

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL at 7.30 P.M. ON TUESDAY 17th SEPTEMBER 2013**

Present: Cllr Parker (Acting Chair)
Councillors Cheesman, Lawrence, Stevens, Russell and Reed.

In attendance: Lucy Noakes (Clerk)
No members of the public were 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

Councillor March - Parish Chairman's meeting
Cllr Davis - away
Cllr Kerrigan - unwell

2. PUBLIC SESSION

There were no members of the public present.
It was realised that as Cllr March could not attend, a Chair for the meeting was needed. Cllr Stevens proposed that Cllr Parker be Acting Chair. This was seconded by Cllr Russell and accepted by Cllr Parker. Unanimous

3. PLANNING

3.1 Applications/Submissions:

Planning Application No:	TW/13/02428/LBC13/02428/LBC Listed Building Consent - Single-storey sunroom extension and replacement joinery Kirkins Farmhouse Maidstone Road Horsmonden Tonbridge Kent TN12 8NE
Proposal:	Listed Building Consent - Single-storey sunroom extension and replacement joinery
Location:	Kirkins Farmhouse Maidstone Road Horsmonden Tonbridge Kent
Recommendation:	Approval
Proposal:	Cllr Lawrence, seconded Cllr Stevens. Unanimous.
Comments:	Suitable extension

Planning Application No:	TW/13/02539/CEU13/02539/CEU Lawful Development Certificate (Existing) - Single residential dwelling house with ancillary residential curtilage Quince Cottage School House Lane Horsmonden Tonbridge Kent TN12 8BJ
Proposal:	Lawful Development Certificate (Existing) - Single residential dwelling house with ancillary residential curtilage

Location:	Quince Cottage School House Lane Horsmonden Tonbridge Kent
Recommendation:	Neutral
Proposal:	Chair. Unanimous
Comments:	The Parish Council has no information about the residency of this building

3.2 Reports of Applications Granted and Refused None received.

3.3 Other planning matters

It was noted that the PC were awaiting a resubmission of the planning application TW/13/01744/FUL – Banfields Churn Lane Horsmonden Tonbridge Kent.

4. COMPUTER TRAINING/BROADBAND AT THE INSTITUTE

Cllr Kerrigan had emailed through to members of the Council some up to date quotations from BT for Business Broadband, which members of the Council considered to be very expensive for the period of time during which the broadband would be in use. BT had commented that the line could be treated as residential and this would make it cheaper, however this would then need to be taken out in an individual's name, which was not considered a suitable option by Council members, during their discussions.

The discussion went on to consider use of the Village Hall instead of the Institute, as broadband was already installed and used by the PC here for the parish office use. The Village Hall also had the added advantage that it had the overhead projector and large screen which could be very useful during tuition.

It was proposed by the Chair that the PC should not pursue the broadband installation at the Institute with BT, and that they should instead continue researching alternative methods and venues for this activity. Unanimous.

Cllr Lawrence suggested that the next step would be for a few council members to get together on evening with laptops in the Village Hall and see if the broadband there was suitable for multiple connections. The Clerk mentioned that the router in the office seems temperamental and will ask BT if there is any chance of providing a new one free of charge, as the Parish Council had been a loyal customer,.

Clerk to organise an evening when Councillors can try out computers in VH.

The meeting closed at 8.14pm