

nature of the scheme that Wealden would support. He added that in 25-30 years of dealing with planners that this was the first time that this had happened to him

He then invited questions from those present.

Residents and Councillors asked the following questions;

- how this area can be suitable for development when Follinger's Field is not. They said such a development will have a massive impact on neighbouring properties and suggested other sites would be better for such a development.
- how many cars are allowed for – it is two cars for each two or three bedroom homes.
- whether the Planning Officer has breached any Code of Conduct by calling the applicant.
- whether the Jubilee Trees will be lost as a result of this development – the Parish Council is in the process of seeking Tree Preservation Orders for them.
- why the Coach House is not being reinstated.
- why neighbours have not been consulted earlier when talks have already taken place.

Mr Stillman confirmed that Wealden District Council is the driving force for this development.

Councillors agreed that when they are formally asked to comment on this application they will ask the District Councillor to call it to the Planning Committee.

The meeting then opened.

81. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Parish Councillor English and Parish Councillor Brass. Apologies were also accepted from District Councillor Ede.

82. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS - The minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 2nd November 2015 were amended, approved and signed as a true and accurate record.

83. CLERK'S REPORT ON MATTER'S ARISING – All matter's arising are covered elsewhere in these minutes.

84. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST: There were no disclosures of interest nor were there any changes to the Register of Interests.

85. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE MEETINGS – Councillor Shonfeld and White attended Planning Training in October and noted;

- when considering new developments Wealden favours more Affordable Housing.
- Parish Councils are asked to give reasons why they approve planning applications.

Councillor White attended the East Sussex Association of Local Council's Annual General Meeting in November where Parish Councils were being encouraged to;

- develop a Flood Risk Plan.
- apply for funding from the National Association of Local Councils to help meet the requirements of the Transparency Code.

86. PLANNING APPLICATIONS – The following application was considered;

WD2015/2591F – Little Meadow Stud, Church Lane – Extension of existing portal frame agricultural barn to provide covered machinery store and workshop. (Amendment to scheme approved under application WD2015/1886F) – Chalvington with Ripe Parish Council has no objections to this application on any planning grounds.

87. PARISH HOUSING DESIGN STATEMENT – Councillors agreed to give regard to the nineteen design points listed on page 249 of the new Wealden Local Plan and the planning criteria in the letter sent by Kelvin Williams, Head of Planning at Wealden District Council dated 24th November 2015. The Clerk will circulate paper copies of both to Councillors at the next meeting.

88. WEALDEN LOCAL PLAN – Councillors **resolved** to put notices in the notice boards and in the village magazine inviting land owners to submit sites for possible development within the new Local Plan.

89. FINGERPOST AT LANGTYE LANE – Councillors considered a price to replace the fingerpost at Langtye Lane and asked the Clerk to get a second price from another contractor.

90. PARISH NOTICE BOARDS – Work cannot go ahead to replace the cork board because one of the noticeboards has been obscured by scaffolding. The Clerk will notify the contractor and Councillor Webb will let the Clerk know when the scaffolding has been removed.

91. BERWICK SOLAR FARM – Councillors **resolved** to approve the Draft Indemnity Agreement CC/MC078. The Clerk will now notify Wealden who will then issue the formal documents for the Parish Council to execute. Councillors agreed the Clerk and the Chairman will then sign the formal document.

92. TREE PRESERVATION ORDER – Councillor Ward has met Wealden District Council's Arboriculturist and applied for a Tree Preservation Order for the ten horse chestnut trees in Church Lane. The Parish Council is still waiting to hear back from Wealden District Council.

This item will be removed from future agendas until the Parish Council has more news.

93. VILLAGE PLAN – This item is to be removed from future agendas until the Parish Council has further updates.

94. THE LAMB – The Clerk has emailed Shepherd Neame on a weekly basis since the last Full Council Meeting but the maintenance works have still not been carried out.

Councillor Dunbar Dempsey has contacted a Senior Planning Officer at Wealden and understands a developer has been speaking to them. The officer understands that the pub is 'under offer'. Chris Wright from the Pubs Advisory Service has also written to Shepherd Neame pointing out their dereliction of duty to the community.

95. CHEQUES FOR PAYMENT – The Financial Reports to 27th November 2015 were circulated to all Councillors.

The following cheques were approved for payment;

Alison Stevens - Salary
Inland Revenue – PAYE

Cheque number 100919
Cheque number 100920

96. QUESTIONS FROM PARISH COUNCILLORS –

Councillor Dunbar Dempsey asked planning applications for developments can be considered 'in round'.

Councillor White asked if;

- residents are aware of an article in the Firlie magazine which warns there is a gang who are attacking drivers by making them slow down by either leaving a child seat by the side of the road or by throwing eggs at their windscreen.
- if the Parish Council would like to consider having a defibrillator in the parish.

There being no further questions from Parish Councillors, the meeting closed at 8.55pm.