

MINUTES OF THE CATERHAM VALLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 9TH DECEMBER 2009
AT THE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH HALL, HARESTONE HILL, CATERHAM

Present: Councillor M. Lincoln – Acting Chairman
Councillor J. Caudle
Councillor M. Dean
Councillor P. Lavington
Councillor J. Servant

County Councillor S. Marks
District Councillor B. Connolly
District Councillor J. Ingham
Mr. W. Ridley – Clerk

AGENDA – PART 1

1. Apologies for absence

Councillor H. Hammer

2. Public Participation

Mr Jonathon Maddock of 8 Bradenhurst Close objected to Planning Application TA/2009/1348 for 5 & 6 Bradenhurst Close on the following grounds: inappropriateness of the design; difficulties with access and parking; high level parking at roof level; restriction of pedestrian access; excessive density of plot; there was a restrictive covenant on all plots in the road;

3. Reports Part 1

3.1 County Councillor's Report

Cllr. Marks reported on the following:

- A visit to the new Youth Centre had been arranged on that afternoon.
- Flooding areas had been identified in Markfield Road and Weald Way.
- St Katherine's Hospice was organising a fundraising Santa fun run in Queen's Park.

3.2 District Councillors' Reports

Cllr. Ingham reported that the new play equipment in Stafford Park was now open.

Cllr. Connolly reported that NoTY had appointed the clerk of St. Mary's Church as their fund raising clerk and they were looking to install two MUGAs in Queens Park and Stafford Park. On the planning side she had met residents objecting to 1 Harestone Valley Road and 6 Bradenhurst Close.

4. Planning

4.1 Current Planning

Cllr. Caudle declared a personal but not prejudicial interest in all the planning applications in that as a District Councillor she may comment if these applications came before the Development Control Committee. Any opinions she expressed at this stage were based on the evidence so far available and she would reconsider at the time any applications came before the Development Control Committee.

Application Acknowledged as Valid Monday 9th November– Friday 13th November

TA/2009/1392 27 Greenwood Gardens
Erection of single storey rear extension.

Council had no comment

TA/2009/1348 5 & 6 Bradenhurst Close
Demolition of 6 Bradenhurst Close. Erection of 2 detached dwellings with integral garages. Erection of double garage to front of 5 Bradenhurst Close.

Cllr Lincoln declared an interest

Council objected on the following grounds: overdevelopment of the site with a very cramped layout; bridge access to garage totally out of character with the current streetscene; three storey rear elevation would dominate views across the Valley; proposal is regarded as an extension of the development at 126-128 Harestone Hill and therefore CSP3 should apply; plans refer to future access to 126-128 Harestone Hill, which would create an open ended crescent which would lead to excessive traffic. If the proposal is approved it should be subject to the road being blocked off at the new development; all of the houses on Bradenhurst Close are subject to the following covenant: "No building shall be erected on the land hereby transferred other than one detached dwellinghouse

with suitable outbuildings used therewith (including if desired a private motor garage for use with the said dwellinghouse upon the said land but not otherwise). No messuage or dwellinghouse erected on the said land shall be subdivided". The proposal is therefore in breach of the covenant.

Applications Acknowledged as Valid Monday 16th November – Friday 20th November

TA/2009/1431 24 Harestone Hill *Council had no comment*
Demolition of existing conservatory. Erection of conservatory to rear/side.

TA/2009/1308/TPO 79 Harestone Valley Road *Council had no comment*
TPO 16, 2007 (T) – Crown lift 1 Copper Beech to 6m, remove epicormic growth from main stem and lower limbs, reduce low laterals growing towards property by 15% in length. Crown lift 1 Western Red Cedar to 5m, prune to obtain 3m clearance between branches and garage roof.

TA/2009/1330 Land to rear of 41 Farningham Road
Erection of dwelling with integral garage
Council objected on the following grounds: overdevelopment of the site; imposition on neighbouring properties particularly no. 41; loss of on street parking in Colin Road; design out of character with neighbouring properties.

Applications Acknowledged as Valid Monday 23rd November – Friday 27th November

There are no applications for Caterham Valley.

Applications Acknowledged as Valid Monday 30th November – Friday 4th December

Ta/2009/1453 142 Harestone Valley Road *Council had no comment*
Erection of conservatory to rear. (Certificate of Lawfulness for a Proposed Development).

