

MINUTES OF HORSMONDEN PARISH COUNCIL
PLANNING MEETING HELD IN HORSMONDEN VILLAGE HALL, HORSMONDEN
AT 7.30 P.M. ON 21ST JANUARY 2014

Present: Cllr Stevens (Chair), Cllrs Isaacs, Lawrence, Russell, and Davis. Cllr Lawrence arrived a few minutes late and missed items 1, 2 and 3.1

In attendance: Clerk (Lucy Noakes), no public present.

Declarations of Interest: Declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests in accordance with the Code of Conduct were invited. Cllr Isaacs declared an interest in item TW/13/03392/LBC, Gate House, Lamberhurst Road and took no part in the discussion or vote pertaining to this item.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr March (husband unwell)
Cllr Parker (unwell)
Cllr Hughes (a prior engagement)

2. PUBLIC SESSION

No public present.

3. PLANNING

3.1 As Cllr Parker, Planning Committee Chair was unwell, a temporary chair of planning was needed. Cllr Stevens put himself forward. This was seconded by Cllr Davis. Unanimous.

3.2 Applications/Submissions:

Planning Application No:	TW/13/03763/HOUSE
Proposal:	Conversion of existing garage for the purpose of incidental enjoyment of the main dwelling
Location:	Old Barn Cottage Yew Tree Green Road Horsmonden Tonbridge Kent TN12 8HR
Recommendation:	Approval
Proposal:	Cllr Russell, seconded Cllr Davis, unanimous.
Comments:	Reasonable conversion of an existing building

Planning Application No:	TW/13/03392/LBC
Proposal:	Listed Building Consent - Creation of a door and retention of window in utility room (amendment to Listed Building Consent TW/13/00773/LBC)
Location:	Gate House Lamberhurst Road Horsmonden Tonbridge Kent TN12 8DR
Recommendation:	Approval
Proposal:	Cllr Davis, seconded Cllr Lawrence, unanimous.
Comments:	Acceptable modification of the previous proposal.

Planning Application No:	TW/13/03834
Proposal:	Alterations to existing dwelling and roof; Extensions to side and rear; New 2-bay garage; Alterations of access
Location:	Paygate Maidstone Road Horsmonden Tonbridge Kent TN12 8DB
Recommendation:	Approval
Proposal:	Cllr Lawrence, seconded Cllr Davis, unanimous
Comments:	Suitable enhancement of the property for this area. The Parish Council would suggest that the architect look carefully at the storm drain on the Maidstone Road boundary in relation to possible local flooding of the highway and the property.

Planning Application No:	TW/13/03859
Proposal:	General purpose outbuilding
Location:	Ash Oast School House Lane Horsmonden Tonbridge Kent TN12 8BJ
Recommendation:	Approval
Proposal:	Cllr Davis, seconded Cllr Isaacs. Unanimous.
Comments:	Appropriate development

3.3 **Reports of Applications Granted and Refused**

Applications Granted.

TW/13/03429/LBC – Heat Stores Grocers, Heath Stores, The Heath, Horsmonden

TW/13/03646/HOUSE – Smallbridge House, Small Bridge Road, Horsmonden

TW/13/03489/HOUSE – Great Owl, Castlemaine Oast, Maidstone Road, Horsmonden

Applications Refused

None.

3.4 Other planning matters

i) Consultation on the Branch re-opening of Horsmonden Post office as a Hosted Outreach service , opening Monday, Wednesday, Friday between 2pm & 4pm

The Council had looked at the consultation and some members had used the new post office facility, which they had found useful.

It was proposed by Cllr Davis that the Council should comment that they wholeheartedly support the proposal for the hosted outreach service in Horsmonden, located at heath stores. Seconded Cllr Stevens, unanimous. Clerk to send comments through.

ii) Request for a large banner to be put on Village Green to advertise Cricket Club during 2014

The Cricket club had been in contact with the clerk to ask if they could put a large banner (approximately 3m by 1m) on the corner of the Village Green for approximately 3 months to advertise the Cricket Club. The Council members were against a banner going up for this length of time, although they generally did not mind the idea of it being put up for a short time to advertise specific events (i.e. the start of the season events, or a specific fundraising event.)

It was proposed from the Chair that the clerk go back to Mr Paul at the Cricket club and notify him of the decision that the banner could go up for up to one week only at a time, to advertise a specific event such as fund raising or start of season. However they must first notify the clerk in writing as to when they wish to put it up. Unanimous

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