

# FRAMFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of a Planning Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, 7 January 2009, at 7 pm in Memorial Hall, Framfield.

Present: Maria Naylor (Chair), David Andrews, Brian Hodge, Peter Friend, Rob Newton, Fred Thurston and Eryl Thomas.

In attendance: Ann Newton (Clerk) Public: Five.

### 1. Apologies.

Rita Redman.

### 2. Declarations of Interest.

There were none.

### 3. Minutes of the Last Meeting for Approval.

It was agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 10 December 2008 having been circulated, be approved, adopted and signed as a correct record.

### 4. Planning applications for consideration - (comments denoted in italics and underlined)

- **WD/2008/3005/F – Change of use to C3 and D1 and extension to private clinic. High Tree House, Eastbourne Road, Uckfield.**  
*The Parish Council objects strongly to this application. Their comments are very similar to those submitted for the last application, which was subsequently refused by WDC (WD/2008/0710/F).*  
*The Parish Council objects to both of the issues: the additional extension constitutes over development of the site and to the change of use to a clinic as the residential location is considered to be unsuitable for a business use that attracts a number of regular clients each day causing traffic problems to the other residents of the lane. It is acknowledged that the applicant has the benefit of limited use of the premises as a consultancy office but that this should not be increased.*  
*The application has been resubmitted solely on the basis of the reduction in speed limit of the Eastbourne Road, one of the main issues in the previous refusal. However, the Parish Council considers that the construction of the roundabout, which will serve as the only access for over 200 houses thus enormously increasing nearby vehicle movements and traffic density, has significantly worsened the road conditions for access to the lane which serves High Tree House and the neighbouring properties. There is no safe way for vehicles to enter or leave the site; indeed, councillors found that they could not turn left into the site when approaching from the south and had to travel beyond the lane, go right around the roundabout and turn right, a manoeuvre not ideal in itself. The Parish Council notes that although Highways will not recommend refusal they still state that 'the layout of the access is not ideal due to its acute angle with the carriageway of Eastbourne Road'. For these reasons the Parish Council asks that WDC refuses this application on similar grounds to the previous one.*
- **WD/2008/2929/F – Redevelopment of existing covered/open storage building into secure workshop/storage building. Removal of two-storey portacabin office. Change of use from storage yard and distribution to workshop and storage yard.**  
**The Yard, Bird in Eye Hill, Uckfield.**  
*The two applicants were in attendance and gave a detailed description of their proposals. Three Uckfield residents were also in attendance to voice their concerns over the apparent noise levels in the early morning. Following discussion between the various parties, it was realised that the noise emanated from the previous occupants of the site who have only just left – a scaffolding company. The new occupants gave assurance that the noise levels should be reduced, as the type of business was different.*

The Parish Council supports this application on the grounds that the proposals would be an improvement to what is currently on the site. However there should be no floodlighting and any light for security purposes should be operated on a movement based detector. The PC appreciated the residents concerns over noise but following discussion felt that they were historical as they emanated from the previous occupant, a scaffolding company.

- **WD/2008/2777/AN – Sign to advertise business.  
Foxdown Construction Ltd, Bird in Eye Hill, Framfield.**  
The Parish Council supports this application in principle for a sign but subject to the agreement of Highways on the correct positioning.
- **WD/2008/3016/F – Log cabin mobile home for owner/manager.  
Honeys Green Caravan Park, Halland.**  
The Parish Council supports this application on the grounds that this established, busy tourist caravan site needs someone permanently on site for safety and security reasons.
- **WD/2008/2937/FR – Retrospective application for change of use from store to rural workshop (B1).  
Unit B6 Brownings Farm Craft Workshops, Lewes Road, Blackboys.**  
The Parish Council supports this retrospective application as long as appropriate screening is put in place to protect the privacy of the occupants of the Coach House.

## **5. For Information.**

### WDC Approvals

WD/2008/2757/F – 5 Palehouse Common, Framfield.  
Erection of single storey rear and side extension.

### WDC Refusals

WD/2008/2303/F – Installation of sand school and stable block.  
Palehouse Farm, Palehouse Common, Framfield.

## **6. Any Other Business at the Discretion of the Chair.**

There was none.

## **7. Next Planning Committee Meeting: scheduled for Wednesday, 28 January 2009 at 7 pm in the Memorial Hall, Framfield.**

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