

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF PLAISTOW AND IFOLD'S PLANNING COMMITTEE

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 20 November 2013 commencing at 7.30pm in WINTERTON HALL

* Present

Committee Chairman
Councillors

* Councillor John Kirby (C)
* Councillor Ronnie Perrin
* Councillor Stuart East (as Council Chairman)
Councillor David Lugton
Councillor Vivien Forwood
Councillor Sallie Baker
* Councillor David Ribbens

9/13) REPRESENTATIONS BY THE PUBLIC

There was a representation by Mr Harvey Morey regarding Planning application 13/03569/OUT, Camellia. He spoke of grave concerns over drainage and explained local knowledge of the serious flooding problems with the site. Currently there are two ditches which provide some relief to the ongoing flooding issues but that the proposed development will reduce the provision to only one. It was noted that CDC's Environment Agency (EA) had reported that there were no flooding events which is not true. Mr Morey had spoken with both Southern Water and the EA and neither organisation showed any interest in the concerns from local residents about the sanitation problems caused by flooded sewage drains. It was noted that when the area floods, the covers of the drains are pushed off by the flow of flood waters.

Cllr Ribbens suggested reporting this fact to the Public Health Department at CDC.

There was a representation from Mr Peter Simmons regarding planning application 13/03585/FUL, Kogala. He wished to reiterate the same problems as the proposed development at Camellia. There are serious problems once again with flooding and drainage and stated that when the regular flooding events occur, the sewer backs up and the flow of sewage and flood waters enter neighbouring properties such as Maybank and then flow directly into the stream.

10/13) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Cllrs Forwood, Baker and Lugton.

11/13) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of Pecuniary or non-Pecuniary interests in relation to any items included on the agenda in accordance with **THE LOCALISM ACT 2011** and the **Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012**.

12/13) MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on the 22nd of October 2013 were agreed and signed as a true record.

13/13) MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

The chairman spoke of Crouchlands and a letter received dated the 15th of October from the assistant management enforcement team. It was noted that there were now 5 mobile homes on the site along with the bio-digesters.

He further spoke of Hardnips Barn and reported that although planning permission had been given for only 2 mobile homes, there are now 5 and building work is now commencing on a house.

ACTION: Clerk to speak with Reg Hawks in enforcement.

14/13) PLANNING APPLICATIONS

13/03585/FUL – The council strongly **OBJECTS** to the application on the following grounds:

The proposed application is overdevelopment. The council has grave concerns regarding flooding and drainage and the impact this will have on the local ecology due to sanitation problems caused by overflowing sewage drains and cesspits.

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13/03569/OUT – The council strongly **OBJECTS** to the application on the following grounds:

The proposed site is prone to severe flooding events and the removal of one of the two ditches will have a serious impact on sanitation due to flooded sewage drains and cesspits. The council wishes to agree with CDC's Environment Officer, Liz Rogers, in her report that the application must ensure no net loss of habitat and biodiversity and that the ditches should be retained. The council wish to report that there are no pavements on this narrow section of Chalk Road or the main road for safe passage of pedestrians especially the primary school children and the children using the school bus twice a day. Further Highways Infrastructure concerns regarding the loss of sightlines with the access from Chalk Road, which is a public bridleway, onto the main road and the proposal of a dangerous entrance onto the Loxwood Road. Noted that there have been two accidents on this section of road in the past year.

13/03273/DOM – Noted that the extension is a little too close to the boundary of the property but that the council gives **NO OBJECTION**.

13/03662/FUL –The council **OBJECTS** to the application on the following grounds:

The proposed development touches the Settlement Policy (SPA) line and is overdevelopment. The development would give a cramped appearance and a negative visual impact in this rural location.

14/13) PLANNING DECISIONS

None Noted.

15/13) DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Due to the proposed Neighbourhood Plan Meeting on the 11th of December, it was **AGREED** that the next planning meeting would be rescheduled for the 18th of December 2013.

Meeting closed - 8pm

Mrs REBECCA KNIFTON ACILEX

Clerk

Chairman:.....

Dated: