Planning & Environmental Affairs Committee
held on 7 September 2009

PEA015/09 Present: Cllr S Maskrey (Chairman), Cllr F Bark, Cllr D Brown, Cllr A Pollock, Cllr M Ratcliffe, Cllr J Stockell. In attendance: Cllr I Ratcliffe; Mr P Brown & Representatives of Dales Housing; Anthony Gell School Foundation Trust representatives – Anna Bristow, Rosemary Rennie, Kevin Mann, Dave Baker, John Thompson; Mrs J Walls (Town Clerk).

PEA016/09 Mr Paul Brown, Dales Housing:

The Chair welcomed Mr Paul Brown to the meeting. Mr Brown gave details of a proposed planning application for 24 housing units on land at King Edward Street.

PEA017/09 Mr John Thompson, Chairman Anthony Gell School Foundation:

The Chair welcomed Mr John Thomson to the meeting. Mr Thompson gave details of the management and enhancement project for the Hannage Brook Meadow and other school land, and hoped that the Town Council would feel able to support this project. Other representatives outlined other aspects of the scheme, and members of the Committee put forward some recommendations. Mr Thompson hoped that the Town Council could issue a letter of support for the project, and consider match funding the scheme.

PEA018/09 Members' Interests in Agenda Items:

None declared.

PEA019/09 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting of the Planning & Environmental Affairs Committee dated 6 July 2009 were confirmed as a correct record.

PEA020/09 Hannage Brook Meadow & other Perimeter and School Land Environmental Management & Enhancement Project – request for funding:

Following the visit of the Anthony Gell School Foundation Trust representatives, Cllrs discussed the project, and the way in which they could be involved.

RECOMM: That a letter of support be sent, and the Council agrees in principle to offer financial assistance, which could be in the form of a concessionary letting for fund raising purposes.

PEA021/09 Japanese Knotweed:

This matter had been referred from full Council in July, as it was felt that the Town Council needed a policy to cover this issue in view of the problem in Wirksworth. Cllr M Ratcliffe had drafted up a policy which he recommended be approved, and he had

also produced an information sheet which could be handed to concerned residents, and which could also be placed on the Council's website.

RECOMM: That the draft policy be approved, and the information sheet be copied for distribution, and placed on the Council's website.

PEA022/09 Town Council Sponsorship – Dog Waste Collection Bags:

Cllr M Ratcliffe drew attention to the problem of dog waste in the town, and suggested that the Town Council might wish to give consideration to sponsoring the supply of dog waste collection bags. He had samples of such bags, and advised that if the Town Council would fund the scheme in the sum of £50, a similar amount could be raised through sponsorship by local firms. A discussion took place on distribution, and Cllr Ratcliffe agreed to pursue this further.

RECOMM: That the Council agrees to fund the proposed scheme in the sum of £50, subject to satisfactory distribution methods being identified.

PEA023/09 Tourist Signs:

Cllr Brown reported that he had spoken with officers of DCC regarding the replacement and supply of new tourist signs for the town centre. DCC were seeking a contribution from the Town Council in the sum of £268.31 towards the total scheme cost of approximately £969. Some concerns were raised relating to the positioning of the sign, and Cllr Brown agreed to take these concerns back to DCC. Cllrs felt that the Town Council could fund this scheme in the sum of £268.31, but on the basis that the Heritage Centre's grant next year be reduced by this amount, as the Council could not set a precedent for funding further tourist signing in the town.

RECOMM: That subject to the concerns being addressed, relating to positioning of the signs, the Council agrees to make a contribution in the sum of £268.31, which will then be reflected in the Heritage Centre's grant next year.

PEA024/09 Planning Applications received:

The views of District Councillors also serving as Town Councillors are based on the information before them at the time of this meeting and they reserve the right to change those views in the light of any further information becoming available.

		RESOLVED: That the following comments be submitted to DDDC:
09/00482/FUL	Replacement windows and door (Article 4) at 1 China Cottage, China House Yard, St Mary's Gate for Mr Craig Turner	No objection
09/00497/FUL	Erection of dwelling of revised design for agricultural worker, formerly Ivy House Farm,	No objection

09/00503/FUL	Breamfield Lane for Mr C D Weightman Single storey extensions at Ivy House Farm, Alderwasley for Mrs Jane Whitworth	No objection
09/00506/FUL	Replacement windows and insertion of new gritstone sills (Article 4) at 29 Cromford Road for Mr Adam Lathbury	No objection
09/00518/FUL	External painting of rendered walls (Article 4) at 17 Coldwell Street for Dr Joshua Sofaer	No objection

PEA025/09 Planning Applications received & returned during recess 2009:

