

SWAY PARISH COUNCIL PLANNING AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Planning and Transport Committee was held at the Jubilee Field Pavilion, Station Road, Sway on Thursday 20th November 2014.

Present: Councillors Stephen Tarling (**Chair**), Kevin Cripps (**Vice Chair**), Peter Dance, Carole Gates, David Golby and Kevin Langford.

In attendance: Susan Brayley (Parish Clerk), John Warden (Transport Representative), Len Thomas (Community Speed Watch Representative) and Sway News, together with 11 members of the public.

PT158/14 - Apologies

None.

PT159/14 - Declarations of Interest

None.

PT160/14 - Minutes of the Meeting held on the 16th October 2014 and Matters Arising

The minutes of the meeting held on the 16th October 2014 were approved and signed.

Matters Arising – Kings Lane Nursery - Chair advised Clerk had contacted NFNPA Planning with Committee's concerns over misrepresentation of their support and reiterating their concerns re flooding. Letter had just been received from the applicant's agents providing detailed information of plans to deal with any threatened flooding. Time was needed to study and understand this information.

A member of the public advised that work had already started on lopping the trees on the site, when was understood no work could start before planning granted. Chair confirmed this and advised direct contact to both the NFNPA Trees Team and the NFNPA Planning Enforcement Officer.

Dog Fouling – Chair confirmed had been taken to full Council where an action item remained.

PT161/14 - Outcome of Planning Applications Considered at Previous Meetings

14/00810 – Shallfleet, Mount Pleasant Lane - Field Store - Grant Subject to Conditions - Incidental use only, external facing materials as agreed and development must be in accordance with agreed plans.

14/00801 - Flexford Farm, South Sway Lane - Installation of ground mounted photo voltaic panels - Grant Subject to Conditions - "...no demolition of or alterations to the existing wall located along the boundary of the site with South Sway Lane shall take be undertaken without the consent of the National Park Authority, unless the solar panels hereby approved have first been removed from the site."

14/00734 - Land to the rear of Silver Street Farm - Stables with store - Grant Subject to Conditions - No commercial use, no further stabling or field shelter without permission, facing materials as agreed.

14/00722 - Moorlands, Middle Road, Sway - Insertion of first floor window to rear – Refuse - This proposal would result in the formalisation of a dwelling with a total habitable floor space exceeding 100 sq. metres, contrary to Policy DP11 of the New Forest National Park Core Strategy and Development Management Policies.

14/00689 - Downlands Farm, Linnies Lane - Retention of external alterations and enclosure of barn; continued use of barn as cattery – Grant - "Careful consideration has been given to

the agricultural occupancy condition attached to the dwelling which is a concern which has been raised by the Parish Council and forms a proviso of their support."

14/00671 - Dennett House, Brighton Road - Change of use of ground floor to residential; continued occupancy of engineering consultancy - Grant Subject to Conditions - Use other than the residential area limited to only B1 "to protect the amenities of adjoining residents and to preserve the character of the surrounding area."

14/00670 - Hazel Bank, Kings Lane - Two storey rear extension; 2 velux rooflights - Grant Subject to Conditions - External facing materials matching and agreed, removal of further permitted development rights, development must be in accordance with ecological report.

14/00727 - Lower Mead, South Sway Lane - Triple bay detached garage - Grant Subject to Conditions - Facing materials to be agreed, surface water disposal to be agreed, incidental use only, and work in accordance with arboriculture report - including 5 year minimum replacement of trees.

14/00711 - Lower Mead, South Sway Lane Two storey extension; creation of 2no dormer windows; extend pitched roof dormer; 1 no rooflight. - Grant Subject to Conditions - Matching facing materials, removal of further permitted development rights and protection plan for trees and hedges to be first agreed.

PT162/14 - New Tree Preservation Orders

TPO/0038/14 – Land at Sway Manor, Station Road – Confirmation of the blanket preservation order put in place in October

PT163/14 – Applications for Tree Works / New Planning Applications

1) Applications for Tree Works

TPO/14/1182 - Silver Birches, Westbeams Road - Prune three oak trees – Cllr Golby observed that one of the reasons offered was to improve light to the property which was not an acceptable basis for pruning of a protected tree, however as the proposed was very modest and probably of benefit to the trees could see no objection in this case - Agreed

2) New Planning Applications

14/00818 - Waldon, Kings Lane, Sway - First floor rear extension

Chair observed that the planning officer had not yet managed to determine if proposed extension exceeded the DP11 rule. Cllr Cripps observed seemed quite modest. Was agreed to return the following: - Was noted that the Planning Officer had not yet determined if exceeds DP11 rules therefore: - If falls within DP 11 rules would recommend Option 3. We recommend PERMISSION. If exceeds DP 11 rules would recommend Option 2 - We recommend REFUSAL, but would accept the decision reached by the National Park Authority's Officers under their delegated powers.

