

**MINUTES OF HORSMONDEN PARISH COUNCIL**  
**PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**HELD AT HORSMONDEN VILLAGE HALL**  
**ON TUESDAY, 18 FEBRUARY 2025 AT 7:30PM**

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**Present:**

Cllrs Richards, Davis, Russell, Jenkinson, Sheppard, Baxter-Smith and Baylis

**In attendance:**

Anna Blyth (Deputy Clerk)

Mr Andrew Winser (Chair of HDAG)

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr Larkin.

Cllr Baxter-Smith voted in favour of accepting the reasons for absence, seconded Cllr Jenkinson. Unanimous.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

**Declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests in accordance with the Code of Conduct were invited. None.**

**2. MINUTES OF PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

The Minutes of the Parish Council Planning Committee Meeting held on 28 January 2025 had been circulated beforehand by the Clerk. They were agreed for accuracy and proposed for acceptance by Cllr Jenkinson, seconded Cllr Sheppard and voted for unanimously by those present at that meeting and signed by the Chair.

**3. PUBLIC SESSION**

**Members of the public have the right to speak for up to three minutes at the Chair's discretion on issues concerning the Parish providing the Clerk has prior notification.**

No members of the public had requested to speak in the public session.

The Chair permitted Mr Winsor (as Chair of the Horsmonden Development Advisory Group - HDAG –a working group of the Council) to contribute to the discussion under items 4 & 5.

**4. CONSIDER CONTENT FOR 3 MINUTE SPEECH FOR CLLR RICHARDS TO DELIVER AT TWBC PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING (DATE TBC) IN RESPECT OF APPLICATION TW/24/00078/HYBRID BASSETTS FARM**

The Deputy Clerk had circulated a speech to Cllrs prior to the meeting for their review. The speech had been prepared by Cllrs Richards and Baxter-Smith, with input from Mr Winsor as the Chair of HDAG. The Deputy Clerk reminded Cllrs that the content of speech may need to be reviewed again once the Case Officers report is received.

Cllr Jenkinson proposed acceptance of the 3-minute speech, subject to review once the Case Officers report is received; seconded Cllr Davis. Unanimous.

**5. CONSIDER 3 MINUTE SPEECH PREPARED BY PLANNING CONSULTANT FOR DELIVERY ON BEHALF OF THE PC AT TWBC PLANNING COMMITTEE (DATE TBC) IN RESPECT OF APPLICATION TW/24/00078/HYBRID BASSETTS FARM**

The Deputy Clerk had circulated a second speech to Cllrs prior to the meeting for their review. This speech had been prepared by Planning Consultant, Alison Eardley and would be delivered by her, on behalf of the PC, at the upcoming TWBC Planning Committee meeting.

Cllr Baxter-Smith proposed acceptance of the speech prepared by Alison Eardley, subject to review once the Case Officers report is received; seconded Cllr Russell. Unanimous.

It was noted that this application is expected to feature on the agenda for either the next TWBC Planning Committee meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup> March or the following on the 2<sup>nd</sup> April. It was agreed that as soon as TWBC issue the agenda (including application 24/00078/HYBRID) the Clerks will request two speaking slots in the public session.

The Chair thanked Mr Winsor for his input and continued support.

**6. PLANNING**

a) Applications/Submissions:

<b>Planning Application:</b>	25/00209/FULL
<b>Proposal:</b>	<a href="#"><u>Erection of garage</u></a>
<b>Address:</b>	Brooklands, Maidstone Road, Horsmonden, Tonbridge, Kent TN12 8DB
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Approval

<b>Proposal:</b>	Cllr Russell; seconded Cllr Sheppard. Unanimous.
<b>Comments:</b>	Recommend approval. Reasonable facility for the property. All works should be carried out in line with Horsmonden Parish Councils Sustainability policy.

<b>Planning Application:</b>	25/00267/FULL
<b>Proposal:</b>	<a href="#"><u>Demolish existing single storey rear outshot &amp; replace with single storey side &amp; rear extension.</u></a>
<b>Address:</b>	5 Springfield Cottages, Lamberhurst Road, Horsmonden, Tonbridge, Kent TN12 8LR
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Approval
<b>Proposal:</b>	Cllr Davis; seconded Cllr Russell. Unanimous.
<b>Comments:</b>	Recommend approval. Reasonable development of property. All works should be carried out in line with Horsmonden Parish Councils Sustainability policy.

## 7. APPLICATIONS GRANTED AND REFUSED

### Granted

Application	Location	PC comment	TWBC decision	Date
22/00296/OUT	Land South of Brenchley Road, Brenchley Road, Horsmonden	Refusal	Granted	14 <sup>th</sup> January 2025
24/02939/TPO	Holly Oak, Grovehurst Lane, Horsmonden, Tonbridge, Kent TN12 8BG	Approval	Granted	23rd January 2025
24/02498/FULL	Bassetts Farm Fishery, Churn Lane, Horsmonden, Tonbridge, Kent TN12 8HL	Approval	Granted	4 <sup>th</sup> February 2025
24/03102/FULL	Bassetts Oast, Maidstone Road, Horsmonden, Tonbridge, Kent TN12 8HQ	Approval	Granted	5 <sup>th</sup> February 2025
24/02972/FULL	Bassetts, Maidstone Road, Horsmonden, Tonbridge, Kent TN12 8HQ	Approval	Granted	31 <sup>st</sup> January 2025
24/03078/FULL	Bassetts Farm, Goudhurst Road, Horsmonden, Tonbridge, Kent TN12 8AS	Refusal	Granted	11 <sup>th</sup> February 2025

### Refused

Application	Location	PC comment	TWBC decision	Date

### Withdrawn

Application	Location	PC comment	TWBC decision	Date
24/03103/LBC	Bassetts Oast, Maidstone Road, Horsmonden, Tonbridge, Kent TN12 8HQ	Approval	Withdrawn	30 January 2025

## 8. OTHER PLANNING MATTERS (Discussion only – No decisions)

Cllr Russell advised that Persimmon Homes have booked the Village Hall on the 6<sup>th</sup> March (8.30am till 12noon) for their first Community Liaison Meeting regarding Bassetts Farm application 15/505340/OUT (erection of 20 dwellings).

It was noted that the Clerk had already requested that the PC be involved in these meetings so they can keep up to date with any issues and progress of the development. The Deputy Clerk suggested that this be added to the next agenda on the 3rd March so that the PC can agree attendees.

**There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.55pm.**