		<i>The following comments have been submitted to DDDC on behalf of the Town Council:</i>
09/00373/FUL	3 rooflights to rear elevation at 20 Cromford Road for Mr Alex Cave	No objection
09/00374/FUL	Alterations and extensions to outbuildings (Article 4) at 17 Cromford Road for Mr & Mrs D Hodkin	No objection
09/00383/FUL	Conversion and extension of garage to provide additional living accommodation at 6 Meadow End for Mr Alistair Marshall	No objection
09/00298/FUL	Variation of Condition 9 on permission 08/00267/FUL to allow Units 3, 4 and 5 to be used for uses in Use Classes B1 (Light Industrial) or B8 (Storage) at Water Lane for Mr Daryl Barnes	Concerns are raised over the likelihood of increased traffic along Water Lane and in the vicinity of the Health & Leisure Centre. It is also probable that it will impact adversely on neighbouring residents
09/00348/LBALT	Alterations to listed building – internal alterations comprising partition walls and insertion of 2 rooflights into roof slope at 17 St Johns Street for Mr Paul Webb	Provided conservation criteria are met there are no objections to this application

09/00363/ADVL	Erection of 1 externally illuminated and 4 non-illuminated fascia signs at the Red Lion Hotel, Market Place for Mr Philip Higton	An acceptable application which should meet the conservation requirements for this location
09/00394/FUL	Erection of office building (Use Class B1) and formation of associated access and parking, land off Coldwell Street for G W Housley & Son Ltd	After a long period of negotiation with the Planning Department it is hoped that a desirable solution has been reached. The Town Council have no objections to the present application
09/99414/FUL	Replacement windows and doors (Article 4) at 18 Cromford Road for Mr Mark Sixsmith	A very welcome development – no objections
09/00404/FUL	Two storey rear extension, single storey front extension, insertion of 2 dormer windows and erection of garage at 9 Summer Lane for Mr Mark Waterfall	Any impact or intrusion into the amenities of neighbouring properties should be addressed but in principle the extensions are acceptable
09/434/FUL	Erection of garage at Kentwood Cottage, Wash Green for Mrs Janet Evans	The principle of removing parked cars from the roadside on Wash Green is to be welcomed
09/00438/FUL	Change of use of premises from business use (Use Class B1) to mixed use storage and distribution (Use Class B8) and retail (Use Class B1) at Unit 3, Water Lane for Rev Timothy Heard.	This application encompasses retail use as well as the same distribution facility previously applied for by the developer. The former application was objected to by both local residents and the Town Council. The Town Council have the same concerns with this application, and it is likely local residents would also have the same concerns. The Town Council would like to ask for a Committee decision on this application.

09/00467/FUL	Erection of dwellinghouse (modifications to planning permission 07/00197/FUL) at 50 Wash Green for Mr Alan Foord	The Town Council feel the development must be controlled and sympathetic to the aesthetics of the streetscape.
09/00469/FUL	Extension to agricultural building, extension to hardstanding and improvements to agricultural access track , land adjacent to 11A Little Bolehill for Mr D Sheldon	The Town Council would wish to note the concern of increasing development on this site.
09/00481/FUL	Erection of 2 link detached dwellings and associated access, land at Canterbury Terrace for Mr Dan Slack	This is a relatively small site close to leisure, school, health and light industrial buildings. The original consent was for a single dwelling; this application for 2 houses is overbearing and will have a detrimental impact. There are concerns from neighbouring residential properties over the impact of such a development on their amenity space (light and views)

PEA026/09 Planning Decisions:

09/00255/FUL	Replacement front door and erection of garden shed (Article 4) at 14 Cromford Road for Mr David Lawrence	Granted with conditions
09.00319/FUL	Construction of silage clamp at Highfield Barnes, Oakerthorpe Road, Bolehill for Mr S & M Holmes	Granted with conditions
09/00324/FUL	Erection of boundary gate (Article 4) at 1 Gilkin Cottages, Wash Green for Mr B Vera-Arnanz	Granted with conditions
09/00336/FUL	Replacement of window with door (Article 4) at 15 West end for Louise Sullivan	Granted with conditions
09/00370/FUL	Replacement of flat roof over domestic store with pitched roof at 3 Little Bolehill for Mr & Mrs Spencer	Granted with conditions
09/00373/FUL	Insertion of 2 rooflights to rear elevation and	Granted with

	replacement windows (Article 4) at 20 Cromford Road for Mr D Ridding	conditions
09/00374/FUL	Alterations and extension to outbuildings (Article 4) at 17 Cromford Road for Mr & Mrs D Hodkin	Granted with conditions
09/00383/FUL	Conversion and extension of garage to provide additional living accommodation at 6 Meadow End for Mr Alistair Marshal	Granted with conditions
CD3/0609/68	Installation of new playground furniture, new soft play surface and replacement of existing playground perimeter fence at Wirksworth Infant School, Harrison Drive for DCC	Granted with conditions

The meeting closed at 7.45 pm

Chairman