14/00817 – Land at Limolands Farm, Vaggs Lane, Hordle - Construction of a 14 hectare solar farm, to include solar panels to generate electricity, associated plant buildings; perimeter fencing; cctv cameras; landscaping and associated works (Resubmission of planning permission 14/00470)

Chair opened discussion by declaring non-pecuniary interests as owning a Solar PV system and as a bondholder for the West Solent Solar scheme. Then invited the representatives from the agents, Locogen to make a brief presentation to the Committee and attending members of the public. The Agents spent some time talking through their presentation leaflet which gave a detailed explanation of proposals and steps taken to assuage concerns raised by the original application. This was followed by endorsement of the proposal by Dist.Cllr Lovelace (Hordle)

and a detailed presentation by the applicant's neighbour whose woodland bordered the fields concerned, also explaining the applicant's absence due to post-operative recovery in hospital, was also in favour of the proposal. Cllr Fleat (attending as a member of the public), made observations that the unreliability of wind and solar farms to guarantee generation of electricity would require continuation of old fashioned power stations.

Chair then asked for observations from the committee members. Cllr Golby observed the proposed site was actually too small to make improve renewable power generation and did not believe that a National Park was the right place to site it. The Chair detailed a number of planning regulations the proposal breached and observed that the Environment Secretary was also distancing self from the policy on the basis that farming land should be used to grow food and not energy. The Locogen agents replied that the land concerned was low grade pasture, unsuitable for crops and that was proposed would remain in use as sheep pasture. Chair also observed that considered agents had made insufficient engagement with the local people of Sway, this was disputed by the agents who assured had made every attempt to publicise the open meeting of the night before in the local paper and as many public areas as possible.

Cllr Cripps observed that the debate had strayed from the main point which was that the site lay within a national park and that it and the development associated with it (security fencing, CCTV , etc.) would impact the park. The Chair made further observations that there was little to benefit the Sway Parish and that consultations appeared to be extremely localised, agents replied was commensurate with site size and had operated on letter drop to all residents within a 500m radius and that every effort had been made to ensure good screening of the site.

Cllr Golby then proposed application should be given an option 4, (Refuse), which Cllr Cripps seconded. Chair asked other Committee members for observations:- Cllr Gates stated could see both sides of the argument and would abstain from vote; Cllr Dance stated was in favour of development and would vote against proposal; Cllr Langford agreed with Cllr Gates.

Vote on Option 4 (Refuse) was then taken – Result 3 for; 1 against with 2 abstentions. The following was then agreed to submit to NFNPA Planning:-

Option 4. We recommend REFUSAL, for the reasons listed below:-

Application contravenes the NPPF (para 115); the Sandford Principle; the NFNPA Core Strategy and Development Management Policies DPD (particularly CP5; CP17; CP2 and CP8). Is not supported by the Sway VDS. The location inside a National Park, adjacent to ancient woodland, over a waterway and not far from a public right of way is totally inappropriate. This is not small scale, will have an adverse effect on the landscape character and the local ecology and there has been insufficient local consultation within Sway CP.

14/00777 – Broadley Brake, Middle Road, Tiptoe - First floor extension

Cllr Cripps proposed Option 4 (Refuse) as substantially exceeds DP11 limits. Unanimously in favour of following:-

4. We recommend REFUSAL, for the reasons listed below - Substantially exceeds limits set by DP11

14/00850 – 8 Normandy Close, Sway - Addition of cladding to rear elevation.

Unanimously in favour of following:-

3. We recommend PERMISSION, for the reasons listed below. - With thanks for following correct process and making the application.

14/00503 - Forest Paradise, Silver Street, Hordle - Temporary siting of a touring caravan as a dwelling for an agricultural worker and the erection of an agricultural barn (AMENDED DESCRIPTION)

Unanimously in favour of following:-

Sway PC would support With Option 1 - We recommend PERMISSION, for the reasons listed below, but would accept the decision reached by the National Park Authority's Officers under their delegated powers. Providing the Agricultural Based Business justification is checked and satisfies the Officer as PC does not have expertise to make a judgement. With conditions -

Satisfactory siting of both barn and Caravan, and a clear condition that the caravan is temporary only (DP10).

