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Minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting Held Monday 17th February 2025 7pm, Renshaw Room, Wivelsfield Village Hall

Agenda Item	Description	Resolved
Present:	Councillors H Martin (Chair), D Cumberland (Vice-Chair), I Haffenden, J Keeley, R Morris, S Morris, N Silverman & N Turner. L Gander (Clerk) and three members of the public.	
1	Apologies for Absence All councillors were present, so no apologies had been received.	
2	Declarations of Members' Interests a <u>To receive declarations of interest from Councillors on items on the agenda</u> – in relation to discussion about sites within the Land Availability Assessment documents that underpin the emerging Local Plan, Councillors R & S Morris declared an interest with reference to site 23WV and Councillor Martin to site 34WV. b To receive (and grant if appropriate) written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests	Interests noted.
3	Public Forum A question was asked as to whether the Land Availability Assessments (LAA) that form part of the evidence base for the emerging Local Plan, are part of the current consultation. The Chair advised that they are not, but that the Parish Council thinks it advisable to give feedback on any errors or omissions regarding the sites considered under the LAA, since the information contained therein will provide the basis for Lewes District Council's decision making.	
4	Planning Matters To consider the new applications listed below and any others received between the publication of this agenda and the meeting a <u>LW/25/0033 – 1 Allwood Crescent</u> - Single storey side extension with flue for log burner. (Case Officer: James Emery). Consultation deadline Friday 28 th Feb. b <u>LW/25/0045 – Cumbria, Green Road</u> - Demolition of garage, proposed two-storey side extension, single-storey rear extension and fenestration alterations. (Case Officer: James Emery). Consultation deadline Monday 10 th March. c <u>LW/21/0729 – Land East of Ditchling Road</u> - detailed design proposals for the above developer-led highways scheme to provide a new site access with right turn lane, footway, pedestrian refuge crossing place	To support the application. Discussion deferred to next meeting. Clerk to raise queries with East Sussex County

		<p><u>and bus stops on Ditchling Road.</u> Comments to be with East Sussex County Council by 14th March. The Council voiced various questions for the Clerk to raise with East Sussex Highways, prior to submitting its final comments on this scheme. These included wanting to know whether further road safety audits had been completed and, if so, whether any findings had fed into the Highways scheme; whether the impact of the upcoming Springfield Industrial Estate development had been factored into the road layout; exactly what form of crossing point would be provided and whether the bus stops were in the most appropriate place.</p> <p>Other Planning Matters</p> <p>d <u>To note the draft submission prepared for LW/24/0820 by planning consultants on the Council's behalf, and raise any comments regarding the content.</u> The Council was very pleased with the representation that had been put together. A few comments and queries had been raised by councillors, which will be forwarded to the consultants, along with a table showing all development that has taken place in Wivelsfield Green during the current Local Plan period. It was noted that, owing to the difficulties people experienced with accessing the online documents for this application, LDC has restarted the consultation period, which will now close on 14th March. As such, the Parish Council proposes to review a final draft of the representation at its meeting on 3rd March, prior to submission. It was also agreed to share the draft submission with Westmeston Parish Council, since much of the land forming the proposed development site falls within their Parish.</p> <p>e <u>To agree the costs of engaging a barrister to review the draft planning submission for LW/24/0820.</u> The Council resolved to engage a barrister, recommended by the Council's planning consultants, to review the draft representation to the above application, to ensure that it is considered as comprehensive as possible and would give the strongest arguments against the application, should it go to appeal.</p> <p>f <u>To discuss and agree the Council's response to Lewes District Council's 'Defining our policies and early site allocation proposals' consultation on the emerging Local Plan.</u> Consultation deadline 28th February 2025. After some discussion it was agreed that, since the Council is broadly happy with the emerging policies in the Local Plan, it would not comment on these (since it was felt that any comments would not add anything to the consultation, but would simply give LDC more responses to wade through).</p> <p>g <u>To highlight any factual errors in the Local Plan evidence base relating to Wivelsfield, to raise with Lewes District Council</u> – Councillors to forward any additional issues noted to the Clerk, for collation and sending on to LDC. The Clerk to review comments submitted by the Council previously and to reiterate these, where any factual errors – already highlighted to LDC - are seen to remain in their documents.</p>	<p>Council and add item to next agenda to review responses received and make any final comments.</p> <p>Comments to be forwarded to consultants and revised draft to be considered at the meeting of 3rd March.</p> <p>To approve engaging a barrister, for a day, to review the draft representation to LW/24/0820.</p> <p>No comments to be submitted specifically in response to the Local Plan consultation.</p> <p>Councillors to forward any errors spotted to the Clerk. Clerk to collate comments and submit to LDC.</p>
5	a	<p>Other Business</p> <p>Consultation on road closure for Village Day parade. 11.30am-12pm, Saturday 12 July 2025</p>	Road closure supported.
6		Items for Noting or Inclusion on Next Agenda	None noted.
7		Date of Next Meeting	

	a	Monday 3 rd March 2025 – Parish Council Meeting	
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The meeting closed at 8.16pm