

MINUTES OF HORSMONDEN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL at 7.30 P.M. ON TUESDAY 22ND
NOVEMBER 2016

Present: Cllr March(Chair)
Councillors Russell, Richards, Isaacs, Stevens, Holloway and Jenkinson.

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

Declarations of Interest:

Declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests in accordance with the Code of Conduct were invited. Cllr Richards declared a non pecuniary interest in item TW/16/07079/FULL, 2 Small bridge Cottages Small bridge Road Horsmonden, as the applicant is a friend of his.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Davis.

2. PUBLIC SESSION (no decisions): Members of the public have the right to speak for up to three minutes at the Chairpersons discretion on issues concerning the Parish providing the Clerk has prior notification.

Mr Hunt, the applicant of planning application TW/16/07079 – 2 Small bridge Cottages had asked to speak in the public session. He explained that he had been to TWBC for preplanning advice on this matter and they had said that the application would be likely to go through without any complications. The two storey addition would make the house a similar size and proportion to the house next door which was already twice the size and which had also received planning permission for a further extension on the side (but which the owners had decided not to build at present.) Mr Hunt said that TWBC had not suggested that the extension should be set back from the existing house, as was often the case, as this meant that it would replicate the design of the adjoining house.

Mrs Writer had asked the clerk to read out a letter she and her husband had written in response to application TW/16/0627- Pullens Farm, Lamberhurst Road, Horsmonden. The clerk read the letter which outlined Mr and Mrs Writer's fears that if the applicant moved his business premises the doors and car park would be directly facing their house which was a grade 2 listed property in an AONB. She reminded the council that the PC had recommended refusal on the applicant's original proposal in 2013 as said that she felt nothing had changed since then. She said that she and her husband felt the expansion of this business in to the middle barn would be detrimental to the conservation area and have an impact on Pullens Farmhouse.

It was proposed from the chair that application TW/16/07079/FULL be brought forward as the applicant was awaiting the outcome. Seconded Councillor Stevens, unanimous.

3. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

i) Current applications awaiting consideration by the council:

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Planning Application No:	TW/16/07079/FULL
Proposal:	Two storey side extension, new dormer & velux window to rear elevation, extend existing single storey lean-to rear elevation.
Location:	2 Smallbridge Cottages Smallbridge Road Horsmonden Tonbridge TN12 8EP
Recommendation:	Recommended approval
Proposal:	Cllr Isaacs, Cllr Stevens, carried.
Comments:	Recommended approval. Although it is a large extension, it is an acceptable size in the location and size of the overall plot and similar in nature to the neighbouring property.

Planning Application No:	TW/16/06927/FULL
Proposal:	Change of use of existing barn to Class B2; New roller shutter and personnel door
Location:	Pullens Farm Lamberhurst Road Horsmonden Tonbridge Kent
Recommendation:	Recommended approval
Proposal:	Cllr Richards, seconded Cllr Holloway, unanimous
Comments:	Recommended approval on the grounds that the new proposal won't make a serious impact on the surroundings, assuming similar conditions as those applied to the previous approval by TWBC

Planning Application No:	TW/16/07203/FULL
Proposal:	Two-storey side extension, loft conversion and alterations
Location:	The Poplars Green Road Horsmonden Tonbridge Kent
Recommendation:	Recommended approval
Proposal:	Cllr Stevens, seconded Cllr Isaacs, unanimous.
Comments:	Recommended approval. This is a suitable extension in the conservation area, sympathetic to the architecture of the building. Because of its positioning the Parish Council would like to see all material used matching the existing.

Planning Application No:	TW/16/07310/FULL
Proposal:	Single-storey front extension
Location:	10 Orchard Way Horsmonden Tonbridge TN12 8JX
Recommendation:	Recommended approval
Proposal:	Cllr Richards, seconded Cllr Holloway, unanimous
Comments:	Recommended approval. Acceptance on the grounds that it is a very reasonable extension to the building.

3. ii) Applications granted and refused Applications Granted

TW/16/06526/FULL – 7 Hoath Meadow, Back Lane
TW/16/06634/FULL – The Gateways, Brenchley Road
TW/16/06612/FULL – Elphicks Fisheries, Elphicks Farm, Spelmonden Road
TW/16/106420/LBC – Acer Cottage, The Manwarings, Horsmonden
TW/16/06202/FULL – 1 Woodgate Mews, The Heath, Horsmonden
TW/16/06356/FULL – Maythorne, Maidstone Road
TW/16/503187/MOD106 - Boundary Farm, Marle Place Road
TW/16/504597/FULL & TW/16/504598/LBC – Old Barn Cottage, Yew Tyree Green Road
TW/16/06187/FULL – Sunbrae School House Lane
TW/16/06773/TCA – Wealden Croft Brenchley Road
TW/16/505323/SUB – Orchard Business Park, Furnace Lane

Applications Refused

TW/16/06466/PNQCLA – Land South Of School House Cottages< School House Lane.

4. Kent County Council 2017/2018 Budget Consultation - deadline 27th November
<http://consultations.kent.gov.uk/consult.ti/BudgetConsultation2017/consultationHome>

The Council read through the consultation questions and provided answers which the clerk put through online. The answers were proposed by Cllr Stevens, seconded Cllr Russell and voted for unanimously.

This meeting ended at 8.55pm