

MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD IN THE METHODIST CHURCH HALL at 7.30 P.M. ON TUESDAY 22ND APRIL 2014

Present: Cllr March (Chair)
Councillors Stevens, Russell, Cheesman, Hughes and Isaacs.

In attendance: Lucy Noakes (Clerk)
1 member of the public was present.

Declarations of Interest:

Declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests in accordance with the Code of Conduct were invited. Cllr Hughes declared a non pecuniary, non prejudicial interest in item TW/14/01050, as the applicant is a friend, neighbour and fellow member of a Village Vision committee.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Davis (domestic reason)
Cllr McDermott (another meeting)

2. PUBLIC SESSION

No members of the public wished to speak

3. PLANNING

3.1 Applications/Submissions:

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| Planning Application No: | TW/14/00977/HOUSE |
| Proposal: | Replacement conservatory |
| Location: | South View, Green Road, Horsmonden Tonbridge Kent |
| Recommendation: | Approval |
| Proposal: | Cllr Isaacs, seconded Cllr Hughes, unanimous |
| Comments: | Replacement of existing building |

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| Planning Application No: | TW/14/01011/HOUSE |
| Proposal: | Alterations to vehicle entrance |
| Location: | Remingtons, Lamberhurst Road, Horsmonden |
| Recommendation: | Approval |
| Proposal: | Cllr Stevens, seconded Cllr Hughes, unanimous. |
| Comments: | Suitable modification of the entrance |

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| Planning Application No: | TW/14/01018/HOUSE |
| Proposal: | Retrospective: Replace existing rotten shed with 1.8mx2.4m shed, install LPG tank, installation of 2 satellite aerials for house and barn and 3mx11m shed. |
| Location: | School House Farm, School House Lane, Horsmonden, Tonbridge. |
| Recommendation: | Refusal |

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| Proposal: | Cllr Hughes, seconded Cllr Stevens, unanimous. |
| Comments: | Whilst the Parish Council have no objection to the small shed, LPG tank and satellite aerials; they do feel that the larger shed constitutes overdevelopment and uses materials which are unsympathetic to the environment. |

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| Planning Application No: | TW/14/01050/HOUSE |
| Proposal: | Demolition of conservatory and construction of single storey side/rear extension |
| Location: | Lilac Cottage School House Lane Horsmonden Tonbridge Kent |
| Recommendation: | Approval |
| Proposal: | Cllr Stevens, seconded Cllr Russell, unanimous. |
| Comments: | Suitable modification to the existing building |

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| Planning Application No: | TW/14/01060/HOUSE |
| Proposal: | Demolition of conservatory at rear and replace with single-storey rear extension with roof lights |
| Location: | Edwinton Furnace Lane Horsmonden Tonbridge Kent |
| Recommendation: | Approval |
| Proposal: | Cllr Isaacs, seconded Cllr Russell, unanimous |
| Comments: | Marginal increase to footprint and suitable conversion of existing sunroom. |

3.2 Reports of Applications Granted and Refused

Applications Granted

TW/14/00608/HOUSE – Rams Hill, Maidstone Road, Horsmonden, Kent.

TW/14/00670/LBC – Bushes Farmhouse, Churn lane, Horsmonden, Kent.

3.3 Other planning matters (Discussion only)

Church Board

The Church Council had now contacted Cllr March to inform her that following discussions with the new owners of the old Post Office building, the Church notice board would remain in its previous location.

Institute Plaque

Members of the Council had met to consider the positioning of the William Lambert plaque on the Institute building and Cllr Davis had made a mock up of the plaque out of board. It was suggested that the plaque would fit above the green door at the front of the building and that the Social Club should now be approached for their thoughts on this. Planning permission should be looked into by the Clerk and if a decision is made to go ahead with putting the plaque in this position it was suggested that a structural engineers report should be sought in order to ensure that the fixings were adequate.

Members of the Council brought to the Chair's attention the fact that the Kent Invicta plaque which was also rescued from the old Boddingtons site, was now located in a house which Mrs Davenport owned. It was suggested that the Council could write to Mrs Davenport and mention to her that if ever the plaque became available the Parish Council would find a suitable place for its location in a public building within the village.

- 3.4 Way leaves documentation regarding the implementation of the new box on the Village Green for superfast fibre optic broadband.
BT had written to the Council with some plans to put in a further box on the village green, situated on the Maidstone Road side between the crossroads and the chemist. This is so that they can carry out the first of the updates towards super fast broadband. It is understood that the village will not receive super fast broad band once the box is input, it will however upgrade the speeds received in the area. The parish council were agreeable to this as it is needed by local businesses and parishioners. It was proposed for acceptance from the chair. Unanimous.
- 3.5 Conservation area map
Stuart Davis had shown the two samples of the conservation area map, which could be constructed and put up by TWBC. One showed an aerial view of the village centre and the other was based on a map view. It was proposed by Cllr Hughes that the ‘map view’ should be chosen as this appeared clearer and easier to read, seconded Cllr Isaacs, unanimous. It was also proposed from the Chair that there should be a red star put on the map to show where it is located and this should state ‘You are here’ so that those looking at the map understand where they are standing. Cllr March also proposed tht a cardinal point (showing compass points) should be present on the map to give its orientation. Unanimous.
It was suggested that the siting of the lectern should be left until the Parish Council were aware of the size and materials which it would be made up of.
- 3.6 Parish Council banking arrangements –consideration of transferring funds to another bank.
After a full discussion, it was proposed from the Chair that e the PC review its banking arrangements and hold £25000 working capital with Co-operative, as well as looking at two other British registered banks to hold deposit accounts with, allowing varying lengths of notice period, i.e. 90 days and 120 days notice. Unanimous.
Clerk to look at possible banks and bring details back to a meeting.
- 3.7 Public conveniences, sign and bins
Cllr Russell had made enquiries about new signs for the Public conveniences. Iden signs had come back to him with various options which he read aloud to the Council. It was proposed from the Chair that the Council go back to Iden signs to order a sign in the reverse cut vinyl on clear acrylic which measured 500mm by 350 mm, with black lettering on white background. The council were happy with the font and border chosen. This was priced at £45 plus VAT. Unanimous. Other manufacturers had been approached but none had got back to Cllr Russell with quotes.

It was suggested that there should be a grand opening of the toilets on 31st May when the event was planned on the Green.

With regards to bins in the toilets. It was suggested that the Clerk purchase three swing bins, two for ladies cubicles and a slightly larger one for the disabled /baby change area. There should not be a bin in the men’s loo. This was proposed by t he Chair. Unanimous.

The traffic group of village vision had asked if the stickers on the wheelie bins could be extended to brown bins. This was thought to be a good idea by the Council. The Highways group were also keen to have 12 stickers mounted on signs to put permanently at the roadside. However it was thought that this would not be a good idea as the trials with the stickers had shown them to be most effective when they were not permanently there. Cllr Russell to report back to the group that the PC did not thank this a good idea, with reasons. Cllr Russell proposed that the stickers be extended to brown bins on the four main routes in the village centre only, seconded Cllr Stevens, unanimous.

A bus shelter had also been discussed by the village Vision group and it was mentioned that this could possibly be placed outside the Heath Stores or old Post Office area. The PC should approach the owners of the old Post office to see if they are agreeable to pursuing this.

Clerk to add Village Vision highways Group to the next agenda and look at the rules governing the protection of the Village Green as the group are looking into the possibility of making some parking on the green for the shops. The next Village Vision Highways group meeting is 26th June at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm