

UNADOPTED

POLEGATE TOWN COUNCIL

PLANNING MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held on 18 December 2007 in the Council Chamber, 49 High Street, Polegate at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Cllrs. T. Voyce (Chair), S. Barber, Mrs C. Berry, G. Carter, J. Harmer, Mrs M. Piper, J. Rogers, A. Watkins, T. Wright.

The Chair proposed that an additional item, WDC Planning Service Health Check (7A), be added to the agenda and this was agreed by all.

7820 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Mrs Voyce.

7821 Declarations of interest

Cllr. Rogers declared a personal interest in application no. WD/3/TC – Polegate School, Oakleaf Drive, Polegate.

Cllr. Mrs Piper declared a personal interest in application no. WD/2007/3124/F - 43 Northfield, Polegate.

Cllr. Voyce declared a personal interest in application no. WD/2007/3473/F - 77 Pevensey Road, Polegate.

7822 Minutes of the meeting held on 20 November 2007

The minutes of the meeting held on 20 November 2007 were adopted as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

7823 Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 20 November 2007

There were none.

7824 Planning applications:

WD/3/TC Consultation under article 13 of the Town & Country Planning (General Development Procedure) Order 1995 – the installation of a 15m telegraph pole supporting one square panel antenna. Polegate School, Oakleaf Drive, Polegate.

It was proposed that a comment of No Objections be recorded for this application. The proposal was seconded and a vote taken as follows:

In favour (of No Objections)	4
Against	4

In the absence of a majority vote, the Chair exercised his right to a casting vote as follows:

In favour (of No Objections)	4
Against	5

Therefore the motion was lost.

The following objections were then agreed.

OBJECTIONS:

1. Although the application meets the requirements of the Conformity with ICNIRP Public Exposure Guidelines, there is no supporting evidence that it could not cause exposure to radiation.
2. The height of the pole is excessive, a 10m pole would be preferred.

Having declared a personal interest, Cllr. Rogers did not take part in the discussion or vote.

WD/2007/3516/F Ground Floor, 69 Station Road, Polegate. Change of use from shop/office to residential. Minor external alterations.

NO OBJECTIONS

WD/2007/3124/F 43 Northfield, Polegate. Form rooms in roof with dormer at rear. **Amended plan** showing smaller dormer drawing nos. 1&2 date stamped 28 November 2007.

It was proposed that objections be submitted on the following grounds:

OBJECTIONS:

1. Other residents would suffer overlooking and loss of privacy.
2. Out of character with the street scene.

The proposal was seconded and a vote taken as follows:

In favour (of objections)	5
Against	2

Therefore the motion was carried.

Note: Having declared a personal interest Cllr. Mrs Piper took no part in the discussion or vote.

WD/2007/3473/F 77 Pevensey Road, Polegate. Proposed dormer window to front elevation.

It was proposed that an objection be submitted on the grounds of the front dormer being out of character with the surrounding properties. The proposal was seconded and a vote taken as follows:

In favour (of the objection)	5
Against	3

Therefore the motion was carried.

OBJECTION: 1. Out of character with the surrounding properties.

WD/2007/7506/T Polegate Bypass (A22). Installation of a 15m GRP wood effect telegraph pole containing 2G/3G antennae and associated equipment cabinet.

OBJECTION: 1. Excessive height of proposed pole.
2. On a similar application, WD/2007/7501/T, the height of the pole was 11.7m.

7825 Delegated applications:

WD/2007/3408/F 37&39 Hailsham Road, Polegate. Two storey rear extension and single storey front extension.

NO OBJECTIONS

WD/2007/3367/F 28 Bahram Road, Polegate. Single storey rear extension.

NO OBJECTIONS

WD/2007/3242/F 30 Station Road, Polegate. Lowering of 3 metres of kerbstones and tarmac between Station Road and property to enable vehicle access to property.

NO OBJECTIONS

WD/2007/3376/F 28 Station Road, Polegate. Addition of car parking space to the front garden of dwelling, with driveway and crossover to the main road at front of property.

NO OBJECTIONS

7826 Details of planning decisions

Permissions:

WD/20073/3149/F Extension to front of units 14 & 15 to enlarge factory. Units 14-16 Chaucer Industrial Estate, Dittons Road, Polegate.

WD/2007/2997/F Installation of 2no. roller shutter doors, 1no. new access door and to construct external security fencing and covered storage area. Former EDF Energy site, Chaucer Industrial Estate, Dittons Road, Polegate.

WD/2007/3273/F Conservatory to front elevation. The Stables, New Road, Polegate.

WD/2007/3073/FR Retrospective application for erection of 1.8m boundary fence. 109 Brightling Road, Polegate.

WD/2007/2950/F Single storey extension at rear. 39 Dover Road, Polegate.

WD/2007/3535/LDP Internal garage to be changed to a dining room with window at front. Dittons Bungalow, Dittons Road, Polegate.

WD/2007/3614/LDP Single storey rear pitched roof extension. 20 Station Road, Polegate.

Refusals:

WD/2007/2992/F Provision of 220 sq.m. of B1 business space with associated parking provision. Relocation of site access to create safe access and egress onto existing service road. Rosebank Depot, Opposite A22, Hailsham Road, Polegate.

7827 WDC Planning Service Health Check

Members were advised that a consultancy company had contacted the Council stating that they were carrying out a Health Check of Wealden's planning service. A meeting had been requested with representatives of PTC to obtain Council's view.

It was agreed to ascertain from WDC that the consultancy company was indeed carrying out a legitimate survey and, if so, to request a copy of their questions so that a response could be considered prior to any meeting.

7828 Planning Updates and General Information

Members were advised that an Appeal had been lodged in respect of 2 Shepham Lane (construction of 5no. 3bed house, associated parking and revised access and garages) and that a letter had been sent to the Planning Inspectorate supporting Wealden's refusal – noted.