

PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

2 July 2008

Committee Members present: Cllrs B Garlick (Chairman), D Brown (Vice Chairman)
J Atkins, Mrs D Crook, L Baldock, Mrs B Keeley

Council Members present: Cllr D Keeley
Mrs. S Hunter (Town Clerk)

Members of the Public present: Mr P Hickmott, Mr D Lavery, Mr P Gunning

1. Apologies for Absence
Apologies were received from Cllrs C Grayhurst and Miss A Moloney.
2. Declaration of Interest
Cllr D Crook – Chair of the Community Association
Cllr D Keeley is a Borough Councillor on Area 3 Planning Committee
3. Matters arising from the Minutes of the meeting held on 19 May 2008
 - 3.1 Cllr Atkins asked about the road signs for Holborough Park. The Clerk has requested these from KCC Highways, although the Council will have to wait for KCC to get back.
Cllr Atkins requested that this be put on all agendas until resolved.
 - 3.2 Cllr D Brown asked about Item 8 – Brook Street Bridge. The District Valuer's report is on its way to the Council.
4. Open Forum
 - 4.1 Mr Gunning would like to listen to the discussion regarding Item 5.2.6.
 - 4.2 Mr Hickmott and Mr Lavery came to clarify rumours they had heard regarding the Jazz/Beer Festival this coming Saturday. Mr Hickmott said there appeared to be a misconception that the Council is paying for the Jazz Band. The Jazz Band will be paid for by Mr Hickmott, who will also purchase the beer for the real ale tent. Many people had contacted Mr Hickmott requesting that the real ale and jazz night happened again this year; this is why he had approached the Council to use the Cricket Meadow.
Regarding the 'rumour', the Council Committee had not heard of this, and stated that it was not true. The Clerk's understanding was that this would be a Council event covered by the Council staff.
The sale of the real ale by Mr Hickmott would cover the cost of the Jazz Band, therefore not incurring costs to the Council. Any ale left over would be sold on Mr Hickmott's stall at the Carnival, with a donation being made to the charity chosen by the Carnival Committee.
Mr Hickmott said that any proceeds from the real ale stall at the Carnival would be going to the Twinning Association, this had been decided at a Twinning Meeting three weeks ago. The Clerk had not been informed of this.
Mrs Comber and Mrs Tipp would be helping Mr Hickmott on a voluntary basis, and Mr Streatfield will deliver the marquees etc to the Cricket Pavilion on Friday afternoon and collect them on Monday morning. The Committee agreed this would be a good idea.

Mr Hickmott and Mr Lavery left the meeting.

5. Planning Applications

5.1 Decisions received

In the Office for perusal.

5.2 Applications for consideration

- 5.2.6 TM/08/01672 - Mulberry Cottage, 73 High Street – Listed building – application: creation of new downstairs WC and shower room and removal of upstairs bathroom fittings to create a third bedroom - No objection

(Mr Gunning left the meeting)

- 5.2.1 TM/08/01083 – Sportsground Snodland bypass – Reserved matters (comprising details of layout, access, scale, landscaping and appearance submitted pursuant to condition 1 of permission 04/025
- No objection
- 5.2.2 TM/08/01402 – 103 Townsend Road – Two storey rear extension – No objection
- 5.2.3 TM/08/01628 – Rail Line Banks, Snodland – Boundary fence – vegetation clearance and some mixed broadleaved deciduous trees a quarter of a mile on approach to the station. Includes area behind up direction platform. Part of Kent Autumn preparation – No objection
- 5.2.4 TM/08/01630 - 15 Taylor Road – Rear conservatory – No objection
- 5.2.5 TM/08/01666 - 12 Gorham Close – Front extension – No objection
- 5.2.7 TM/08/01733 – 48 Hollow Lane – Two storey side extension and detached garage – No objection
- 5.2.8 TM/08/01753 – All Saints Church, Church Field – Remove 2no. sycamore trees growing too close to church wall boundary – No objection
- 5.2.9 TM/08/01756 – Former Holborough Quarry – Revised reserved matters for Phase 4 incorporating revised layout and 11no. additional residential units with the private housing element submitted pursuant to conditions 1, 7, 8 and 9 of permission 01/02746 – No objection
- 5.2.10 TM/08/01846 – Former Holborough Quarry – Details of local area for play for Phase 4 submitted pursuant to legal obligation on permission 01/02746
- No objection
- 5.2.11 TM/08/00998 – Scout Hall, Holborough Road – Replacement scout hut to accommodate increased number of scouts and to replace dilapidated building – No objection - STC Strongly Support
- 5.2.12 TM/08/01754 - 5 Malling Road – Creation of separate residential unit and erection of external staircase – No objection
- 5.2.13 TM/08/01755 - Phase 4 site of plots 55 to 72 Former Holborough Quarry – Erection of an apartment building with provision for convenience store to part of ground floor within Phase 4 of the former Holborough Quarry development – No objection
- 5.2.14 TM/08/01757 - Former Holborough Quarry – Erection of temporary sales and marketing suite and construction of access road, car parking, footpaths, exercise trail and pontoon to lake – No objection

6. Snodland Riverside Project

Cllr D Brown reported that the Heritage Lottery fund had given a substantial sum to Medway for the enhancement of historical riverside. This could dissuade them from giving us a grant for our riverside project. When we are ready to make applications we will need bear this in mind.

Cllr Brown is hoping to have a meeting with Dr Ashbee in the near future.

7. Catts Alley – Paydens Ltd

We have received a letter from The Surveyors Partnership offering to place an extended footpath to the vehicular access gate for the Doctors' Surgery and request the Council's permission. This will be at no cost to the Council.

RECOMMENDED – reply STC are minded to grant permission for you to perform this operation on its land, which you have kindly offered to fund. This will be an asset to the public in Snodland.

8. Footpath MR594 Inquiry

A meeting will take place on 29 October 2008 at 10 am in the Community Centre regarding footpath MR594.

9. Surplus Land at Catts Alley

This item will be discussed in Part II of the meeting.

10. Correspondence

10.1 The Council has received notification from KCC that MR48 will remain as a public footpath.

10.2 The South East Regional Framework will be in the Office for perusal.

11. Any other items which the Chairman has decided are urgent owing to special circumstances

There were no other items.

The Chairman moved that the press and public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.