

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL'S PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD IN THE METHODIST OLD CHURCH HALL ON MONDAY 01 JUNE 2009 AT 19.30 HOURS

PRESENT: Cllrs: P. Crawford, J. Crowley, A. Gardner (Chairman), B. Gress, Mrs. J Macdonald, D. Poole & P Street
Mrs. K Bell (Clerk) & 3 residents

APOLOGIES: Cllr. T Shead

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

1. Declarations of Interests:

2. Minutes

a. Minutes of Meeting held on 18 May 09

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

b. Matters Arising not covered elsewhere on the agenda

Minute 6, The Blue Bell Pub, Advertising signs

Cllr Crawford queried whether there had been any feedback from KHS and TMBC regarding the proliferation of signs on the land adjacent to the Blue Bell Pub. Whilst no response had been received directly from either KHS or TMBC it was noted that the majority of the signs had been removed.

Minute 7a, Kent Highway Services: Update on current issues

Cllr Crawford reported that new bollards had been installed along Tonbridge Road and that some of the potholes had been filled in

Minute 8, Polytunnels at Hugh Lowe Farm

Cllr Crawford reported that he had been unable to attend the Public Meeting, which had been held on 22 May 2009 at West Peckham and wondered whether anyone else had been able to attend. Whilst members reiterated their concern regarding the implications should planning permission be granted no one had been able to attend the meeting.

Minute 9, Obstruction to Driveway at The Old Dairy, Pound Road

It was reported that TMBC had advised that the Police had powers to deal with unnecessary obstruction however this type of complaint was of a lower priority when compared to other demands. However there was a road marking that could be used where there was a persistent nuisance and in order to apply for this facility the residents would be required to provide evidence of dates, times, registration numbers and police incident report numbers over a period of three months when they had been obstructed. This information would also help to identify persistent offenders, which could then be passed to the police. The residents had also been asked to consider erecting a polite notice requesting that the driveway be kept free of obstructions. The Clerk confirmed that TMBCs response had been copied to all residents at The Old Dairy.

Minute 9, Flytipping at Archers Park, Branbridges Road

It was reported that no action would be taken by TMBC, as the land was private. A letter would now be sent to the landowner drawing their attention to the unsightly mess.

Minute 9, Planning Investigation at The Well House, 147 Hale Street

It was reported that TMBC would be carrying out an investigation in order to determine whether there had been a breach of planning control.

3. Planning Applications

RESOLVED to comment as follows to TMBC:

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

NOTED

TM/09/01168/LRD Release of condition 8a and variation to condition 11 at Roydon Hall, Roydon Hall Road, East Peckham

NOTED

TM/09/TEMP/0014 Removal of existing 10 space asbestos and steel cycle shelter and replacement with a new 20 space cycle shelter at East Peckham Primary School, Pound Road, East Peckham

NO OBJECTION

4. Planning Decisions

It was reported that **TMBC HAD GRANTED LISTED BUILDING CONSENT for the following:**

TM/09/00591/LB Replace floorboards and convert two bathrooms into one at Hop Scotch Cottage, 258 Bullen Lane, East Peckham

It was reported that **TMBC HAD GRANTED PERMISSION for the following:**

TM/09/00639/FL Construction of new vehicular access to Bells Farm Road to serve stables and land at Crowhurst Farmyard, Bells Farm Road, East Peckham

TM/09/00638/FL Detached garage and store at 134 Bush Road, East Peckham

5. TMBC - Planning Enforcement: Trailers on Hop Farm Land visible from the By-pass

It was reported that whilst the matter was referred to TMBC Planners on 15 May 2009, no response had as yet been received. The matter was being followed up.

6. Kent Highway Services

a. Update on current issues

Attention was drawn to the following:

- The latest KHS Report had not been received.
- KHS wanted to be advised of major events occurring during Summer 2009.
- New drop kerbs were due to be installed during July 2009 at Cotman Way (off Westwood Road) and at the junction of Old Road and Orchard Road.

b. New items for referral to KHS

Following a discussion, it was:

- RESOLVED:** That the following items would be referred to KHS
- Potholes in Tonbridge Road and Russett Road
 - Gully in Pound Road (o/s Co-op) was subsiding again
 - Road sign at the junction of Bells Farm Road with Hatches Line required renovating

7. Kent County Council - Kent Minerals and Waste Development Framework - Adoption of revised Kent Minerals and Waste Development Scheme

It was reported that KCC had recently revised its development scheme and that the new scheme came into effect on 15 May 2009.

8. Tunbridge Wells Borough Council - Local Development Framework: Publication of Core Strategy Submission Document, Early Engagement on Town Centres Area Action Plan & the Allocations Development Plan

It was reported that the documents were available for consultation until 10 June 2009 and were available online at <http://consult.tunbridgewells.gov.uk/portal>

9. DHA Planning & Development Consultants

It was noted that Planning Training Courses were available.

10. Matters for Further Discussion

Cllr Poole

Drew attention to forthcoming road closures on Maidstone Road, Paddock Wood due to resurfacing works. It was noted that the road would be open for access only and that other vehicles would be diverted via Whetstead Road.

Cllr Crawford

Informed members that a Hop Farm Village Monitoring Group had been established to monitor events at the Hop Farm and complaints arising there from. Residents had been advised by the group to complain if needed directly to the Hop Farm in the first instance and to forward details of their complaint to the Monitoring Group who would keep records of all complaints lodged.

Cllr Crawford also informed members that the Hop Farm had invited Parish Council representatives to attend a Pre-Festival meeting on 29 June 2009 at 4.00 p.m.

Cllr Mrs Macdonald

Requested that Community Payback be asked to clear the overgrowth on the footpath adjacent to the Friends Animal Sanctuary in Bush Road.

11. Date & Time of Next Meeting: 15 June 2009 at 19.30 hours

There being no additional business, the meeting closed at 20.25 hours