

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL'S PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD IN THE METHODIST OLD CHURCH HALL ON MONDAY 16 FEBRUARY 2009 AT 22.10 HOURS

PRESENT: Cllrs. R. Bearman, P. Crawford, J Crowley, A. Gardner (Chairman), B. Gress, D. Ireland, Mrs. J. Macdonald, D. Poole, Mrs. P. Relf & P. Street

ALSO PRESENT: Mrs. K Bell (Clerk), Mrs Regan (Planning applicant), M Sherwood (Community Warden) & 17 members of the public

APOLOGIES: There were none

Cllr. Gardner opened the meeting and welcomed those present

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

2. **Planning Application TM/08/03739/FL in respect of the erection of agricultural polytunnels covered with clear plastic sheeting. To include rotational tunnels and successive tunnels with no more than 175 ha (33%) of the landholding covered with tunnels in any one calendar year at Barons Place Farm, Seven Mile Lane, Mereworth (Part inside East Peckham Parish boundary)**

Cllr. Gardner introduced Mrs. M Regan who had been invited to the meeting to discuss and provide further information and clarity with regard to the planning application. Mrs Regan gave a short presentation, which covered the following key areas:

- A general outline of the farm plan
- Economic impact
- Density & distribution
- Use of pesticides
- An overview of rotation and succession farming methods
- Associated developments on the land
- The effect the proposal would have on neighbouring properties including residential
- The effect the proposal would have on the landscape, wildlife and its visual impact
- The use of plastic in polytunnels
- Buffer zones

Mrs Regan then responded to questions put to her by both members of the Planning Committee and members of the public. Following which Mrs Regan was thanked for attending the meeting. Mrs Regan was informed that whilst the Parish Council had already objected to the proposal the comments which had been submitted to TMBC would not be amended, however, as the planning application had been vague on some points, the additional information which had been provided by Mrs Regan would be considered if the PC was invited to submit additional comments by TMBC.

Cllr. Gardner suspended Standing Orders in order to allow a short question and answer session. Mrs Regan responded to questions put to her by members of the public. The Planning Consultant who had advised West Peckham PC and several local farmers also made statements.

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3. **Planning Applications:** The following are to be considered
RESOLVED to comment as follows to TMBC:

TM/09/00185/FL Single storey rear extension and two storey side extension
(Resubmission of TM/08/02360/FL) AT 35 Fell Mead, East
Peckham

NO OBJECTION

TM/09/00200/LB Moving of bedroom doors on two bedrooms to different positions in
order to create better internal space within The Barn, 26 church
Lane, East Peckham

NO OBJECTION

TM/09/00241/ELEX Reconnector existing Low Voltage overhead line with Aerial
Bundled Conductor (ABC) on overhead lines at various sites
including Pound Road, East Peckham

NOTED – NO OBJECTION

4. **Matters For Future Discussion:** There were none

5. **Date & Time of Next Meeting:** 02 March 2009 at 19.30 hours

There being no additional business. The meeting closed at 20.25 hours