

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCILS PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD IN THE METHODIST OLD CHURCH HALL ON MONDAY, 04 JANUARY 2010 AT 19.30 HOURS

PRESENT: Cllrs: B. Gress, A. Gardner (Chairman), Mrs. J Macdonald, Mrs. L. Picknett, T. Shead P. Street

ALSO PRESENT: Mrs K Bell (Clerk)

APOLOGIES: Cllrs: J. Crowley, P. Crawford, Mrs. B. Curry & D. Poole

Cllr. Gardner opened the meeting and welcomed everyone present.

1. **DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS:** There were none

2. **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meetings held on 07 December 2009 and 14 December 2009 which had been copied to members were **APPROVED** and signed as correct records of those proceedings.

3. **MATTERS ARISING:** There were none

Minute 6b (07 December 2009) Mobile Home at Pinkham Lane, East Peckham

It was reported that TMBC had declined a request from the planning applicants for an extension to the enforcement notice which took effect on 14 December 2009 and which gave them three months in which to comply with the notice.

4. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS: RESOLVED** to comment as follows to TMBC

TM/09/03055/FL Extension to existing garage to accommodate two ensuite shower rooms within the roof void at 27 The Freehold, East Peckham
NO OBJECTION

TM/06/03493/FL Dwelling for agricultural worker at Riverside Farm, Tonbridge Road, East Peckham

Note: Revised elevations and position of dwelling, additional agricultural justifications and estimated build costs received. NO OBJECTION provided use was restricted to agricultural workers only.

5. **PLANNING DECISIONS:** Notification had been **RECEIVED** that:

TMBC had GRANTED LISTED BUILDING CONSENT for the following:

TM/09/02217/LB Rethatch cottage with Long Straw, install sliding doors in 1980's extension, fit conservation roof light to 1900's extension, re-fit casement window to side elevations and fit casement window in area where chimney will be demolished. Remove and replace internal casement window with mullioned window. Remove existing door in 1980's extension and make good at Bullen Cottage, 124 Addlestead Road, East Peckham

TMBC had **GRANTED PERMISSION** for the following:

TM/09/02534/LB Two storey side extension and single storey rear extension (resubmission of TM/08/01642/FL) at 11 Strettitt Gardens, East Peckham

6. **TMBC**

a. **Area Planning Committee**

The minutes of meeting held on 28 October 2009 together with the agenda in respect of the meeting held on 09 December 2009 were **NOTED**.

b. **Parish Council Permitted Development Powers**

It was reported that following an enquiry from East Peckham Pre-School who were seeking permission to erect a shed, TMBC had confirmed that the Parish Councils Permitted Development Powers extended as far as follows:

- i. The erection or construction and the maintenance improvement or other alteration of any small ancillary building works or equipment on land belonging to or maintained by the Parish Council for the purposes of any function on that land otherwise than as statutory undertakers
- ii. Lamp standards, information kiosks, passenger shelters, public shelters and seats, telephone boxes, fire alarms, public drinking fountains, horse troughs, refuse bins or baskets, barriers for the control of people waiting to enter public service vehicles and similar structures or works required in connection with the operation of any public service administered by the Parish Council.

7. **Kent Highway Services**

a. **Update:** Attention was drawn to the following outstanding items.

- Removal of railings in Branbridges Road.
- Visibility obstruction on the Hale Street approach to Brookside roundabout
- Village Hall Signage.
- Ponding at Pound Road, opposite the post office and from No 80 to the Co-op.
- Medway Meadows/Branbridges Road - Request for fence to be repaired/replaced
- Fly posting obscuring sightlines on exiting Somerfield, Branbridges Road.
- Superfluous posts along Old Road. Being considered by KHS.
- Village Wide Speed Limit. Referred to KHS
- Loose kerb outside the greengrocers and the Post Office.
- Resurfacing of Smithers Lane. It was noted that this work was due to take place during February 2010.
- Drain/sere problems on Tonbridge Road near Addlestead House.
- Missing manhole covers on Pierce Mill Lane.
- Collapsing ditch at Church Lane
- Footpath and fence by the culvert adjacent to Bullen Cottage, Addlestead Road.

b. **To consider new referrals to KHS**

It was **RESOLVED** that the following issues would be referred to KHS

- Ponding problems outside the Methodist Church, Pound Road caused problems for wheelchair and pushchair users
- Dropped manhole cover outside 72 Pound Road

- Tree root from 1 Crown Acres was protruding through the footway of Old Road.
- Old Road/Hale Street junction. White lining needed to restore junction road markings.

c. Update of Guidance on Setting Local Speed Limits

It was reported that the Department for Transport had recently written to highways authorities and other road safety organisations regarding updated guidance on setting local speed limits. It was noted that the updates covered 20 mph zones and the review of speed limits on rural single carriageway roads. Following a discussion, it was:

RESOLVED: That further information would be obtained for PC consideration

8. Kent County Council – Consultation Draft – Community Infrastructure Provision Service Strategies in Kent 2009

It was reported that on 30 March 2009 KCC had approved the Draft Community Infrastructure Provision Service Strategies Document as Supplementary Guidance for public consultation. It was noted that the purpose of the Supplementary Guidance was:

- To provide an evidence base to inform the preparation of Local Development Documents by Local Planning Authorities concerning those delivery matters which were the statutory responsibility of KCC
- To inform interested parties of those projects which KCC proposed to implement within 3 to 5 years in accordance with its Medium Term Financial Plan and of the likely requirement for financial contributions from central government and the private sector to support such provision.

It was further noted that the Parish Council had been invited to comment on the contents of the documentation within the consultation period which commenced on 09 December 2009 and would finish on 20 January 2020. Following a discussion, it was:

RESOLVED: That the documentation be noted with interest.

9. Jacobs – Letter of Introduction

It was reported that a letter had been received from Jacobs. It was noted that Jacobs had worked closely with Kent County Council for nearly eleven years and was part of the Kent Highways Services Alliance. Jacobs felt that their good working relationship with KCC and vast knowledge of the local area puts them in an excellent position to be able to assist with any road safety matters that may be of concern or interest to the Parish Council. It was noted that generally their hourly rate was £50 per hour but it has been agreed that Parish Councils as part of Kent County Council would be privy to the low hourly rate that the Alliance charged and the Parish Council would be charged less than half the hourly rate. Following a discussion, it was:

RESOLVED: That the letter be noted with interest.

10. Tunbridge Wells Borough Council – Local Development Framework – Public Consultation on Draft Review: Cranbrook Conservation Area Appraisal

It was reported that TWBC and the Cranbrook Conservation Area Advisory Committee had been undertaking a reappraisal of the Cranbrook Conservation Area. It was noted that the appraisal set out the elements that contributed towards the special character of the conservation area, put it in a historical context and referred to those aspects which could be improved. Following a discussion, it was:

RESOLVED: That the documentation would be noted with interest.

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- 11. Matters for Future Discussion:** There were none
- 12. Urgent Items:** There were none
- 13. Matters for consideration in private:** There were none
- 14. Date of Next Meeting:** Confirmed as 18 January 2010 at 19.30 hours

There being no additional business, the meeting closed at 20.10 hours.