

**PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REMOTE MEETING**  
**HELD ON 13<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2020 AT 6.06PM**

**Present:**

Cllr U Arnold                      Cllr E Kelly  
Cllr S Brooke                      Cllr A Kerswell\*

**In attendance:**

Cllr G Gribble\*\*/\*  
Mr M Wells – Town Clerk  
Mrs L Warren – Assistant to the Town Clerk  
Two members of the public

\*\*County Cllr

\*District Cllr

The meeting was chaired by Cllr Kelly

**Interests declared:** None

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**PL.20/64      Apologies for absence:**

Cllr J Arnold – Personal commitment  
Cllr R Bradshaw - Leave  
Cllr S Light – Work commitment

**\*\*Public Participation:**

**Mr L Calder** referred to item PL.20/69 (Monks Way – Speed Limit) stating that it will be interesting to see the outcome of negotiations with DCC, particularly as the Residents' Association is campaigning for additional 30mph speed limit signage on Le Molay-Littry Way.

**Mr P Beecher (Residents' Association)** noted that families were enjoying Mill Marsh Park at the weekend and thanked the Town Council for re-opening the play facilities.

**PL.20/65      Minutes:**

The minutes of the meeting of 15<sup>th</sup> June 2020 (*\*copy previously circulated*) were confirmed as a correct record and were approved.

**PL.20/66      Standing Item – Climate Emergency:**

Members noted the Council Declaration to embed the climate emergency declaration across all Council services, activities, plans and other relevant work, considering the environmental impact of decisions, ensuring a fully integrated approach to mitigating the impact of climate change.

**PL.20/67      Consideration of Planning Applications:**

Deferred item:

- a) **19/02541/MAJ** Construction of industrial building (for manufacturing, administration and support space), access and associated parking at land at Heathlands, Old Newton Road.  
Observations: Deferred

DNPA Applications listed to 5.6.20:

- b) **0258/20** Replacement rear extension and new entrance porch, along with changes to window openings to existing house at Torsmead.  
Observations: No objection.

TDC Applications listed to 12.6.20: None

DNPA Applications listed to 12.6.20: None

TDC Applications listed to 19.6.20:

- c) **20/00897/LBC** Remove existing single glazed timber window, demolition of brickwork below, replace with single glazed timber French doors and two masonry steps at Little Wolleigh.  
Observations: No objection providing the proposal meets with the satisfaction of the Heritage Officer.
- d) **20/00952/HOU** Conversion of existing garage, replacement garage and replacement conservatory with orangery at 9 Kiln Road.  
Observations: No objection.
- e) **20/01005/TPO** Crown reduce three oaks and one beech at land south of Pottery Road NGR 281278 77079.  
Observations: Referred to TDC's Arboricultural Officer.
- f) **20/01015/TPO** Prune four oak trees in Area A9 at 23 Naseby Drive, Heathfield.  
Observations: Referred to TDC's Arboricultural Officer.

\*\* Cllr Kelly advised that in future Tree Preservation Order applications will be referred by the Town Clerk to TDC's Arboricultural Officer in accordance with the scheme of delegation. The referrals will be itemised for information on the relevant agenda.

- g) **20/01004/DCR3** Consultation from DCC on application under Town & Country Planning General Regulations 1992 for the erection of an octagonal timber shelter at the south eastern end of the School Playing Field (DCC ref RT/DCC4185/2020)  
Observations: No objection

DNPA Applications listed to 19.6.20: None

TDC Applications listed to 26.6.20:

- h) **20/00804/HOU** Hard standing at 14 & 16 Cromwells Way.  
Observations: No objection. It was recommended that the surface covering should be environmentally suitable.
- i) **20/01013/FUL** Removal of path to form level access and removal of porch outer doors at Church of the Evangelist, Ashburton Road.  
Observations: No objection providing the proposal meets with the satisfaction of the Heritage Officer.

DNPA Applications listed to 26.6.20: None

TDC Applications listed to 3.7.20:

- j) **20/01068/TPO** In woodland area W1, crown lift one beech, crown lift hazel, yew, sycamore and ash. Fell one leaning ash and reduce two limbs of one oak by 1m at Indio Cottage, Newton Road.  
Observations: Referred to TDC's Arboricultural Officer.

**PL.20/68**     **Planning Decisions:**    Noted

a) Approvals:

TDC:

- i) E2/08/45 – Crown lift one Scots pine (T2) to approx. 6.5m from ground level to clear building and crown reduce by approx. 3m from branch tips. Fell one silver birch (T1). Prune one Scots pine in group G1 where overhanging boundary at 23 Brow Hill, Heathfield. (Ref'd)
- ii) Prune one oak tree at 20 Naseby Drive, Heathfield. (N/C)
- iii) Remove two lower secondary limbs of one oak tree in Area A2 to clear building at 7 Newbury Drive. (N/C)
- iv) Construction of single storey and two storey extensions at 17 Badgers Way. (N/O)
- v) Prune three willow trees and remove branch from one oak tree where overhanging neighbouring property at 6 Fairfax Road, Heathfield Industrial Estate. (N/C)

b) Refusals:

- i) Removal of garage and construction of dwelling to rear at 5 Heathfield Close. (N/O)
- ii) Application for Prior Approval under Part 3 Class Q (a) & (b) and paragraph W of the GODO for change of use of an agricultural building from agricultural use to a dwelling at Five Wyches Farm. (N/O)

*The Town Council's submitted observations: No objections – N/O. Objection – O. Referred – Ref'd. Not consulted – N/C.*

**PL.20/69**     **Monks Way – Speed Limit:**    (Ref. PL.20/62)

Cllr Kelly provided an update following a meeting with the Neighbourhood Highways Manager (DCC). He advised that there are clear rules set out and therefore it was unlikely to achieve an extension of the speed limit or a reduction to 30mph. Following discussion it was agreed to progress with an application. The Town Clerk will draft a letter setting out the Town Council's requests. Following approval of the Committee, the letter will be forwarded to the Speed Compliance Action Review Forum (SCARF) at DCC for consideration. If this proves a successful approach, Le Molay-Littry Way will be further considered at a later date.

**PL.20/70**     **Recess Arrangements for Summer Recess 2020:**

Members agreed that planning applications received during the summer recess will be circulated by email, including the TDC links, to members of the Planning Committee. Zoom meetings will be set up for Councillors to informally discuss applications. The observations to be reported independently to the Town Clerk.

**PL.20/71**     **General Planning Matters brought forward by Councillors:**

*(For information only).*

**Cllr Kerswell** advised on the following TDC planning decisions:

- i) the change of use of the former Brian Harris Yard in Pottery Road had been approved.
- ii) a vehicular entrance to Trago Mills from Staplehill Road (Ilington parish) had been declined.

**Cllr Brooke** advised that the developers of the Challabrook site have agreed to undertake some wildflower planting. Cllr Brooke will circulate details to Committee members.

The meeting closed at 6.52pm

