

MAYFIELD AND FIVE ASHES PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF MAYFIELD AND
FIVE ASHES DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
HELD AT LONDON HOUSE, HIGH STREET, MAYFIELD,
ON FRIDAY 20 JULY 2009 AT 0930 HOURS**



Committee Chairman Councillor Jerry Watkiss

9D02
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SUMMARY OF MEETING

- Power of Well-Being Community Involvement Statement approved.
- Annual Report distribution agreed.
- WDC Local Development Framework Housing and Employment Strategy discussed.

ATTENDANCE

Councillors

Deveda Redman	(DR)	Apologies for Absence (H)
Patricia Balfour	(PB)	Present and Voting
Jerry Watkiss	(JW)	Present and Voting

Lay Members

Garnet Shackel	(GS)	Present
Leonard Trevellion	(LT)	Not Present
Steve Harland	(SH)	Apologies for Absence (B)
Brian Pike	(BP)	Present

Councillors Present and Voting 2	Apologies for absence 1	Not present 0	Total 3
Lay Members Present 2	Not Present 0	Apologies for Absence 1	Total 4

Also Present

David Thompson (DT) Parish Clerk

MINUTES

1. COUNCILLORS DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

- 1.1. There were no declarations of interest.

2. MINUTES OF MEETING 26 JUNE 2009 (9D01)

- 2.1. The minutes were approved by Full Council.
- 2.2. It was agreed that the Clerk would send the Statement of Community Involvement and the Risk Assessment criteria to JW for posting on the website.

ACTION DT

- 2.3. It was agreed that the Clerk would send the revised Annual Report to JW for posting on the website.
- 2.4. Actions Progress is shown in Annex 1.
- 2.5. JW enquired about progress on the surplus land on the A267. The Clerk noted that this was still in hand with ESCC.
- 2.6. There were no further observations or comments on the minutes.

3. POWER OF WELL BEING

- 3.1. With one amendment the document was approved by the Committee. Clerk to post on website and distribute.

ACTION DT

4. LDF CONSULTATION PART 1

- 4.1. The Committee considered each option of the housing strategy and after discussion selected option 3 - Growth focused at Uckfield and Polegate. Their reason for doing so and the reasons for rejecting the other options are given in Annex 2.
- 4.2. The Committee considered each option of the employment strategy and after discussion selected option 7 - Dispersed employment developments. The reason for doing so and the reasons for rejecting options 8, 9 and 10 are given in Annex 3.
- 4.3. With regard to public consultation, the Committee agreed that space would be taken at London House Open Door during August and large maps indicating housing needs would be displayed and views on housing policy and employment strategy would be collected.

ACTION DT

5. PLAN UPDATE

- 5.1. It was agreed to delay the plan update until after the LDF housing and employment strategy review.

6. MEETING DATES

- 6.1 It was agreed that the next meeting of the Development Committee would be 17 August 2009, and that the Clerk would organise another three meetings and circulate the dates.

ACTION DT

7 ITEMS OF INFORMATION AND NEXT AGENDA ITEMS

7.1 The subject of the Best Kept Village competition arose, and what arrangements were being made to re-start the competition. DT would discuss with MA in due course.

ACTION DT

7.2 There were no other items of information.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT ????? HOURS

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

VENUE: LONDON HOUSE, HIGH STREET, MAYFIELD

DATE: 17 AUGUST 2009

TIME: 1930 HOURS

Annex 1

DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE ACTIONS AT 9D01

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
• 8D06/4.4	List of houses in conservation area – in hand.	OPEN
• 8D06/5.3	Boundary Review – in hand with WDC.	OPEN
• 8D06/7.4	Surplus Land A267 – in hand with ESCC	OPEN
• 8D06/8.3	Wadhurst Parish Plan. Clerk to obtain copy. In hand.	OPEN
• 9D02/4.2	Develop public consultation sites. In hand.	OPEN
• 9D02/5.1	Annual report distribution to be arranged. In hand.	OPEN
• 9D02/5.2	Annual report Financial Section to be updated. In hand.	OPEN
• 9D02/7.1	Distribute Housing Renewal Strategy. In hand.	OPEN
• 9D02/7.2	Additional requirements for housing schemes to be taken into account of scheme.	OPEN
• 9D02/8.1	Distribute Empty Housing Strategy. In hand.	OPEN
• 9D02/9.3	Consultation with parishes on social housing issues to be taken up with WDC.	OPEN
• 9D02/10.1	Meetings to be expanded to six. In hand.	OPEN

Annex 2 - Housing

Option	Description	Committee View
1	Proportionate growth in existing settlement hierarchy 151-200 extra dwellings.	Considered to be too many and would impact heavily on Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.
2	Growth focused on Uckfield and Hailsham 26-50 extra buildings.	Low number enough houses will be built on our area.
3	Growth focused on Uckfield and Polegate 51-100 extra buildings.	Right sort of balance, believe would be acceptable and gives a balanced view. CHOICE.
4	Housing distribution reflecting AONB, affordable housing needs and accessibility criteria. 11 – 25 extra dwellings.	Not fair totally protects AONB and does not allow growth for residents.
5	Growth based on rural services. 11 – 50 extra dwellings.	Growth of natural building would exceed the target numbers.
6	Growth in Lewes/Uckfield railway line catchment. 51 – 100 extra dwellings.	Not feasible, problems of access at Uckfield and surrounding area. Cash shortage. Needs massive infrastructure investment.

Annex 3 – Employment

Option	Description	Committee View
7	Dispersed employment developments.	Employment is badly needed in our area. There are increasing business losses, and small shops are losing steadily. The only option which would provide local opportunities for people.
8	Town and service centre employment focus.	Out for reasons above.
9	Intensify existing employment locations.	Out for reasons above.
10	Polegate/Hailsham focus with support from Uckfield and Crowborough.	Out for reasons above.