

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL'S PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD IN THE METHODIST OLD CHURCH HALL ON MONDAY 20 JULY 2009 AT 19.30 HOURS

PRESENT: Cllrs: Ms. L Baseden, P. Crawford, J. Crowley, A. Gardner (Chairman), B. Gress, Mrs. G. Singleton, P. Street & T, Shead Mrs. K Bell (Clerk)

APOLOGIES: Cllrs. Mrs Macdonald & D. Poole

Cllr. Gardner opened the meeting and welcomed all persons present.

1. **Declarations of Interests:** There were none.

2. **Minutes**

a. **Minutes of Meeting held on 06 July 2009**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting, which had been copied to members, be confirmed and signed as a true record.

b. **Matters Arising not covered elsewhere on the agenda**

Minute 5, Planning Enforcement: Trailers at the Hop Farm

It was reported that a response had been received from TMBC. Attention was drawn to the following:

- Only when all planning applications had been dealt with would TMBC move onto matters of possible enforcement action.
- The Hop Farm had recently submitted a new version of a proposed Master Plan. As soon as it was in an appropriate condition it would be sent for consultation.
- TMBC was assessing the impact of the recent music festival and ascertaining whether there were any long term planning considerations.

Minute 9, litterbins

It was reported that the Clerk had met with Mr Ayres from TMBC and had toured the village assessing the litterbins. It was apparent that East Peckham was well served with litterbins, however a replacement bin would be installed at the bus shelter in Pound Road (o/s the Methodist Church) and the litterbin, which had been the cause of some problems to a resident in Golding Gardens, would be relocated to The Freehold (o/s Marvillion Court).

Minute 9, Parking at the School Summer Fayre

It was reported that the Primary School had taken on board the PCs suggestion for some passing points to be provided at school events to prevent Church Lane from becoming grid locked. It was noted however that the school did attempt to cone off some parts of Church Lane at the recent summer Fayre but were faced with abuse from at least one parent. It was also noted that there was a similar congestion problem during the recent Sports Day. The School would be asked to liaise with the police and use police traffic cones for all future events.

3. **Planning Applications**

RESOLVED: To comment as follows to TMBC

TM/09/00867/FL

Stationing of a mobile home within the residential curtilage of 513 Bullen Lane, East Peckham

Note: Letter received from agent and details of 'Klargester' treatment plant

NOTED

- TM/09/00908/RD** Details of external lighting and storage and refuse submitted pursuant to conditions 4 and 5 of planning permission TM/08/03614/FL (use of premises for B1 (c) light industrial) at Brook Farm Buildings, Church Lane, East Peckham
NO OBJECTION however with regard to the positioning of the external lighting, it would be preferable if the planning application updated the existing lighting to provide more modern down lights controllable by either timers or switches and which would also be more sensitive to the local environment and nearby residential properties.
- TM/09/00960/FL** Erection of replacement stable block and shelter at Aveling Lodge, Pinkham Lane, East Peckham
NO OBJECTION
- TM/09/01745/TNCA** Prune to reshape & balance Yew Tree at Rose Villa, 1 Bullen Lane
NO OBJECTION however in view of the toxicity of Yew it was requested that all prunings were disposed of responsibly

4. **Planning Decisions**

TMBC had APPROVED the following:

- TM/09/00838/RD** Details of external lighting, landscaping and sustainability measures submitted pursuant to conditions 4, 5 and 9 of TM/08/02855/FL: Use of farm, lakes and farm buildings as an annexe to Hadlow Agricultural College together with the conversion and expansion of agricultural buildings to form ancillary dormitory accommodation and provision of parking and alteration to existing vehicular access at Grove Farm Maidstone Road, Hadlow.
- TM/09/01168/LRD** Details of method statement for repair of the building pursuant to condition 8a and variation of materials for replacement windows pursuant to condition 11 of TM/05/00357/LB at Roydon Hall, Roydon Hall Road, East Peckham

TMBC HAD GRANTED PERMISSION for the following:

- TM/09/01244/FL** Two storey side extension at 172 Hale Street, East Peckham

TMBC HAD CONFIRMED THAT AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT WOULD NOT BE REQUIRED in respect of the following:

- TM/09/01643/EASC** Request for screening opinion under Regulation 5 of the Town Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) (England and Wales) Regulations 1999 for development of 60 bed hotel and restaurant facility, 16 holiday lodges and conference centre with display space at ground floor at The Hop Farm Country Park, Maidstone Road, Paddock Wood.

The following application had been **WITHDRAWN**:

- TM/08/02685/LB & TM/08/03176/FL** Extension, loft conversion & alterations at 23 Smithers Lane

KCC had GRANTED PERMISSION for the following:

- TM/09/1195** Removal of existing 10 space asbestos and steel cycle shelter and replacement with new 20 space cycle shelter at East Peckham Primary School

5. **TMBC: Planning Enforcement Investigation at Blue Bell Inn, 1 Beltring Road, Paddock Wood**

It was reported that having carried out a site inspection, TMBC had concluded that there was no evidence that a new hardstanding had been constructed on site and therefore no breach of planning control had taken place.

6. **Kent Highway Services**

a. **Update on current issues**

It was reported that the latest KHS Report had been received. Attention was drawn to the following:

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| • Village Centre (Zebra Crossing) | Being assessed by KHS & TMBC |
| • Branbridges Road (Removal of railings) | KHS Consultant engineers to carry out a safety assessment. If the engineers determine that there is no need for the railing it will be removed. |
| • Parish Portal | Login details for PC use received & copied to members |
| • Hale Street | |
| ○ Trees obstructing visibility | KHS to remove more Vegetation |
| ○ White road markings | KHS to refresh. |
| • Tonbridge Road (potholes) | outstanding |
| • Bells Farm Road (damaged sign) | outstanding |
| • Pound Road (sunken manhole cover) | outstanding |
| • Addlestead Road (road surface breaking up) | KHS inspected site & programmed patching repairs |
| • Drop kerbs (Cotman Way & Orchard Road) | Due be installed at the end of July |
| • Hale Street (Restricted use by HGVs) | KHS asked to respond |
| • Village Hall & Sports Hall (Directional signage) | KHS considering request |
| • Russett Road (pothole) | KHS consider no action currently required |

b. **New items for Referral to KHS:** There were none

7. **Matters for Further Discussion**

Fire on Branbridges Road

Cllr. Shead reported that a fire had occurred within the Speedy Space compound on Branbridges Road during the weekend of 18/19 July. As there was very little information available regarding the fire, it was unclear whether the old cottages of historical importance to the village had been damaged.

Dwelling at Tonbridge Road, East Peckham,

It was reported that TMBC had advised that the dwelling would be known as Riverside Farm, Tonbridge Road, East Peckham, TN12 5LE

8. **Date & Time of Next Meeting:** Confirmed as 07 September 2009 at 19.30 hours

There being no additional business, the meeting closed at 20.15 hours.