Proposed Development at Adult Education Centre in Caterham

Copy of email received from Mr & Mrs Gibbens of Commonwealth Road objecting to the above proposal and copy of acknowledgment also received from the developers. A formal planning application has not yet been received.
At the moment no formal application has been received but when it is Council will respond.

4.2 Planning Appeals

TA/2009/132 Land at Ten Acre Shaw, West of Public Footpath No. 184
Erection of detached dwelling with linked store/garage providing staff accommodation over. Formation of new driveway with associated works and erection of gates. Alterations to public right of way.
This appeal will be heard at a public hearing to be held in the Lyndsay Narcisi Room at Tandridge Council Offices at 10.00am on 4th February 2010. Cllr. Servant will represent the Council.

TA/2009/425 1 St Katherine’s Road
Erection of first floor extension to garage and conversion of garage to habitable room.
This appeal will be determined on the basis of written representations.

TA/2009/954 12 Croydon Road
Change of use of 1st and 2nd floors from offices to flats.
This appeal will be determined on the basis of an exchange of written statements by the parties.

4.3 Planning Decisions

TA/2009/406 1 Weald Way *Appeal dismissed*
Erection of two storey extension to West elevation.

TA/2009/1120 8 Markville Gardens *Approved (full)*
Retention of single storey side/rear extension.

TA/2009/1173 19 & 21 Clareville Road *Approved (full)*
Conversion of single dwelling to two separate dwellings by subdividing the link room.

5. Minutes of the previous meetings:

Re Minute 4.2, Councillors Caudle and Connolly had attended the Caterham Festival AGM and not the Caterham Carnival AGM. Subject to this amendment, the minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday 11th November were agreed as a true record and signed by the Acting Chairman.

6. Matters Arising

1. Site of the Former Marie Curie Hospice

Clerk forwarded Council's comments on the Draft Urban Design Concept Statement on the above site to Paul Newdick and had received an acknowledgment.

7. Reports Part 2

7.1.1 Clerk's Report - Part 1 for action

1. St Catherine's Hospice

Request received for contribution towards expenses following the take over of specialist palliative care services in Caterham previously run by Marie Curie Cancer Care. Council resolved to donate £500.

2. Surrey CC Determination of Admission Arrangements

On 3rd November 2009 the Cabinet agreed to consult on Surrey's Admission Criteria for Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools for September 2011. The majority of the admission arrangements will be the same as those operated for September 2010 and most of the proposed changes do not affect Caterham schools. However there are two proposals which could affect Caterham:

1. A change to the sibling definition
2. New dates for the Coordinated Admissions Scheme for Primary Schools.

Council resolved to support the change to the sibling definition and had no comment on the other proposal.

3. Grit Bins

Clerk has forwarded several queries raised by the Chairman regarding various grit bins to David Curl and Steve Cunnah requesting answers so that they could be reported at this meeting, but no response had been received. Clerk was asked to resend the queries.

7.1.2 Clerk's Report – Part 2 for information

1. Housing Supply in Tandridge

Following a review of the housing supply in Tandridge, which showed that there is an oversupply of 25%, the District Council had reinstated Policy CSP3 for planning decision with effect from 1st December 2009.

2. Harestone Policy

Council had been advised that the advertisement for Consultants was about to go to press. Tandridge DC had asked if the Council would like to be involved in the selection of the consultants and had suggested that only one representative be nominated. The Chairman had recommended Random Greenway and, if he was not available, Terry Servant. Council approved the nominated representatives.

3. Soper Hall

The Caterham Community Partnership agreed that it should seek to become involved in Tandridge's deliberations regarding the future of the Soper Hall and it also urged the District Council to explore opportunities associated with the Government's Advancing Assets Programme. The deadline for expressions of interest for inclusion in the Programme was 22nd January 2010. Invitations for applications were restricted to local authorities and only 30 Councils were likely to be selected. Successful applicants would be eligible for consultancy support to facilitate transfer of Council owned buildings, including advice with the formulation of business plans and fundraising. There were no grants directly associated with the latest round of the Programme. Tandridge had prepared a draft expression of interest which was put to CCP members with a view that CCP would oversee / enable the asset

transfer feasibility process but that it would not necessarily be the recipient body. It may be appropriate for a newly formed or existing body to take on this role. This was discussed at the CCP meeting on 7th December when the CCP endorsed the expression of interest (by Tandridge DC) to the Asset Transfer Unit for inclusion in the Advancing Assets for Communities Programme (Round 4) whereby consultancy support could be available to facilitate a possible transfer of the Soper Hall to a charitable entity. CCP approved the formation of a Soper Hall Sub-Committee to investigate options for the future use of the building.

