

MINUTES OF HORSMONDEN PARISH COUNCIL
PLANNING MEETING HELD IN HORSMONDEN VILLAGE HALL, HORSMONDEN
AT 7.30 P.M. ON 15TH OCTOBER 2013

Present: Cllr Parker (Chair), Cllrs , Davis, March and Russell.

In attendance: Clerk (Lucy Noakes), no members of the public present.

Declarations of Interest: Declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests in accordance with the Code of Conduct were invited. None were declared.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Reed (prior engagement)

Cllr Stevens (another meeting)

Cllr Lawrence (another meeting)

2. PUBLIC SESSION

No public present.

3. PLANNING

3.1 Applications/Submissions:

Planning Application No:	TW/13/01743/FUL/GM2
Proposal:	Revised application: Conversion and change of use of ground floor pub (A4) and first floor apartment to single dwelling house. Demolition of rear flat roof extension and demolition and rebuild of front section of garage. Use of adjacent garage and barn for parking and home office
Location:	The Highwayman Maidstone Road Horsmonden Ton bridge Kent TN12 8JJ
Recommendation:	Refusal
Proposal:	Cllr Davis, seconded Cllr Russell. Unanimous.
Comments:	The Parish Council would have liked to have seen the property marketed robustly for at least 12 months before concluding that there was no demand for such a premises. From the evidence available to us, there seems to have been a lack of consideration of other commercial uses (with associated local employment opportunities). There is presently significant capital investment in similar enterprises in neighbouring villages, e.g. The Vine at Goudhurst, The Queens Head at Hawkhurst and the Mylke house at Sissinghurst, which provide food and/or accommodation, and which act as examples of what could be achieved.

3.2 Reports of Applications Granted and Refused

None

3.3 Other planning matters

None.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.27pm.