

MINUTES OF HORSMONDEN PARISH COUNCIL
PLANNING MEETING HELD IN HORSMONDEN VILLAGE HALL, HORSMONDEN
AT 7.30 P.M. ON 29th APRIL 2015

Present: Cllr Davis (Acting Chair), Cllrs Isaacs, Stevens, Russell, Stanton, Hughes.

In attendance: Clerk (Lucy Noakes), 3 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.

As Cllr March was unable to attend the meeting, an Acting chair was required. Cllr Hughes proposed that Cllr Davis should act as Chair, seconded by Cllr Stanton. Unanimous.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr March –Canvassing in Wales.

Cllr Lawrence – at a work related meeting.

It was proposed from the Chair that these reasons be accepted as reasonable under the circumstances. Unanimous.

2. PUBLIC SESSION

Mrs Parker had requested to speak about item 3.2 - Proposed diversion of footpath WT347 at Horsmonden – Lewis Heath, as this matter affected her property. Mrs Parker had made an application to alter the route of the footpath approximately two years ago, however this matter was now being looked at by KCC Public Rights of Way to see if the changes should be made. Mrs Parker said that until the 1980's most people assumed the footpath took the route along the road past their house, Hill Top, Lewes Heath. However the owners of Hazel Street Farm discovered that the ordinance survey map and definitive maps differed with regards to the footpath route and asked to have the footpath moved back to its position as shown on the definitive map, taking it through Mrs Parker's garden.

The proposal being looked at by Kent Public Rights of Way, requests that the footpath is moved back to the route following the farm road, rather than through Mrs Parker's garden. This move would also divert the footpath away from the garden of Lewes Heath House.

3. PLANNING

Cllr Davis proposed that item 3.2 be moved forward so that Mrs Parker could listen to the discussion and that this then be followed by a discussion of application TW/15/502574/FULL as Mr and Mrs Beale the owners were present and wished to hear the discussion. Unanimous.

3.2 Proposed diversion of footpath WT347 at Horsmonden – Lewis Heath

After a brief discussion and a look at the maps provided, Cllr Stevens proposed that the Parish Council accept the alteration as a sensible new route and on grounds of security. This was seconded by Cllr Isaacs, unanimous.

3.1 Applications/Submissions:

Planning Application No:	TW/15/502574/FULL
Proposal:	Proposed change of use of former post office and shop to residential.
Location:	Post Office The Heath Horsmonden Tonbridge Kent TN12 8HT
Recommendation:	Approval
Proposal:	Cllr Hughes, seconded Cllr Stanton, Unanimous.
Comments:	Approval. Acceptance on the grounds that it is an acceptable change of use given the abortive steps taken to market it as a retail premises.

Planning Application No:	TW/15/502506/FULL
Proposal:	Two storey side extension and single storey rear extension.
Location:	11 Church Meadow Maidstone Road Horsmonden Tonbridge Kent TN12 8DQ
Recommendation:	Approval
Proposal:	Cllr Hughes, seconded Cllr Stevens, unanimous
Comments:	Acceptance on the grounds that it is an acceptable extension to the house and consistent with other extensions already built by neighbouring house owners.

Planning Application No:	TW/15/501918/FULL
Proposal:	Proposed conversion of redundant barn no.1 to a single residential dwelling and construction of detached garage.
Location:	Barn 30M S Of Yew Tree Farmhouse Yew Tree Green Road Horsmonden Tonbridge Kent TN12

Recommendation:	Approval
Proposal:	Cllr Davis, Chair, unanimous.
Comments:	Acceptance. The Parish Council notes the clarification of the vehicle access in accordance with our previous requirements.

Planning Application No:	TW/15/501920/LBC
Proposal:	Listed building consent - Proposed conversion of redundant barn no.1 to a single residential dwelling and construction of detached garage.
Location:	Barn 30M S Of Yew Tree Farmhouse Yew Tree Green Road Horsmonden Tonbridge Kent TN12
Recommendation:	Approval
Proposal:	Cllr Davis, Chair, unanimous.
Comments:	Acceptance. The Parish Council has no further comments.

Planning Application No:	TW/15/502093/FULL
Proposal:	Erection of extensions to form a study and a link between the main house and annexe
Location:	Church Farm House Brick Kiln Lane Horsmonden Tonbridge Kent TN12 8EN
Recommendation:	Approval
Proposal:	Cllr Russell, seconded Cllr Isaacs, unanimous.
Comments:	Approval. This is a reasonable extension to this property.

Planning Application No:	TW/ 15/502584/FULL
Proposal:	Variation of condition 2 of 14/506402/FULL (Part demolition and two storey side extension) - to enclose the covered porch and part of the log store with brickwork to match the rest of the building and extension.
Location:	2 Lapwing Cottages Marle Place Road Horsmonden Tonbridge Kent TN12 8DX
Recommendation:	Approval
Proposal:	Cllr Stevens, seconded Cllr Russell, unanimous.
Comments:	Approval. Acceptable modification to the existing previous submission..

3.3 Applications granted and refused

None.

3.4 Other planning matters (discussion only)

Cllr Stevens asked if Kindergarten had required planning permission to put up the canopy at the rear of the building. It was suggested that this had not been needed as it was a permitted development.

Cllr Russell said that he had been approached by someone who may wish to make a regular booking at the Village Hall on a Wednesday evening and he wondered if the planning meetings might start at 8pm in order to accommodate this booking.

The consensus was that it was preferable to start meetings at 7.30pm, as 8pm was considered too late. However it was suggested that the planning meeting could be held on a different night of the week

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.12pm.