14/00838 – Little Meadow, Manchester Road, Sway - Single storey extensions; roof alterations to facilitate first floor accommodation; alterations to conservatory; rooflights – Applicants attended, gave a short presentation to committee as to the details such as inclusion of wood burning stove in main area and that the new flat roof would be sedum to improve green credentials. Also advised having received verbal support of neighbours. Chair suggested that applicants should ask neighbours to send written support to NFNPA officer for the case. Cllr Cripps observed that the proposal was modest in scale and also in keeping with the “eclectic” style of properties in Manchester Road. Vote unanimous in favour of the following: - 3. We recommend PERMISSION, for the reasons listed below. - Subject to neighbours agreement.

14/00862 – Part Parcel OS 0054 & 7740, Great Break Field, North Common Lane, Sway - Application to vary condition 1 of planning permission reference 13/98434 to allow permanent siting of 3 storage units – Committee were reminded that the application made in 2013 requested full permission and was only granted temporary permission until 01/07/2016. Cllr Dance queried why application was being made now when current approval still had so long to run and added unhappy to give full approval to the units which were so obviously temporary. Chair stated could see three obvious options – 1. Remove containers; 2. Submit planning application for permanent building; 3. Provide screening for containers. Cllr Golby agreed adding that the current site looked untidy and unsightly and would only continue to accumulate rubbish. Cllr Langford asked if this needed to be granted before application for a building could be made and was advised no, application for building would have to be made and granted prior to building. Cllr Golby propose option 4. We recommend REFUSAL, for the reasons listed below - Concerns re application now when current permission does not expire until 1/7/2016, however an application for a **Permanent** Structure would be viewed favourably. This was unanimously agreed.

14/00801 - 28 Cruse Close, Sway - 2no single storey extensions – Committee unanimously agreed the following: - 3. We recommend PERMISSION, for the reasons listed below. - With condition that free draining hard standing is maintained.

Action: The Clerk to convey the above responses to the Planners of the New Forest National Park Authority.

PT164/14 Update on Planning Enforcement

- a) Of the previously reported 11 investigations, four have been closed (No breach was found at two sites, one had a retrospective planning application granted and one took action to cease the breach). One was added in error (The Paddock tree protection having been agreed with the tree team but not passed on to either planning or enforcement officers). This leaves 8 investigations, of which one is in error and three further may soon be closed (Land ad High Forest - the enforcement officer sees no breach, Cago Cottage have agreed to cease the breach and Heathey Lodge will be closed one way or the other as a result of the appeal which is awaited), leaving four ongoing investigations.
- b) With the removal of Rushcroft in Mount Pleasant Lane, there are now 5 Minerals and/or Waste Sites being monitored.
- c) The listing of 11 residences under Agricultural Occupancy monitoring remains the same as for over 12 months.

PT165/14 Planning Inspectorate and Enforcement Appeals – Moorlands, Middle Road, Sway - Insertion of first floor window to rear – applicants entered an immediate appeal despite being given evidence of failure of a number of similar appeals made.

PT166/14 NFNPA Planning Development Control Committee – Nothing affecting Sway.

PT167/14 Other Planning Issues – None

PT168/14 Reviewing New or Amended Policies from External Bodies such as the NFNPA, NFDC, DCLG – None

PT169/14 Review Possible Participation in HCC/NFNPA Quiet Lanes Project – Chair reminded committee that the deadline for response was 21st November. A member of the public observed that believed this was a suitable project for the South Sway Lanes having been assured by County Cllr Thornber that inclusion would in no way weaken the case for 20 mph speed limit. Was agreed that clerk should reply registering Sway's interest and that member of public's input be included to help prepare the case.

PT170/14 To Agree Sway's Response to the Initial Draft of the New Forest National Park Authority Management Plan 2015 – 2020. Members confirmed having only just received of document and requesting time to actually read it. Was agreed that each individual would send their comments to the Clerk who would summarise ready for the next meeting. Response to NFNPA must be made by 19th December 2014.

PT171/14 Report by the Parish Council's Transport Representative

John Warden reported that the due to the bad weather the figures were down into the 50's. Had attended the New Forest Transport Forum on the 3rd November, The meeting actually proved to be nothing to do with Bus Transport as attendees were advised that the Executive Council had already made the decision that this should be left to the individual Bus Companies. The CANGO service was however confirmed for another three years. Information on Infrastructure not relevant to Sway, with the exception of members of "Friends of Sway Station". There was to be a Volunteer drivers campaign, there being a desperate need for drivers in Sway. And finally that a "Solent Smart Travel Card" was being developed which would enable travel throughout Southern Hampshire.

