

MINUTES OF HORSMONDEN PARISH COUNCIL
PLANNING MEETING HELD IN HORSMONDEN VILLAGE HALL, HORSMONDEN
AT 7.30 P.M. ON 21ST JANUARY 2015

Present: Cllr Davis (Acting Chair), Cllrs Isaacs, Russell, Lawrence, Stanton and Hughes.

In attendance: Clerk (Lucy Noakes), 3 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. The Councillors considered carefully application TW/14/506514 as the site is adjacent to the Village Hall which is owned by the Pariah Council and managed by Trustees (some of whom are also Parish Councillors), however as the proposal did not intend to encroach on Village Hall land and would not be considered to affect the operations of the Village Hall in anyway , the Councillors did not consider that they had any interests to be declared under this application, as their judgement was not affected by the relationship.

1.NOMINATION OF ACTING CHAIR

As Cllr March was unable to Chair the meeting owing to her absence, it was proposed by Cllr Hughes and seconded by Cllr Russell that Cllr Davis act as Chair during the meeting. Unanimous.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr March – National Farmers Union meeting.

Cllr Stevens - National Farmers Union meeting.

The Councillors considered the reasons for Cllr March’s and Cllr Steven’s non attendance to be appropriate under eth circumstances.

Cllr Hughes proposed acceptance, Cllr Russell seconded this motion. Unanimous.

3. PUBLIC SESSION

No one had requested to speak in the public session.

4. PLANNING

4.1 Applications/Submissions:

It was proposed from the Chair that TW/14/506514 be brought forward for discussion as members of the public present were interested in this item. Unanimous.

Planning Application No:	TW/ 14/506514/FULL
Proposal:	Erection of two 2-bedroom semi-detached houses with associated parking
Location:	Land Rear Of Vine Cottages Back Lane Horsmonden Tonbridge Kent
Recommendation:	Refusal
Proposal:	Cllr Lawrence, seconded Cllr Hughes, carried.
Comments:	Recommended refusal. The Parish Council recommends that the application be rejected on the grounds that access is not appropriate. The entrance is narrow, visibility on to Back Lane, which can be congested at certain times of the day , is poor and access for emergency vehicles if necessary would be difficult.

Planning Application No:	TW/ 14/506402/FULL
Proposal:	Part demolition and two storey side extension
Location:	2 Lapwing Cottages Marle Place Road Horsmonden Tonbridge Kent TN12 8DX
Recommendation:	Approval
Proposal:	Cllr Russell, seconded Cllr Isaacs.Unanimous.
Comments:	Recommended approval. A reasonable enhancement providing appropriate accommodation for this property, subject to the Bat assessment report being taken into account.

Planning Application No:	TW/ 14/506235/FULL
Proposal:	Demolish the existing detached bungalow and conservatory attached to main house. Two storey rear and side extensions to the main house with alterations and architectural period enhancements
Location:	Grovehurst Farmhouse Grovehurst Lane Horsmonden Tonbridge Kent TN12 8BQ
Recommendation:	Approval
Proposal:	Cllr Hughes, seconded Cllr Lawrence. Unanimous.
Comments:	Recommended approval. Acceptance on the grounds that it is suitable development of the house and the site.

The Clerk asked if anyone else would be attending the Council training workshop on Site Allocations DPD which was being held on 3rd February at 6pm at TWBC. Cllr March will be attending. No one else can attend at present.

The Clerk had received a very large application regarding Spelmonden Farm, which she thought may require a site visit. It was suggested that as there was a large amount of paperwork to assess with this application, each Councillor should have a preliminary look online and try to make a visit to the site for assessment during the next few weeks. As the planning application requires comments by 10th February, it was suggested that the clerk may try to alter the planning meeting arranged for 11th February, to Monday 9th February instead. Clerk to let the Councillors know the outcome of this.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.30pm.