

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL'S PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD IN THE METHODIST OLD CHURCH HALL ON MONDAY 02 FEBRUARY 2009 AT 19.30 HOURS

PRESENT: Cllrs. R. Bearman, P. Crawford, J. Crowley, A. Gardner (Chairman), B. Gress, Mrs. J. Macdonald & T. Shead

ALSO PRESENT: Mrs. K Bell (Clerk)

APOLOGIES: Cllrs. D. Ireland, D Poole & P Street

Cllr. Gardner opened the meeting and welcomed those present

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

2. **Minutes**

a. **Minutes of Meetings held on 05 January 09 and 19 January 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**

Minute 2b (05.01.09) – Restricted use of Hale Street by HGVs & KCC Permit Scheme

It was reported that no response had been received from KHS.

Minute 2 (19.01.09) – Planning Application TM/08/03739/FL

Attention was drawn to the following:

- The PCs objections had been forwarded to TMBC
- Mereworth PC had raised no objection and was fully supportive of the application.
- The Clerk had requested and received a copy of the minutes of the meeting when Mereworth PC discussed the application together with details of declared interests. All appeared to be in order.

3. **Planning Applications**

RESOLVED to comment as follows to TMBC:

TM/09/00142/LRD

Method statement for the repair of the building submitted pursuant to condition 8 (a) of TM/05/00357/LB: partial demolition and internal and external alterations and extension to Grade 11* former Religious Institute for use as family dwelling with associated internal and external alterations and extension to buildings within the curtilage at Roydon Hall, Roydon Hall Road, East Peckham

NOTED – No objection

4. **Planning Decisions**

It was reported that **TMBC had REFUSED TO PERMIT** the following:

TM/08/02546/FL &

TM/08/02547/LB

Retrospective application for the erection of a children's climbing frame attached to front elevation of Bell 3 at first floor level and placement of additional planks over existing decking at Bell 3, The Hop Farm.

TM/08/02260/FL Retrospective application for the erection of stables and small animal
TM/08/02277/LB enclosures sited behind Bell 4 at The Hop Farm.

5. TMBC Area 2 Planning Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 10 December 2008 and the agenda in respect of the meeting held on 21 January 09 were **RECEIVED AND NOTED**. An extract relating to the Hop Farm was copied to members.

6. Kent Highway Services

a. Update on current issues

It was reported that the latest report had not been received. Attention was however drawn to the following:

- **Orchard Road – Request for dropped kerbs at the junction with Old Road**

KHS would carry out a site visit to assess the situation. If in agreement that a drop kerb was required it would be added to a list of 50+ requests, which had already been approved.

- **Smithers Lane**

It was reported that Smithers Lane was due to be resurfaced during 2010/2011. In the meantime KHS would continue to monitor and maintain the carriageway.

- **Westwood Road**

It was reported that the potholes were due to be repaired by 17 February 2009.

- **Brookside Roundabout, Branbridges Road and Hale Street**

It was reported that KHS had noted the PCs request for issues to be reassessed.

b. To consider new items for referral to KHS

Following a discussion, it was:

RESOLVED: To refer the following issues to KHS

- A further accident had occurred outside the Harp PH.
- Lighting was needed in Church Lane
- 30 mph signs needed to be repositioned in Hatches Lane

c. Parish Portal

It was reported that the Parish Portal a KHS initiative would in time become one of the methods by which the PC would consult with KHS. The Parish Portal was a key part of KHS transformation initiative and was designed to offer a full range of KHS online services. It was noted that the Parish Portal should enable the PC to log a defect, and to view the status of all enquiries. Following a discussion, it was:

RESOLVED: That whilst the Parish Portal initiative was received with interest, the PC would wait and see whether any improvements would be made to the service delivered to the village.

d. Invitation to attend KHS Roadshow

It was reported that PC representation had been invited to attend the KHS Parish Portal roadshow on 20 February 2009. It was noted that Cllr. Poole would be attending.

8. KCC Definitive Map

It was reported that the PC had received for information purposes details of minor amendments affecting two local PROWS. The information was **RECEIVED AND NOTED**. Following a discussion, it was:

RESOLVED: That no action was required as the routes affected were in Tudeley and West Peckham

9. Licensing Application submitted by The Hop Farm County Park to TMBC

It was reported that following a three day Appeal Hearing heard at Maidstone and Sittingbourne Magistrates Court, the Magistrates decision was to grant the licence. It was noted that the licence was subject to 57 conditions which were designed ensure that the licence complied with the licensing objectives which were prevention of crime and disorder, public safety, the prevention of public nuisance and the protection of children from harm. It was hoped that the conditions would ensure that any disturbance or disruption to local residents was kept to an absolute minimum. It was noted that between now and July there would be regular meetings between the Hop Farm management, event organisers, TMBC Officers, the emergency services and other authorities to ensure that the conditions imposed by the Magistrates were implemented. Cllr. Crawford informed members that he had sought clarification from TMBCs Chief Solicitor regarding the action that would be taken if The Hop Farm produced inadequate policies, plans and procedures and whether or not the PC would be consulted. Cllr. Crawford advised members that he had been disappointed by the response received from the Chief Solicitor. And was concerned to note that the guarantees offered by the Hop Farm during the Appeal Hearing did not form part of the Licence Conditions. Following a discussion, it was:

RESOLVED: That TMBCs Licensing Officer would be asked to confirm the following:

- TMBCs Action Plan for the event
- Who was responsible for overseeing the Action Plan?
- What steps the village could do if not happy with before, during or after the event.

Cllr. Crawford was thanked for representing the village at the Appeal Hearing.

10. Matters for Further Discussion

Cllr. Crawford

Informed members that he had received a letter from the KM. The letter advised that the KM was celebrating its 150th Anniversary and had many plans to mark the milestone, one of which would be by planting 150 trees around the district. Members felt that a tree could ideally be positioned on the land at the Pound and an application in this respect would be submitted to the KM.

Cllr. Mrs Macdonald

Suggested that additional footpath maps be acquired.

11. Date & Time of Next Meeting: 16 February 2009 @ 19.30 hours

There being no additional business, the meeting concluded at 20.35 hours.