PT172/14 Roads, Hedges and Ditches

A member of the public reported the return of the "water splash" in Coombe Lane following the heavy rain. Clerk advised had received report that the HCC Ordinary Watercourses Officer (the ditch man), would be visiting Tiptoe on the 16th December and she was hoping to persuade him to drive back through Sway to view the various flooding problems.

Cllr Langford advised of new lighting problems, including a new lamp post obstructing wheelchair and pushchair access. Chair advised of HCC telephone reporting number, stating the more calls received the quicker would be resolved.

A new "Pauls Lane" street sign had appeared its Pitmore Lane end but not the other.

Both the Cango Bus Drivers were complaining of the difficulties getting through Sway due to long stay car parking on the roads. Advising that in response to written contact by a resident, the NFDC had reminded him that the traffic survey conducted in 2012 had found no major issues in Sway and had warned parking restrictions only resulted in pushing the parking problem out into the surrounding residential streets. Had concluded that no further action would be taken.

PT173/14 Community Speedwatch

Len Thomas circulated the CSW report up to 8th November 2014 (attached). Was also pleased to report that 252 letters had been sent out since the last report. Reported that only 5.5 hours had been managed so far this month, but that 65 letters had been generated from this. Had

also been in discussion with Hordle Parish, in trying to assist them with trying to set up their own speedwatch. Were interested in joining with Sway and the other parishes, but this would have to be discussed with all involved.

PT174/14 Correspondence and Any Other Business

Cllr Gates advised that the Garage would cease to sell fuel after Christmas.

Cllr Cripps observed that as the new clerk was on much reduced hours to the previous, a meeting of this length (over 2.5 hours) could not be sustained and that a rigid time limit must be applied to each presentation.

PT175/14 Dates of Future Meetings

The following dates were noted:-

Thursday	11 th December 2014	Jubilee Field Pavilion
Thursday	22 nd January 2015	Jubilee Field Pavilion
Thursday	19 th February 2015	Jubilee Field Pavilion
Thursday	19 th March 2015	Jubilee Field Pavilion

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 10.00pm.

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Chair of Committee

Sway Community Speed Watch details up to Saturday 8 November 2014

- 1 - Since we started speed watch in April this year we have
- performed 115.5 hours of speed watch sessions
 - each session covered by at least 3 volunteers
 - each hour of session requiring another hour or more to complete the paperwork
 - along with planning and analysis etc, this equates to **well over 530 person hours**

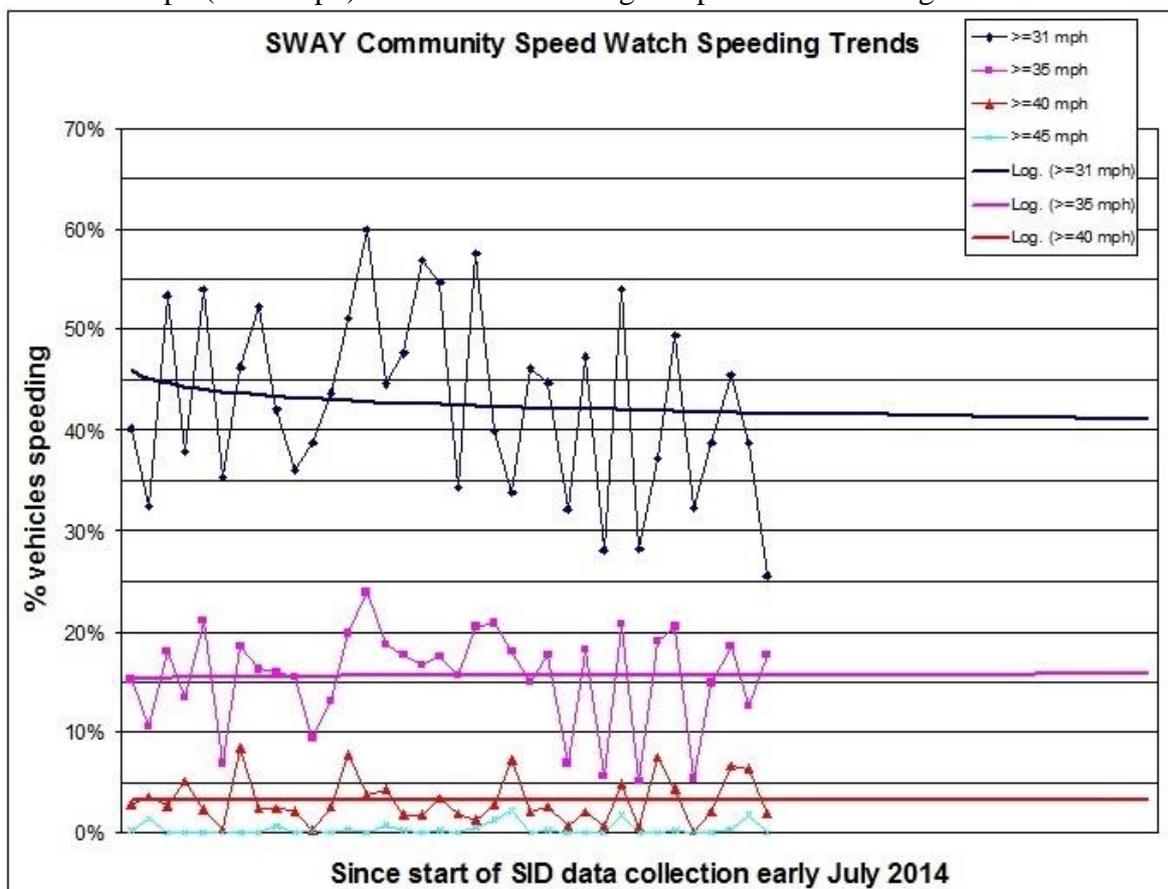
2 - In this time we have noted **1745** vehicle details

