

PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

25 February 2009

Committee Members present: Cllrs B Garlick, D Brown, J Atkins, Mrs D Crook,
C Grayhurst, L Baldock, Mrs B Keeley,
Miss A Moloney.

Other Councillors present:: Cllr D Keeley, L Withey
Mrs. S Hunter (Town Clerk)

Members of the Public present. Mr P Hickmott, Mr M Rushman, Ms. R Blackburn (KCC)

1. Apologies for Absence
Apologies were received from Cllrs C Block and Ms. K Woolley.
2. Declaration of Interest
Cllrs D Keeley, Miss A Moloney, L Withey - Borough Councillors on Area 3 Planning.
Cllrs Mrs Crook and Miss A Moloney – Community Association.
3. Matters arising from the Minutes of the meeting held on 21 January 2009
There were no matters arising.
4. Questions from the Public
 - 4.1 Mr Hickmott raised concerns that no consultation of the local residents had taken place regarding works at the entrance to Nevill Park, at the bottom of Sharnal lane.
A conversation took place some time ago with Cllr Miss Moloney and one of the local residents about tidying up the area and planting bulbs and shrubs.
A group of local residents decided that this would be the weekend to do this and went ahead. The clearing had already taken place when Town Councillors were asked to attend and see what was happening.
The residents were unaware they should have contacted the Town Council for permission to carry out this work, and this will be addressed by the council.
Pyracantha has been planted to shield a neighbouring fence, and Cllr Mrs Crook will visit this resident to inform them.
 - 4.2 Rebecca Blackburn of KCC gave a presentation on 'parish community self help plans'.
A copy of the templates for the plan will be forwarded to the clerk for distribution to the Council and interested parties. Costs for risk assessments and public liability insurance would be met by KCC and they also offer free training. There is no deadline for a plan to be set up.
Ms. Blackburn left the meeting.

The Chairman informed the meeting that item 5.2.3 would be taken first.

5. Planning Applications
 - 5.1 Decisions received
These are in the Office for perusal.
 - 5.2 Applications for consideration
The Chairman suspended standing orders to allow Mr Rushman to make comment and answer questions.

- 5.2.3 TM/08/03753 – Former Holborough Quarry and Adjoining land Parcel Holborough - Erection of apartment building with provision of a Gymnasium to the ground floor with alternative A1, A2 and A3 use classes within Phase 4 of the former Holborough Quarry Development. - No objection
The Chairman re-instated standing orders.
- 5.2.1 TM/08/03126 – Land Part of former British Gas site Church Field – Details of interpretation boards submitted pursuant to condition 19 of Planning permission TM/04/04078. – No objection
- 5.2.2 TM/08/03439 – Downsview – Construction of bowls club including bowling green, Pavilion fencing, footpath and landscaping. – No objection in principal, remain to be convinced that this is the optimum location.
- 5.2.4 TM/08/03778 – Land adjacent to Clocktower Mews – 4 no. single bedroom flats (re-submission of TM/08/01663) – No objection
- 5.2.5 TM/09/TEMP/0003 – St Katherine’s School – Construction of a building to provide accommodation for a staff ‘planning, preparation and assessment’ (PPA) facility and an extended hours activity centre – No objection
- 5.2.6 TM/09/00048 – 1 East Street – Details of external materials etc – No objection
- 5.2.7 TM/09/00071 – 69 Lucas Rd – Two Storey side and single storey rear extension - No objection
- 5.2.8 TM/09/00072 – Snodland Paper Mill – Conversion of existing finished paper store to bailing plant to enable up to 50,000 tonnes/annum of loose waste paper to be baled before being processed into packaging grade paper – No objection
- 5.2.9 TM/09/00149 – 43 Alisander Close – Extension of existing driveway – No objection
- 5.2.10 TM/09/00210 – 90 High Street – Conversion of shop and living accommodation into 1 x 2 bed and 3 x 1 bed flats. – No objection
- 5.2.11 TM/09/00230 – Former Holborough Quarry – Erection of a building containing 6 Apartments and a gymnasium to the ground floor with alternative A1, A2 and A3 use classes within phase three of the former Holborough Quarry – No objection
- 5.2.12 TM/09/00232 – 81 Church Field – Infill existing ground floor garage in order to form new living and kitchen space – No objection
- 5.2.13 TM/09/00250 – 3 Birling Rd – Proposed side and rear single storey extension – No objection
- 5.2.14 TM/08/03618 – Former Holborough Quarry – Revised Matters – Noted - Extra parking for future phases

6. Surplus Land at Catts Alley

Correspondence from Mr Beswarick dated 18 February 2009 received stating that a drawing is being prepared showing proposed access to the footpath and land ownership checks are taking place.

7. Correspondence

- 7.1 O2 Prior consultation with local planning authority – re Snodland Telephone Exchange. This is in the office for perusal.
- 7.2 A road closure will take place at East Street on 6 April for one week for a new electrical supply to be installed. A diversion will be in place.

- 7.3 A request from TMBC for a street name for the 'Sports Ground development' has been received.

RESOLVED - Cantium Place.

The Clerk will contact Wards and TMBC requesting the sign for 'Pavilion Place' is removed.

- 7.4 KCC withdrawal of planning application TM/98/785/R24 – Holborough Quarry Cement Works, chalk quarry and ancillary development.

- 7.5 Notification from Kent Highways re the closing of the level crossing for railway maintenance on 2 May 2009 from 23.00 hrs – 3 May 2008 to 08.00 hrs, and 3 May from 21.00 hrs – 4 May 2009 to 05.00 hrs.

The clerk has contacted Kent Highways to see if the water leak at the crossing can be fixed at the same time. KCC contacted the water company and they are waiting for a reply.

Councillors requested the clerk follows this up again, as the water leak is getting worse.

8. Section 38 Agreement Catts Alley

The committee agreed the document is in order.

9. Any other items which the Chairman has decided are urgent owing to special Circumstances

There were no other items.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.15pm