

**MINUTES OF HORSMONDEN PARISH COUNCIL**  
**PLANNING MEETING HELD IN HORSMONDEN VILLAGE HALL, HORSMONDEN**  
**AT 7.00 P.M. ON TUESDAY 23RD MAY 2017**

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**Present:** Cllrs March, Davis, Russell, Stevens, Holloway, Jenkinson, Larkin and Richards

**In attendance** Lucy Noakes (Clerk) and 1 member 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 recorded

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

None.

**2. ELECTION OF CHAIR OF PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Cllr Davis proposed that Cllr Richards should chair the planning committee. The proposal was accepted by Cllr Richards seconded by Cllr Holloway and voted for unanimously.

**3. PUBLIC SESSION**

None.

**4. PLANNING**

**4.1 Applications/Submissions:**

<b>Planning Application No:</b>	TW/17/01414/FULL
<b>Proposal:</b>	<b><u>Alterations to rear extension by infilling corners of kitchen, together with internal alterations</u></b>
<b>Location:</b>	Capel Cross Grovehurst Lane Horsmonden Tonbridge Kent TN12 8BB
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Approval
<b>Proposal:</b>	Cllr Russell, seconded Cllr Davis, unanimous.
<b>Comments:</b>	Recommended approval. A reasonable further extension and internal alterations.

<b>Planning Application No:</b>	TW/17/01415/LBC
<b>Proposal:</b>	<b><u>Listed Building Consent - Alterations to rear extension by infilling corners of kitchen, together with internal alterations</u></b>
<b>Location:</b>	Capel Cross Grovehurst Lane Horsmonden Tonbridge Kent TN12 8BB
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Approval
<b>Proposal:</b>	Cllr Stevens, seconded Cllr March , unanimous.
<b>Comments:</b>	Recommended Approval, subject to the Conservation architects approval.

<b>Planning Application No:</b>	TW/17/01341/FULL ( Amended application)
<b>Proposal:</b>	Construction of new barn
<b>Location:</b>	Highlands Farm Marle Place Road Horsmonden Tonbridge Kent TN12 8DS
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Refusal
<b>Proposal:</b>	Cllr Davis, seconded Cllr March, unanimous.
<b>Comments:</b>	Refusal on the grounds that the access has not been defined.

**4.2 Applications granted and refused.**

**Applications Granted**

TW/17/00890/TCA – The Village Green, Horsmonden

TW/17/01205/FULL – Plovers Ruck Lane, Horsmonden

TW/17/00989/FULL – 2 Crackhill Cottages, Grovehurst lane, Horsmonden

**Applications refused.**

None

**Appeals**

Appeal ref: APP/M2270/W/16/3165715 – TW/16/06001/FULL - Land at Grovehurst Lane, Horsmonden –

Appeal Dismissed.

23.05.2017

Initialled

#### **4.3 Other planning matters (discussion only – no decisions)**

The Clerk had received notification that land either side of the Maidstone Road, adjacent to the Sports Ground had been put forward in the second call for sites for the Local Plan. This notification was for information only.

Cllr March suggested that the Parish Council and Village Hall committee may wish to consider putting the site of the Village Hall forward in TWBC's call for sites and at the same time ask TWBC to put aside a suitable piece of land elsewhere in the village to build a purpose built village hall with meeting room and parish office facilities. This would need to be discussed at the next parish council meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> June.

### **5. CONSULTATIONS**

#### **5.1 Tunbridge Wells Borough Council – new Local Plan – Issue and Options Consultation.**

[www.tunbridgewells.gov.uk/localplan](http://www.tunbridgewells.gov.uk/localplan). Comments by 12<sup>th</sup> June 2017

The council read through the set of questions asked by TWBC and answered each one individually. The answers produced were proposed for acceptance by Cllr Larkin, seconded by Cllr Davis and voted for unanimously. Clerk to send these off to TWBC on line. The comments are available to view on the TWBC website.

#### **5.2 Tunbridgewells Borough Council Draft Landscape Character Assessment Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)**

<http://www.tunbridgewells.gov.uk/residents/planning/planning-policy/supplementary-planning-documents>

Comments by 12<sup>th</sup> June 2017

Cllr March pointed out that the document makes a point about maintaining the character of orchards and applying for grants to keep orchards, without necessarily relating this to any horticultural business, which is idealistic rather than realistic.

The document also mentions a possible restriction of converting agricultural buildings, and appeared not to be in favour of allowing new agricultural buildings. Again it was felt that this was unsustainable as a lot of older agricultural buildings are no longer fit for purpose for modern agricultural practices.

These comments were proposed to be put forward as a response by Cllr Stevens, seconded by Cllr Jenkinson and voted for unanimously. The Clerk will make these comments in response. The comments are available to view on the TWBC website.

#### **5.3 Tunbridge wells Borough Council – Interim Sustainability Appraisal.**

[http://consult.tunbridgewells.gov.uk/portal/planning\\_information/spp/local\\_plan/interim\\_sustainability\\_appraisal\\_2017/interim\\_sa?pointId=1491557941980](http://consult.tunbridgewells.gov.uk/portal/planning_information/spp/local_plan/interim_sustainability_appraisal_2017/interim_sa?pointId=1491557941980) Comments by 12<sup>th</sup> June 2017

The question set was discussed in detail and answers/comment put forward for each question asked. These were proposed for acceptance by Councillor Holloway, seconded by Cllr Russell and voted for unanimously. The clerk will answer the questionnaire online using these answers. The comments are available to view on the TWBC website.

#### **5.4 Tunbridge Wells Borough Council - Draft Five Year Plan 2017-2022**

<http://consult.tunbridgewells.gov.uk/portal/pg/fyp/fyp> Comments by 5<sup>th</sup> June 2017

The Parish Council were largely agreeable with the draft five year plan and those strategies put forward. Proposed for acceptance by Cllr Davis, seconded Cllr Russell, unanimous. Clerk to respond appropriately. The comments are available to view on the TWBC website.

#### **5.5 Tunbridge wells Borough Council – Draft Planning Framework for the Crescent Road/Church Road area of change, Great Hall car park and Mount Pleasant car park.** Comments by 1<sup>st</sup> June 2017

Cllr Stevens suggested that TWBC should ensure that the size of spaces for parking vehicles in any new car parks should be large enough to accommodate modern vehicles. Otherwise the framework was largely acceptable to the Council. It was proposed that these comments be put forward by Cllr Holloway, seconded Cllr Russell, unanimous. The comments are available to view on the TWBC website.

#### **5.6 UK Airspace policy consultation** Comments by 25<sup>th</sup> May 2017

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/589099/uk-airspace-policy-consultation-executive-summary.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/589099/uk-airspace-policy-consultation-executive-summary.pdf)

The Parish Council largely agreed with the document and it was proposed that this comment be put forward by Cllr Russell seconded Cllr Jenkinson. Unanimous. The clerk will send these comments through.

#### **5.7 Gatwick/Heathrow runway consultation.** Comments by 25<sup>th</sup> May 2017

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/589082/consultation-on-draft-airportsnps.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/589082/consultation-on-draft-airportsnps.pdf)

There was some discussion about whether the expansion should take place at Gatwick or Heathrow. However the PC was in a majority agreement with the proposed expansion at Heathrow. It was proposed by Cllr Davis, seconded by Cllr Larkin that this feedback be given by the clerk. Unanimous.

**There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.25pm**