

MAYFIELD AND FIVE ASHES PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF MAYFIELD AND
FIVE ASHES DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
HELD AT LONDON HOUSE, HIGH STREET, MAYFIELD,
ON MONDAY 20 OCTOBER 2008 AT 1930 HOURS**

Committee Chairman Councillor Deveda Redman

SUMMARY OF MEETING

- Extension at the Conservation Area Boundary considered.
- Representative of Transition Mayfield agreed.
- Two plots of surplus land discussed.
- Future meetings for 2009/10 agreed.

ATTENDANCE

Councillors

Deveda Redman	(DR)	Present and Voting
Patricia Balfour	(PB)	Present and Voting
Jerry Watkiss	(JW)	Present and Voting

Lay Members

Garnet Shackel	(GS)	Apologies for Absence (B)
Leonard Trevillion	(LT)	Present
Steve Harland	(SH)	Present
Brian Pike	(BP)	Present

Councillors Present and Voting	3	Apologies for absence	0	Not present	0	Total	3
Lay Members Present	3	Not Present	0	Apologies for Absence	1	Total	4

Also Present

David Thompson (DT) Parish Clerk

MINUTES

1. COUNCILLORS DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON AGENDA ITEMS

1.1. There were no declarations of interest.

2. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 18 AUGUST 2008 (8D05)

2.1. The minutes had been approved by Full Council.

2.2. With regard to minute 8D05/6.2 PB asked for a definition of the term “long term empty”.

2.3. With regard to minute 8D05/8.3 DR reported that the debate over affordable housing in relation to the Parish Plan policies had been held at the October meeting of the Full Council.

3. ACTIONS PROGRESS

3.1. Action progress was reported as:

MINUTE	DESCRIPTION	STATUS
• 6D10/6.2	Mayfield Open Day Questionnaire packs to be presented to mothers visiting Mayfield Primary School – Held for later date.	HELD
• 6D10/11.2	PX/JC to consult with Mayfield and Five Ashes Society with regard to the update of the 1969 Conservation Area Paper. In hand.	OPEN
• 7D10/4.4	First full review of Plan dates. October 2008 revised.	CLOSED
• 8D1/4.3	Printing enquiries for Plan and Annual Report to be progressed by JW/DT. Done.	CLOSED
• 8F03/7.2	Affordable Housing Policy – Full Council debate. Clerk to place on October agenda. Done.	CLOSED
• 8D05/4.2	Action Plan distribution to committees in hand.	OPEN
• 8D05/4.3	Plan publicity – in hand.	OPEN
• 8D05/5.3	WDC housing strategy report – comments now completed.	CLOSED
• 8D05/8.3	Affordable housing debate. Done October 2008.	CLOSED

4. REVIEW OF THE PLAN AND FUTURE MEETINGS

4.1. After discussion it was agreed that the Plan would be reviewed in April and October of each year.

4.2. It was also agreed that there would only be a need for four meetings per year. Emergency meetings could be called if required.

4.3. The timetable would be:

January

April (Plan Review)

July

October (Plan Review)

ACTION DT

4.4. The Clerk reported that he now had a list of all buildings in the Conservation Area. However the list included sensitive data and would need to be edited before data could be released.

ACTION DT

4.5. With regards listed buildings BP agreed to supply a list to the Clerk.

ACTION BP

5. EXPANSION OF THE CONSERVATION AREA

5.1. BP had produced a request on behalf of the Mayfield and Five Ashes Society to extend the Conservation area to the east to include Court Meadow and Herons Folly. The paper was made available to all members (Ref D/Plan/08/BOUN).

5.2. In the discussion it was noted that it was felt that this would give greater protection to Court Meadow and Herons Folly (a building of historical interest). It was also noted that Councillor Chantal Wilson, Chair of Wealden District Council had said that for various reasons the Wealden District Council's boundary was on hold. The advantage was seen to be able to protect buildings and trees.

5.3. Members of the committee were UNANIMOUS in their view that the proposal be seriously considered, and the following actions were agreed.

- Secure a copy of the rules and regulations for the planning management of conservation areas.
- Place on agenda for next meeting of the Development Committee.
- Re-open boundary issue with WDC.

ACTION DT

5.4. It was noted that in the past the extension of the Conservation Area to include Coggins Mill Lane had been mooted but not progressed.

6 TRANSITION MAYFIELD

6.1 DR reported that at the meeting of the Full Council (8C06), the Chairman had referred the proposition of a representative of the Council for Transition Mayfield to the Development Committee for consideration.

6.2 The work and challenges facing the group were discussed and it was considered that in the longer term all new houses would need to be built to new standards. At the same time it was recognised that existing buildings, particularly the older ones would be difficult to change.

6.3 PB was elected as the Council representative on Transition Mayfield for 2008/9 and the Clerk would make the necessary arrangements.

ACTION DT

7 SURPLUS LAND A267

- 7.1 An ESCC paper, supplied by County Councillor R Tidy was circulated which showed details of two plots of land bordering the A267 Mayfield by pass near the Rotherfield Lane underpass (REF D/PLAN/08/LAND).
- 7.2 There was a need to know whether the land was of use to the Parish of Mayfield and Five Ashes, the alternative being a likely sale for development.
- 7.3 It was agreed in principle that at least one of the plots could be provided to the youth of both Mayfield and Five Ashes as a 'nature garden'.
- 7.4 The following actions were agreed:
- Entry to be made in provisional budget.
 - Enquiries to be made to ESCC.
 - Contact to be made with the Woodlands Trust.

ACTION DT

- 7.5 In addition Committee members would view the sites and report their views to the Clerk. In addition HH would be asked to participate in the exercise.

ACTION COMMITTEE AND HH

8 OTHER ITEMS OF INFORMATION AND NEXT MEETING AGENDA ITEM

- 8.1 It was agreed to consider whether or not the next meeting of the Committee in December was required.
- 8.2 It was agreed that B Pike would replace J Coulter as the Mayfield and Five Ashes Society representative.
- 8.3 It was noted that contrary to Mayfield and Five Ashes, Wadhurst had sent a copy of their plan to every household and had gained much publicity. The Clerk was instructed to obtain a copy of the plan.

ACTION DT

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 20.45 HOURS

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE MAYFIELD AND FIVE ASHES DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE WILL BE:

VENUE: LONDON HOUSE, HIGH STREET, MAYFIELD

DATE: DECEMBER 2008 OR JANUARY 2009

TIME: 1930 HOURS