4. Community Gang

Clerk had reported the street light which had disappeared into an overgrown hedge outside the block of flats at 84 Harestone Hill and the Community Gang will investigate.

Clerk had asked for the dimension criteria for the filling of potholes and a response was awaited.

Clerk was asked to report two large potholes on the southbound side of Harestone Valley Road between Station Avenue and the Soper Hall.

5. Parking Problems

In response to the parking problems in Tillingdown Lane, Tandridge had advised that they could take no action as there were no parking restrictions on that road. Tandridge also suggested that the Council contact the police if the vehicles were causing an obstruction and in the long term apply to Surrey Highways for parking restrictions to be implemented. Clerk was asked to contact Surrey Police.

6. Snow Machines

Surrey Highways had refused permission for the snow machines to be used on Croydon Road in case they distract motorists and cause an accident. Therefore only four machines were used around the Asprey Fountain.

7. Important Dates for your Diaries

17 Dec	Tandridge Planning Committee	
11 Jan	Caterham Community Partnership	BR/PL
13 Jan	CVPC Meeting	All
14 Jan	Tandridge Planning Committee	
01 Feb	Caterham Community Partnership	BR
04 Feb	Planning Appeal – Land at Ten Acre Shaw	JS
10 Feb	CVPC Meeting	All
11 Feb	Tandridge Planning Committee	

7.2 Chairman’s Report

Councillor Hammer had forwarded a written report in which she asked the Clerk to chase Surrey over the queries on the grit bins but as reported earlier no response was received in time for this meeting. She also reported that there were some shocking deep potholes that do not appear to have been surveyed. She asked that all councillors as a matter of urgency check their specific roads over the next week and report the severe ones to the Clerk. Councillors felt that there was insufficient time before Christmas to carry out this request. She had also emailed the Hill PC about their precept increase.

7.3 Parish Councillors’ Reports

Councillor Dean reported that the faces on the Rotary Clock were out of synchronisation. Clerk to investigate.

Councillor Caudle had attended the CCP meeting.

Councillor Lavington reported that he had an informal chat with Chris Windridge on the Rose & Young site with regard to possibly changing the rules so that the owners would have to pay rates on the derelict site.

Councillor Lincoln reported that St John’s School would be grateful for any contribution towards the next payment due on their existing minibus.

8. Finance

8.1 Payment of Accounts

The following cheques were signed at the meeting :

Caterham URC	Room hire	£26.00
Caterham Valley Business Partnership	Christmas Lights	£3,500.00
The Poppy Appeal	Remembrance wreaths	£36.00
H. Hammer	Chairman's Allowance	£300.00
Harestone printing	Newsletter printing	£88.28
W. Ridley	Net Salary & office allowance	£411.86
HM Revenue & Customs	Income Tax & NIC	£720.02

Petty Cash payments made since last meeting:

W H Smith	Postage stamps	£8.28
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8.2 Review of Expenditure 2009-10

Receipts and Payments for November were reviewed and approved.

8.3 Other Financial Matters

Council formally approve the budget for 2010-11 which increased the precept to £27,950. This would equate to £7.66 on Band D (at last years tax base), an increase of 27p per annum.

9. Correspondence

Tandridge Press Releases

- Council signs up to prompt payment code
- Council supports local businesses by offering free parking on Saturdays
- Suspended prison sentence for failing to pay council tax
- Tandridge Magazine Winter 2009
- Council among best District Councils

Tandridge List of Delegated Action Taken – 18th November 2009

- Planning Committee
- Resources Committee

Tandridge Planning Committee – 19th November 2009

Surrey Police News Release – 19th November 2009

Tandridge Local Committee – 4th December 2009

Chairman:

Date: