

MINUTES OF HORSMONDEN PARISH COUNCIL

PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD AT HORSMONDEN VILLAGE HALL

ON TUESDAY, 22 APRIL 2025 AT 7:30PM

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Present:

Cllrs Richards, Larkin, Russell, Sheppard and Boon

In attendance:

Anna Blyth (Deputy Clerk)

Non-attendance:

Cllr Baylis

Cllr Baxter-Smith

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs Davis and Jenkinson.

Cllr Sheppard voted in favour of accepting the reasons for absence, seconded Cllr Larkin. Unanimous.

Cllrs Darrah, Mobbs and Knight also gave their apologies prior to the meeting.

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 18 March 2025 had been circulated beforehand by the Clerk. They were agreed for accuracy and proposed for acceptance by Cllr Russell, 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.

4. CONSIDER PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON THE PROPOSED MAIN MODIFICATIONS TO THE TUNBRIDGE WELLS PRE-SUBMISSION SUBMISSION LOCAL PLAN

The Deputy Clerk had circulated full details of the public consultation to Cllrs prior to the meeting for their review along with the summary of main modifications document prepared and presented by Mr Andrew Winsor, Chair of HDAG, to full Council at the meeting on the 7th April.

After discussion between Cllrs, it was proposed by Cllr Boon that the PC submit the following comments:

The Parish Council requires the following information to be updated and accurate:

- **Page 208/209 - MM144 Section 5: Land to East of Horsmonden - Paragraph 5.609**
This should be amended to "the site has planning consent for 140 dwellings but this includes the 20 approved dwellings under application 19/03657/REM
- **Page 325 – MM221 – Policy H 9 Gypsies and Travellers**
Replace Bassetts Farm (Horsmonden) with Bassetts Farm, Maidstone Road (Horsmonden) TN12 8HQ

This proposal was seconded by Cllr Larkin. Unanimous.

5. CONSIDER KCCS REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY DEVELOPMENTAL DIRECTIONAL; SIGNAGE FOR BASSETTS FARM

The Clerk had circulated an email to Cllrs regarding a request from KCC Street works for temporary directional signage to support the Bassetts Farm development on Goudhurst Road (20 houses). Permission was sought from the Parish Council for the installation of five signs within the Parish and a site plan and schedule had been included for reference.

Cllrs reviewed the documentation provided and after careful consideration, Cllr Russell proposed that the PC accept the signage in the locations proposed however, it should be made clear that any new signage should not interfere with any existing signage. This proposal was seconded by Cllr Sheppard. Unanimous.

6. APPLICATIONS GRANTED AND REFUSED

Granted

| Application | Location | PC comment | TWBC decision | Date |
|---------------|---|------------|---------------|---------------|
| 25/00267/FULL | 5 Springfield Cottages, Lamberhurst Road, Horsmonden, Tonbridge, Kent TN12 8LR | Approval | Granted | 3 April 2025 |
| 25/00349/TPO | Poplar Cottages, Green Road, Horsmonden, Tonbridge, Kent TN12 8JS | Approval | Granted | 3 April 2025 |
| 25/00356/LBC | The Heath Stores, The Heath, Horsmonden, Tonbridge, Kent TN12 8HT | Approval | Granted | 8 April 2025 |
| 25/00297/LBC | Swigs Hall, Maidstone Road, Horsmonden, Tonbridge, Kent TN12 8DG | Approval | Granted | 9 April 2025 |
| 25/00167/FULL | Swigs Hall, Maidstone Road, Horsmonden, Tonbridge, Kent TN12 8DG | Approval | Granted | 14 April 2025 |
| 24/03059/LBC | North Lodge, Grovehurst Lane, Horsmonden, Tonbridge, Kent TN12 8BG | Approval | Granted | 14 April 2025 |

Refused

| Application | Location | PC comment | TWBC decision | Date |
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| 25/00209/FULL | Brooklands, Maidstone Road, Horsmonden, Tonbridge TN12 8DB | Approval | Refusal | 3 April 2025 |

7. OTHER PLANNING MATTERS (Discussion only – No decisions)

Cllr Larkin requested an update concerning the land adjacent to 2 Spring Cottages, Goudhurst Road. The Deputy Clerk advised that no further information had been received from the TWBC Planning Department and confirmed that a follow up would be undertaken.

Cllr Richards reported that several residents had raised concerns regarding the frequent use of road sweepers along Goudhurst Road, adjacent to the new development at Bassetts Farm. It was noted that a sweeper is deployed each time a vehicle enters the site, resulting in considerable noise disturbance to those living nearby. The Deputy Clerk suggested that this matter be raised at the forthcoming meeting with Persimmon Homes on the 30th April.

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