

MINUTES OF HORSMONDEN PARISH COUNCIL
PLANNING MEETING HELD IN HORSMONDEN METHODIST CHURCH HALL, HORSMONDEN
AT 7.30 P.M. ON 17th SEPTMEBER 2012

Present: Cllr Parker(Planning Committee Chair), Cllr Russell, Cllr Stevens, Cllr Jones and Cllr Davis

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

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

Cllr Kerrigan, illness
 Cllr McDermott, another meeting to attend.
 Cllr March , another meeting to attend.

2. PUBLIC SESSION

There were no public present at the meeting.

3. PLANNING

3.1 Applications/Submissions:

Planning Application No:	TW/12/02405/FUL/LS1000WWOBWBU000 Grovehurst Farmhouse Grovehurst Lane Horsmonden Tonbridge Kent TN12 8BQ
Proposal:	Use of the land for the erection of a Farmhouse SW/6/48/66 – Removal of Condition 2 Agricultural Occupancy
Location:	Grovehurst Farmhouse, Grovehurst Lane, Horsmonden, Tonbridge
Recommendation:	Neutral
Proposal:	Chair, unanimous.
Comments:	The Parish Council do not have enough information about the proven occupancy of the inhabitants, but if TWBC officers are minded to approve the removal of the agricultural occupancy condition, the PC would want to see a condition placed on the annexe to link it permanently to the house, so that the two cannot be sold separately.

Planning Application No:	TW/12/02406/FUL/LS1000WWOBWBU000 Grovehurst Farmhouse Grovehurst Lane Horsmonden Tonbridge Kent TN12 8BQ
Proposal:	Erection of a Farmhouse SW/6/49/18 – Removal of Condition Agricultural Occupancy
Location:	Grovehurst Farmhouse, Grovehurst Lane, Horsmonden, Tonbridge
Recommendation:	Neutral.
Proposal:	Chair, unanimous.
Comments:	The Parish Council do not have enough information about the proven occupancy of the inhabitants, but if TWBC officers are minded to approve the removal of the agricultural occupancy condition, the PC would want to see a condition placed on the annexe to link it permanently to the house, so that the two cannot be sold separately.

Planning Application No:	TW/12/02369/FUL/LS100161SBWBU000 Part OS Plot 1000 Tainter Mead Goudhurst Road Horsmonden Tonbridge Kent
Proposal:	Construction of a menage
Location:	Part OS Plot 1000Tainter Mead, Goudhurst Road, Horsmonden
Recommendation:	Approval.
Proposal:	Cllr Davis, seconded Cllr Russell. Unanimous.
Comments:	Subject to a proper engineering assessment of the earthworks required to construct a level ménage on sloping ground, with due regard to the proximity to the highway.

Planning Application No:	TW/12/02014/FUL/CLCKQ47Q4BW00700 OS Plot 7526 Furnace Lane Horsmonden Tonbridge Kent
Proposal:	Development of three horse and pony stables and ancillary storage with hard standing.
Location:	OS Plot 7526 Furnace Lane, Horsmonden, Tonbridge.
Recommendation:	Refusal.
Proposal:	Cllr Stevens, seconded Cllr Jones. Unanimous.
Comments:	In view of the fact that this is agricultural land, not equestrian, this would be overdevelopment of the land. The Parish Council would wish to see a change of use to equestrian and consideration should be given to the nearby water course in any application proposed.

Planning Application No:	TW/12/00066/HOUSEKZHJGBW00700 Woodpeckers Castlemaine Oast Maidstone Road Horsmonden Tonbridge Kent TN12 8HB
Proposal:	Installation of wood burning stove and associated flue
Location:	Woodpeckers Castlemaine Oast Maidstone Road Horsmonden Tonbridge
Recommendation:	Approval.
Proposal:	Chair. Carried.
Comments:	This seems to be an appropriate modification to the building.

Planning Application No:	TW/12/00068/LBCKZHJGBW00700 Woodpeckers Castlemaine Oast Maidstone Road Horsmonden Tonbridge Kent TN12 8HB
Proposal:	Listed Building Consent - Installation of wood burning stove and associated flue
Location:	Woodpeckers Castlemaine Oast Maidstone Road Horsmonden Tonbridge
Recommendation:	Approval.
Proposal:	Chair. Unanimous.
Comments:	Subject to the Conservation architect's approval.

Planning Application No:	TW/12/02008/FUL/RH1000WXABWBU000 Capel Manor Courtyard Grovehurst Lane Horsmonden Tonbridge Kent TN12 8BG
Proposal:	Notification of Revised Planning Application details – Laying of road stone over access(retrospective).
Location:	Capel Manor Courtyard, Grovehurst Lane, Horsmonden, Tonbridge.
Recommendation:	Refusal.
Proposal:	Chair. Unanimous.
Comments	The Parish Council has deep concerns about regular usage of the access from a road safety point of view, because of the position of the blind bend, with poor sightlines entering on to a 60mph road.

3.2 **Reports of Applications Granted, Refused and withdrawn.**
Applications Withdrawn

TW/12/02017/HOUSE – 2 lapwing Cottages, Marle Place Road, Horsmonden, Tonbridge.

3.3 **Other planning matters**

Land adjacent to 1 The Manwarings, Horsmonden, Kent TN12 8NQ

Paul Cole, Planning Investigation officer from TWBC had written to the Clerk regarding this matter, to say that the owner of 1 Heathleigh Villas has tidied this piece of land, as the owner of the land is unknown. The land has been covered with shingle and posted. However, it has not been brought in to the curtilage of 1 Heathleigh Villas and has not had a change of use. Mr Cole said that there had therefore been no breach of planning legislation.

Members of the council did not agree with this observation, as they said that there has frequently been a car parked on the shingle which constitutes a change of use and which requires planning permission due to vehicular access on to a classified road. Clerk to write back to Mr Cole regarding this matter.

Hard standing at the front of Canbra, Lamberhurst Road, Horsmonden TN12 8LL

Mr Cole had also written to the Clerk about this matter and said that he had invited a retrospective planning application from the owner of the land. The Council will await this application.

Cllr Jones asked the Clerk to find out from the Planning Department about the ruling on allowance to build a log cabin on agricultural land. Clerk to investigate.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.40pm.