

ARLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Arlington Parish Council held on 17th January 2019 at 7.30pm in Arlington Village Hall

PRESENT: Cllr M Garner (Chairman), J Parsons, P Stenning, J Sellars, V Radtke and N Kinghorn.

IN ATTENDANCE: County Councillor N Bennett, A Stevens (Clerk) Barry Ling (Bedes), Jonathan Northway (Bedes) and four members of the public were also present.

102. PUBLIC SESSION

Mr Page, the applicant for WD/2018/2733/LDE (The Old Stables, The Street, Arlington), described his application. He would like to use the bungalow as a self-contained dwelling house permanently.

Mr Ling, on behalf of Bede's School, spoke about the school's application for a road calming scheme. He said Bede's has taken on board the comments made at a recent public consultation and those made by UDDRS. The Scheme aims to calm traffic through the village.

Councillor Bennett said the ESCC consultation on the Core Offer has now closed and the lobbying of Ministers was successful. The County Council still needs to find savings of £46m but the figure could be reduced by £12m. This is however dependant on the outcome of Brexit. Most who responded to the Core Offer Consultation agreed they would pay more tax if it meant saving some services.

Councillor White was unable to attend this meeting but sent a written report in which he said; 'There has been one meeting of Planning Committee South (since the last Parish Council Meeting) at which the new dwelling on the stables at the rear of Henties was approved. Otherwise the only matter of note is that Wealden has now let its waste contract to Biffa who will take over the collections from June'.

103. APOLOGES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Parish Councillor J Robinson-Sivyer and were accepted by those present.

District Councillors David White and Mark Pinkney also sent apologies for their absence.

104. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND CHANGES TO THE REGISTER OF INTERESTS.

There were no declarations of interests nor were there any changes to the Register of Interests.

105. MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 13th DECEMBER 2018.

The Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on the 13th December 2018 were read, approved by all and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

106. PLANNING

a. Planning Applications:

WD/2018/2508/F - St Bedes School, Camberlot Road, Upper Dicker BN27 3QH - Proposed improvements to the public highway involving improvements to footways and the provision of mini-roundabouts at the junctions of Coldharbour Road with Camberlot Road and Michelham Priory roads – Arlington Parish Council voted by four votes to one in favour of this application. Councillors said;

- 1) that after ten or eleven years of continual or aborted attempts to introduce some control over traffic speed through the village, we would be arguably negligent not to take advantage of this opportunity that school funding will provide. There is no possibility at the present time from ESCC Highways or any other source becoming available, so the school's funded scheme is the only realistic opportunity we have for the foreseeable future.
- 2) There will inevitably be some dissent from a few people in the community, but it is hoped that the majority will be aware of and understand the situation, and will be prepared to go along with what is effectively the

only opportunity we have to get something done. While the scheme is perhaps not perfect – even half a loaf is usually better than no loaf at all.

- 3) As The School is financing the scheme and has largely negotiated it, there is no chance of it being changed or enhanced any further. To reach the present point the School has endured 3-4 years of ongoing difficulty, requiring three changes of their consultants and many obstacle-strewn meetings with ESCC Highways in order to secure Highways acceptance of a scheme that conforms with their necessary requirements.

One councillor objected to the application and one abstained. Councillors who did not support the scheme said they felt the scheme should include the recommendations of UDDRs, it should include the whole village and it will lead to congestion.

WD/2018/2733/LDE - The Old Stables, The Street, Arlington, BN26 6RY - Construction of a bungalow known as 'The Old Stables'. Use of 'The Old Stables' as a self-contained residential dwelling house (Class C3) – Arlington Parish Council has no objections to this application and can support the statement which says it was in continuous use as a residence between the 1st July 2015 and the 20th November 2016.

WD/2019/0069/F - 2 Plough Cottages, Coldharbour Road, Upper Dicker, BN27 3QB - Proposed extension to side elevation and associated alterations - Alternative to approved design under WD/2017/1269/F – Arlington Parish Council supports this application as long as the design and materials used are in keeping with the existing building. No removal or cutting back of trees/hedges will be required, no new or altered vehicle or pedestrian access is required or proposed and the proposed extension will be screened by the existing high hedge, and have minimal impact to the east.

- b. Approved Planning Applications – The following planning applications have been approved by Wealden District Council;

WD/2018/2382/F - Orchard House, Coldharbour Road, Upper Dicker BN27 3QD - Demolition of existing UPVC conservatory and construction of two storey rear extension with replacement windows.

WD/2018/2301/F - The Mount, Camberlot Road, Upper Dicker, BN27 3RH - Construction of new two storey extension and bay to existing living room.

WD/2018/2098/FR - Robin Post House, Robin Post Lane, Hailsham, BN27 3RA - Retrospective applications for the retention of two-metre high close-boarded boundary fence (Re-submission of WD/2017/2149/FR).

WD/2018/1609/F - The Plough, Coldharbour Road, Upper Dicker BN27 3QJ - Proposed erection of external bar servery.

