

MINUTES OF HORSMONDEN PARISH COUNCIL
PLANNING MEETING HELD IN HORSMONDENMEHTODIST CHURCH HALL, HORSMONDEN
AT 7.30 P.M. ON 18TH JUNE 2013

Present: Cllr Parker (Planning Committee Chair), Cllrs Stevens, March, Lawrence, Russell, Reed and Davis

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

Declarations of Interest: Declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests in accordance with the Code of Conduct were invited, none were received.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Kerrigan (Horsmonden Players).

2. ELECTION OF PLANNING COMMITTEE CHAIR

Cllr Davis proposed that Cllr Parker should be Chair to the Committee. Cllr Parker accepted this proposal. Cllr March seconded the proposal. Unanimous.

3. PUBLIC SESSION

No public present.

4. PLANNING

4.1 Applications/Submissions:

Planning Application No:	TW/13/01397/FUL/RH1000WONBWBU000 Old Forge House Maidstone Road Horsmonden Tonbridge Kent TN12 8HA
Proposal:	(Retrospective) Change of use of strip of land adjacent to Old Forge House from commercial to residential. Proposed summerhouse
Location:	Land Adjacent Old Forge House Maidstone Road Horsmonden Tonbridge Kent TN12 8HA
Recommendation:	Approval
Proposal:	Cllr Lawrence, seconded Cllr Stevens, Unanimous
Comments:	The Parish Council proposes to allow this to go ahead provided there is a vegetative screen to mitigate the visual impact of the summer house from the road.

Planning Application No:	TW/13/01093/HOUSE/RH113/01093/HOUSE Demolish existing single storey utility room and erection of two storey extension 16 Gibbet Lane Horsmonden Tonbridge Kent TN12 8NA
Proposal:	Demolish existing single storey utility room and erection of two storey extension
Location:	16 Gibbet Lane Horsmonden Tonbridge Kent TN12 8NA
Recommendation:	Approval
Proposal:	Cllr Stevens, seconded Cllr Russell, unanimous.
Comments:	Suitable enlargement to a semi detached house.

Planning Application	TW/13/01484/HOUSE/HW1000W9KBWBU000 Church Farm
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No:	House Brick Kiln Lane Horsmonden Tonbridge Kent TN12 8EN
Proposal:	Sports pavilion/gymnasium building including erection of retaining wall and steps
Location:	Church Farm House Brick Kiln Lane Horsmonden Tonbridge Kent TN12 8EN
Recommendation:	Approval
Proposal:	Cllr Davis, seconded Cllr Reed. Carried.
Comments:	Acceptable domestic sporting facility.

4.2 **Reports of Applications Granted and Refused**

Applications Granted.

TW/13/00460/FUL – Middle Barn, Pullens Farm, Lamberhurst Road, Horsmonden.

Applications Refused

None.

4.3 **Other planning matters**

Cllr Parker mentioned the new General Development Order and sad that she was aware that a number of Councils had applied for exemption to the order, however, very few exemptions had been granted, and TWBC was not granted an exemption. This meant that the order was now in place and could affect planning in the local borough, by effectively easing the rules for certain types of applications and permitted development.

Cllr March presented a document which she had been given regarding Crouches Field. She wanted to make the council aware that she is often approached by developers who wish to develop land in and around the village for market housing similar to this application. In this instance she had been approached by the land owner who wishes to build a significant number of market homes on the site. The developers are often looking to form a coalition with parish councils to gain benefits for the village in return for being allowed to build market Housing.

Cllr March explained that she had given the response that as she understood from the Village Vision survey, many parishioners did not support any further housing in Horsmonden, and they only type they wished to consider was sheltered accommodation for the elderly or disabled. Consequently, this is the approach which HPC would be taking. HPC had no current plan to carry out a Neighbourhood Plan to designate an area for further housing. The next housing needs survey is not due to be carried out until 2017 at the earliest.

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