- **68** have been caught twice
- **9** have been caught **three times**
- **2** have been caught **four times!**

Sadly, not all this data has been acted upon (for details see overleaf).

3 - We only take details of vehicles that are exceeding the speed limit by 10% + 2 mph (ie 35 mph or more in a 30 mph speed limit) as per ACPO guidelines. Even then we are often unable to note everybody who speeds. Since July, we have collected data that is recorded in the Speed Indicator Device itself. This shows:

- We have missed 507 offenders (tailgaters or those who avoid passing us!)
- 44% of all motorists exceed the 30 mph speed limit
- 16% exceed it going at 35 mph or more
- There appears now to be a downward trend in the percentage of vehicles just exceeding 30 mph (31-34mph) but trends for the higher speeds are unchanged.



Specific data for this last week (4 November to 8 November)

Number of sessions = 5 (totalling 5.5 hours)	
person hours at road side	= 16.5
person hours completing forms	= 5.5 (approx)
person hours creating and analysing stats	= 2 (approx)
person hours initial planning	= 2 (approx)
person hours tracking data loss and other errors	= 9 (approx)
Total for this last week	= 35 person hours

Sessions:	hours	vehicles reported
4/11/14 am Pitmore	1	6 vehicles
6/11/14 am Durnstown	1	21 vehicles
7/11/14 am Durnstown	1	17 vehicles
7/11/14 pm Brighton Road	1.5	13 vehicles
8/11/14 am Durnstown	1	7 vehicles
Total	5.5	64 vehicles

Previous totals per week of SID use in Sway

April 28-May 2 (24 hrs)	= 290	resulting in 0 letters
June 2 – June 6 (18 hrs)	= 244	resulting in 175 letters
June 30 – July 4 (12 hrs)	= 233	resulting in 167 letters
July 21 – July 25 (20 hrs)	= 265	resulting in 120 letters (18 showed wrong date!)
Sept 8 – Sept 12 (18 hrs)	= 363	resulting in 211 letters
Oct 6 - Oct 11 (18 hrs)	= 286	resulting in 252 letters
Total (110 hrs)	= 1681	resulting in 925 letters

So 756 records (45% of our data) was discounted for some reason or another. Some data will inevitably be unusable, for example where vehicle details do not match the registration, or where a vehicle has changed hands and the new owner registration is yet to be processed by DVLA. However such events are recorded on the database and amount to just 105 of these missing records. Some others will have been discounted as having insufficient detail but this would also be very few. So, the loss of most of those remaining 651 records has not been explained. Consequently the police database shows only 42 double offenders, 3 triple offenders and zero 4 timers – far fewer than our records show.

Last month the amount of data lost was much smaller than previously mainly because so much time and effort was spent tracking it through the process. However, it was 4 weeks before all letters were finally sent out. Causes of this delay were numerous, from failure of the system to notify the team doing the PNC checks, through other software bugs and printer hardware problems. We have been assured that such problems will not occur again.

The meeting with the police support officer from Hedge End police station last month was very worthwhile and confirmed our understanding of the process. This process (described in last month's report) is due to change in the New Year when they switch to a new bespoke IT system, so we hope it will eventually settle down to become far more streamlined and robust than at present.