WD/2016/1535/F - The Village Shop and Post Office, Providence House, Coldharbour Road, Upper Dicker, BN27 3QE - Continued use of premises as both shop and cafe - A1 and A3 use. Installation of new extractor fan duct and flue to rear of building.

WD/2016/1540/LB - The Village Shop and Post Office, Providence House, Coldharbour Road, Upper Dicker, BN27 3QE - Removal of existing extractor ducting at rear of building. Making good of existing hole in wall to the same style as current brick wall. Installation of new extractor flue at rear of building.

WD/2018/2394/F - Primrose Farm, Caneheath, Arlington, BN26 6SJ - Replacement porch.

WD/2018/2457/F - Holy Trinity Church, Coldharbour Road, Upper Dicker - New external oil fired boiler on the west elevation.

- b. Planning Matters – Councillor Parsons attended the Planning Committee South Meeting on 16th January where application WD/2018/1345/F (Demolition of stables to the rear of Henties:erection of new two bedroom bungalow on the site) was discussed. There were no speakers to speak in favour of it and there were two speakers speaking against it. Both speakers stated that the application represents over-development of an unsuitable small area, further aggravating the problems already existing – ie; access being via a private unmade lane with no surface drainage or facility for vehicles to turn or exit. Vehicular access to the proposed bungalow is across land understood to be owned by the neighbouring property, Henties. From Coldharbour Road access into the lane is across a pedestrian pavement busy with Bede's School students passing to/from the village shop. Visibility exiting the lane is seriously restricted due to a long line of residents' cars legally parked on Coldharbour Road. Two conditions were requested, one requiring the developer to fully make up,

surface and install suitable drainage on the lane (including the entrance to Henties), the other requiring the contractors to consult and work in harmony with residents to ensure necessary access 24/7 for the duration of the works.

For Wealden the Planning and Development Manager Mr Bending stated that making good the lane surface, drainage and the question of safe access is a Civil matter for Highways, Developers and Residents, and not a planning issue. Cllr White asserted that the lane concerned was private, and it must therefore be a planning requirement to ensure these matters were covered before consent is granted.

A vote was taken, which resulted in 10 councillors in favour, with one abstention. It was agreed that drainage and surfacing of the lane can take place when arrangements for ground level works are agreed.

107. FINANCE.

To approve list of payments – Councillors resolved to accept and approve the list of payments to the 17th January 2019 which totalled £1414.10

1941	Barcombe Landscapes – Hedge cutting	£ 600.00
1942	Recycling Partnership – Bin Emptying	£ 34.61
1943	A Stevens – Salary	£ 569.10
1944	ESCC – Pension	£ 210.39
1945	Arlington Village Hall – Hall Hire	£ 22.00

- b. To approve the accounts to date – Councillors **resolved** to approve the accounts to 31st December 2018.

108. HIGHWAYS –

The Parish Council received a request from a member of the public who was concerned about road safety in Tye Hill Lane.

Councillor Stenning subsequently met County Councillor Bennett near Tye Hill Cottage where the road is very narrow and has no passing points so it means that when two vehicles meet, one has to reverse 200m round a dangerous bend. County Councillor Bennett said he will talk to officers and see if they can find a solution. If they are unable to Councillors will see what, if anything, they can do.

109. **RISK ASSESSMENTS** – Councillors considered and noted the risk assessment of the telephone kiosk, defibrillator, fingerpost and noticeboard (in Arlington) risk assessments for October, November and December.

Councillors noted that the noticeboard outside the Yew Tree in Arlington is in a poor state of repair and agreed to ask a local carpenter to price to make another because the header board is special because it depicts the South Downs.

Councillor Parsons will see if he can get the Upper Dicker noticeboard re-varnished.

Councillors Radtke and Stenning agreed to meet at the Recreation Ground and investigate the recommendations made in the ROSPA Report.

110. **ALLOTMENTS** – All allotments have now been allocated.

111. **VILLAGE GREEN PROJECT** – The gravel boards have yet to be fitted. The Clerk will chase the contractor up.

112. REPORTS AND QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS –

Councillor Kinghorn asked if we should encourage residents to attend meetings in Dicker Links. Councillors also discussed the advantages of sending out a newsletter to residents. Councillor Radtke offered to draft one and bring it to the next meeting for further discussion.

Councillor Parsons reported that Highways have done a good job sorting out the drainage problems by the Recreation Ground, under Coldharbour Road but there is still a hole in the fence and children could run out onto the road. The Parish Council has tried to fill in the hole but the fencing they had fitted was removed. Councillor Parsons and Garner will see if they can fit something more secure.

113. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA –

- Allotment Rents
- ROSPA Report

114. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - The next meeting will be the Full Council Meeting which will take place on Thursday 21st February 2019 at 7.30pm at Upper Dicker Village Hall.

There being no further business, this meeting closed at 8:30pm.