

**MINUTES OF HORSMONDEN PARISH COUNCIL**  
**PLANNING MEETING HELD IN HORSMONDEN VILLAGE HALL, HORSMONDEN**  
**AT 7.30 P.M. ON TUESDAY 21ST FEBRUARY 2017**

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

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

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr Larkin

**2. PUBLIC SESSION**

Mrs Hughes had asked the clerk to read aloud her email concerning TW/16/06001/FULL - Pond OS Plot 3666 Grovehurst Lane Horsmonden, as she could not unfortunately be present. Mrs Hughes said that in her knowledge over the last 16 years the pond has not been used for fishing and that the field had during that time been used to graze animals and could not therefore be said to be unsuitable for farming. Mrs Hughes also made the point that the pond was not visible on Google maps or Google earth, other than as small patch of vegetation.

**3. PLANNING**

**3.2 Appeal received TW/16/06001/FULL - Pond OS Plot 3666 Grovehurst Lane Horsmonden. Does the council wish to add to its comments for the Appeal?**

It was proposed by Cllr Davis that item TW/16/06001/FULL be brought forward for discussion. This was seconded by Cllr Holloway. Unanimous.

The Council looked on the TWBC Planning portal at various documents available including the Appellants statement which was quite detailed in content. They mentioned the rural setting and the comparatively high membership mentioned in the statement, with the potential for up to 18 members being present at a time, with what appeared to be little management on site. Some of the council members were knowledgeable of the fact that the field had been used for grazing in the past.

After a lengthy deliberation it was proposed by Cllr Davis and seconded by Councillor Isaacs that the Council should stand by its previous comments, without addition. These would be forwarded to the Planning Inspectorate as part of the information forming the application. This was voted for unanimously.

**3.1 Applications/Submissions:**

<b>Planning Application No:</b>	TW/ 17/00424/TPO
<b>Proposal:</b>	<b>T1 (Tulip) - Reduce the tallest central stem by approx 5m. Reduce remaining canopy by approx 2-3 metres to leave a balanced shape T2 (Liquidamber) - Fell</b>
<b>Location:</b>	The Poplars Green Road Horsmonden Tonbridge Kent TN12 8JS
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Neutral
<b>Proposal:</b>	Cllr Richards, seconded Cllr Holloway, carried.
<b>Comments:</b>	Horsmonden Parish Council voted to stay neutral on this issue and offered no comment.

<b>Planning Application No:</b>	TW/17/00349/FULL
<b>Proposal:</b>	<b>Replacement Porch</b>
<b>Location:</b>	Bramley Cottage Back Lane Horsmonden Tonbridge Kent TN12 8NH
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Approval
<b>Proposal:</b>	Cllr Russell, seconded Cllr Stevens, unanimous
<b>Comments:</b>	A reasonable replacement of the existing porch

**3.3 Applications granted and refused.**

**Applications Granted**

TW/16/07567/FULL - All saints Church , Maidstone road  
 TW/16/07568/LBC - All saints Church , Maidstone road  
 TW/16/07719/FULL - Swigs Hole Barn, Yew Tree Green Road  
 TW/16/07203/FULL - The Poplars, Green Road  
 TW/16/07631/FULL - Orchard Business Park, Furnace Lane  
 TW/16/06976/FULL - 33 Morely Drive  
 TW/16/07079/FULL - 2 Small bridge Cottages, Small bridge Road.

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**3.3 Other planning matters ( discussion only – no decisions)**

A resident had enquired about the garages at Great Baiden, school house lane as apparently there appeared to be no permission for these to be built. The Clerk had investigated this with the enforcement officer at TWBC, who had been out to see the garages. As the garages had not been built more than 4 years ago and were clearly visible from the public footpath ( i.e. not concealed), they were now immune from having to apply for planning permission

The Mobile home at Banfield's was mentioned in the previous meeting as the enforcement officer should ensure that the premises are not being lived in during one month a year (February to March). There had not been any feedback on this as yet from the enforcement officer.

Bassett's Oast was mentioned as the temporary caravan which had been allowed on site was still there. Clerk to look this up and if necessary ask the enforcement officer to look into it. Cllr March said it would be good to have clarification on the permission granted in this instance, in that was the permission granted as temporary permission to 'live ' in the caravan for up to three years, or simply permission to 'park the caravan there – whatever its use' for three years.

**There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.30pm**

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