

Polegate Town Council

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Honey Farm Appeal Update Proposal for two new bridges

The appeal against the decision not to allow 520 homes to be built on Honey Farm has moved on to the Public Inquiry stage.

A planning application by Pelham Holdings Ltd to build a proposed development on land west of the A22 at Polegate, known as Honey Farm, was opposed by Polegate Town Council (PTC) and refused by Wealden District Council (WDC). Pelham Holdings Ltd have since appealed against this decision and it will now be for the Secretary of State to determine the outcome.

Taking into account public opinion that this development is in the wrong place and that it should not go ahead, the issue of greatest concern to residents is that the application did not give any detail of two foot/cycle bridges which are now included in the proposal. These will be constructed to link the new development with Brookside Avenue at two points (north and south) in order that residents will be able to walk into Polegate High Street. There are major concerns about loss of amenity and compromised security to Brookside Avenue residents, the visual impact of the structures and the non-climbable fences proposed to line the sides of the A22, giving a "safari park" appearance to the site.

At a Pre-Inquiry meeting it was agreed that:

1. Plans for the proposed bridges will be available for viewing at WDC Offices, PTC Offices and on WDC website.
2. There will be an exhibition of the plans at PTC Offices, opening times 9.30am-12.30pm Monday to Friday.
3. If you wish to make representations on the proposed bridges, these should be made in writing to WDC and sent to their offices, or can be made on-line through the Council's website or by emailing planning@wealden.gov.uk quoting the reference: APP/C1435/10/2130580.

Closing date for submissions is 12 November 2010.

The Planning Inspectorate has convened a Public Inquiry, to be held at the Boship Farm Hotel. The hearing is provisionally timetabled for 9.30am (10.00am on first day) to 5.00pm on 11, 12, 13, 14, 18, 19, 20, 21 January and 2, 3, 4 February 2011. All times and dates are subject to change as the Inquiry progresses. Members of the public are invited to attend but will only be able to speak at designated times in the proceedings. Should you wish to speak, you will be asked to provide a written statement of your comments in advance, together with 10 copies for the Planning Inspector. It might therefore be beneficial for residents to feed their concerns through Town Councillors or local action groups.

For further information, please contact:

Jo Ognjanovic (Town Clerk) – telephone 488114 or email townclerk@polegate-tc.co.uk

Cllr Tim Voyce (Town Mayor) – telephone 486429 or email jill.voyce@btinternet.com

Cllr John Rogers (Chair of Planning) – telephone 484631

Schedule Of Meetings

BUDGET MEETINGS

Environment & Leisure Committee 8th November 2010
 Finance & Policy Committee 16th November 2010
 Full Council 29th November 2010
 Environment & Leisure 6th December 2010
 Full Council 13th December 2010

Day Burning Lights Wannock Road (Polegate Section) and Albert Road Polegate

Many residents have contacted to the Council offices informing us that the lights in Wannock Road and Albert Road are on all day. The Town Clerk attended a meeting with EDF (who supply the power), as the problem has arisen due to EDF carrying out essential works on overhead cabling in the area. Following changes to legislation EDF replaced some stretches of overhead cable which used to have a switch mechanism allowing the lights to be turned on and off. Unfortunately due to an administrative error by EDF the Town Council was not notified of the work and the switching implications. The new cabling created an issue where some lanterns no longer had a switch facility and were left day burning. Polegate Town Council has addressed these issues and the lighting will soon be refurbished with appropriate switching units allowing the lanterns to be off in the day.

Best Dressed House & Best Dressed Shop



(Christmas decorations)

Reminder to all residents- the annual judging of the Best Dressed House and Best Dressed Shop (Christmas Lights) will take place in the first week of December Prize Winners will receive a cup and a certificate.

TOWN CLERK

"I am pleased to announce that Jo Ognjanovic has accepted promotion to the post of Town Clerk and that we are currently recruiting someone to provide admin support to the Office. Jo has worked for PTC since April 2009 and has already proven herself to be an invaluable member of the team. We wish her every success in her new role and look forward to benefitting from her skills and enthusiasm." Cllr Tim Voyce, Town Mayor.

Christmas Lights Switch On

This year Polegate Town Council will be holding its annual Christmas Tree Lights switch on outside the Council offices 49, High Street Polegate on

Saturday 27th November 2010. The event will be from 3pm with the lights switch on at 4pm, then on to St John's Church Hall for mulled wine and mince pies. There will be some festive dancing and fun before the switch on. Everyone is welcome.



Brightling Road Leisure Ground & Skate Park Improvements

Users of the skate park may have noticed that the bench at the skate park has been reinstated and further improvements will be taking place within the next few weeks.



New football nets have been installed following requests from our younger residents.

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