

MINUTES OF HORSMONDEN PARISH COUNCIL
PLANNING MEETING HELD IN HORSMONDEN VILLAGE HALL, HORSMONDEN
AT 7.30 P.M. ON 17th JUNE 2015

Present: Cllr March (Acting Chair of planning), Cllrs Isaacs, Stevens, Russell, Stanton, Hughes.

In attendance: Clerk (Lucy Noakes), 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 Davis was unable to attend owing to a business commitment. This was proposed as an acceptable reason by the chair and voted for unanimously.

2. PUBLIC SESSION

Mrs Collett had sent in a copy of her letter to TWBC objecting to application TW/ 15/503684/FULL for 2 Woodgate Mews. She felt that the additional windows applied for in the application would over look her property and also that by providing extra accommodation through a loft conversion, this would cause additional parking which would add to the number of cars parked on the road nearby.

3. PLANNING

3.1 Applications/Submissions:

Cllr March proposed that the application TW/ 15/503684/FULL be brought forward for discussion first. Unanimous. The Council discussed the points raised in Mrs Collett's letter, however they did not feel that the new windows would present an over looking problem, as they were of the velux type often used in loft conversions, which were slanted in the direction of the roof and make overlooking difficult. Also they did not think that a loft conversion would necessarily lead to more parking requirements. After a discussion therefore, the following recommendation was made:

Planning Application No:	TW/ 15/503684/FULL
Proposal:	Loft conversion with rooflights to front and rear elevation
Location:	2 Woodgate Mews The Heath Horsmonden Tonbridge Kent TN12 8JE
Recommendation:	Approval
Proposal:	Cllr Isaacs, seconded Cllr Stevens, unanimous.
Comments:	Recommended approval. Acceptable alteration to an existing dwelling. Doesn't increase the square footprint of the property. The only visual alterations are the velux windows.

Planning Application No:	TW/ 15/503271/FULL
Proposal:	Erection of four bay L shaped building with 250mm lift, insertion of dormer windows and rooflights.
Location:	Oasthanger Lamberhurst Road Horsmonden Tonbridge Kent TN12 8LP
Recommendation:	Refusal
Proposal:	Cllr Stevens, Cllr Hughes. Unanimous.
Comments:	Recommended refusal. Over development on the property. The proposed build is of excessive height and excessively large, with inappropriate dormer windows and inappropriate first floor with stairs. Situated too far from the main dwelling.

3.2 Applications granted and refused

Applications Granted:

- TW/15/501780/LBC – Bassetts, Maidstone Road
- TW/15/501325/FULL – Boundary Cottage, Maidstone Road
- TW/14/504872/FULL – Woodpeckers, Castlemaine Oast, Maidstone Road
- TW/15/501295/FULL – Apple Growers Association, Lamberhurst Road
- TW/15/502788 /FULL– 17 Orchard Way, Horsmonden
- TW/15/501320/FULL – Ramshill House, Maidstone Road
- TW/15/501656/FULL – Lewes Heath House, Lewes Heath
- TW/15/502506/FULL – 11 church Meadow, Maidstone Road
- TW/15/501918 /FULL– Barn 30 m S of Yew Tree Farmhouse, Yew Tree Green Road
- TW/15/501920/LBC - Barn 30 m S of Yew Tree Farmhouse, Yew Tree Green Road
- TW/15/502093/FULL – Church Farm House, Brick Kiln Lane
- TW/15/502584/FULL – 2 Lapwing Cottages, Marle Place Road.
- TW/15/503187/FULL – August Pitts Farm, Churn Lane
- TW/15/501704/FULL – Red Tiles, Goudhurst Road
- TW/15/500566/FULL – 18 Gibbett Lane, Horsmonden

Applications refused.
TW/15/501293/FULL – Baycote House, Back Lane

Applications withdrawn
TW/15/501658/FULL – Poplars Lodge, Churn Lane

3.3 Other planning matters (discussion only)
None

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.10pm.