

**St Leonards & St Ives Parish Council
Additional Planning Committee Meeting
Minutes of the meeting held on 1st August, 2007**

Members present: Cllr I. Maddock - Chairman
Cllr J. F. Crow
Cllr N. Hindmarch
Cllr. Mrs J House
Cllr M. Packham
Cllr Mrs K. Redknap
Cllr Mrs S Smith
In attendance: One Member of the Public and Mrs Ann Jacobs, Clerk

142. Declarations of Interest: None declared.

143. Apologies for absence:- None received

144. Planning Applications for Consideration: Comments made and approved by the Planning Committee are as listed below:-

P A No.

Address & Development

Recommendation

07/0870

2 Norris Close, Ashley Heath – Single storey extensions and construct access
No objection

07/0925

St Leonards Hospital, 241 Ringwood Road – Care village, community and recreation facilities.
See Appendix A

The meeting closed at 7.35pm

Chairman

Appendix A

Application Consultation Form

Reference 3/07/0925

Case Officer Mrs E Adams

Site: St Leonards Hospital, 241 Ringwood Road, St Leonards

Proposal: Care Village and Community and Recreation Facilities

This Parish Council has the following concerns that would need to be addressed for this Council to support this application as presented:-

1. Access – whilst mindful of the traffic survey findings reported in the application, the Members of the Council have extensive personal experience of usage of this stretch of road and particularly the existing access point into this site. A snapshot observation count taken by one Member in June 2006 recorded 740 cars and lorries entering or leaving this point in a 2 hour slot. In addition Footpath 7 on the definitive map, begins at this location. Bearing in mind this information the Council is not satisfied that the planned access is going to be safe or adequate for the additional vehicles which will use this site once developed.
2. In the supporting statement of the original application dated December 1997, page 3 states that:-
“The ‘Care Village’ concept addresses the many varied needs of retired people, ranging from those of the fully active, who may require minimum assistance, through wardened accommodation for those whose needs are greater, to those requiring full-time nursing care. Unlike residential institutions of the past, the Care Village responds to the needs of today’s retired. It will enable people to live in a secure, stable environment without the need for transferral to different sites or institutions for increased levels of care, should their health or mobility deteriorate. Peace of mind for both the residents of the Village and their families is of priority to the operators of such developments.”

 Whilst this statement is quoted in a recent newspaper article we cannot see this, or similar, within this application. We seek assurance that this facility would still meet these needs.
3. We note that there are some vacant parcels of land on the site and we would seek assurances on the intentions of future use of these.
4. Trees – We note that the Victory Oak planted on 6th May 1945 is already protected under Tree Preservation Order SL149/I (dated 11.01.2002). On 6th May, 1994 a further tree was planted in a presentation ceremony to support the original tree. There is no mention of this second tree and after visiting the site recently Members are concerned that at present there is nothing to identify these two trees to ensure they are protected. With a development of this size it is important that these are correctly identified and precautions taken.

It was also noted that there are many other fine specimens which are worthy of protection and we would ask for the Tree Officer to arrange for a report and appropriate protection to be arranged.

Signed:

Dated: 1st August 2007

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