

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL'S PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD IN THE METHODIST OLD CHURCH HALL ON MONDAY 04 JUNE 2007 AT 19.30 HOURS**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs: Crawford (Chairman), Gress, Mrs. Macdonald, Poole & Street

**ALSO PRESENT:** Mrs. K Bell (Clerk)

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Accepted from Bearman, Cllrs. Crowley, Gardner, Mrs. Kearns & Shead

**1. Election Chairman for the Meeting**

In the absence of Cllr. Gardner, it was **RESOLVED** that Cllr. Crawford would chair the meeting.

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

**3. Minutes of Planning Meeting held 21 May 2007**

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

**4. Matters Arising**

**Clerks report on Matters Arising**

**Minute 7c (ii), Planning Enforcement Investigation at 19 Addlestead Road**

It was reported that in order to verify whether a breach of planning control had occurred, TMBC had been asked to include in their investigations the land adjacent to the Bonsai Nursery where land levels had been raised by an accumulation of soil deposits.

**Minute 7d, Village Tree Preservation Orders**

It was reported that no information had been received from TMBC.

**Minute 8, Kent County Council - Public Rights of Way**

It was reported that PROW had received a larger budget for surface repairs than anticipated which might make it possible for resurfacing to be carried out during the current financial year on the northern section of the MR536 (Drage Road) and the southern end of MR538 (The Freehold). PROW had yet to inspect MR539 (leading from The Freehold through Crown Acres to Hale Street) but remedial repairs had been budgeted for if required. It was noted that a KCC PROW representative would be meeting with the PC on 08.06.07 to carry out a 'walkabout' of the village PROW network in order to examine the condition of all footpaths.

**Minute 11, TRAMP Partnership**

It was reported that the Chairman of the TRAMP Partnership (South West Maidstone Traffic Management Partnership) had been informed that the PC would be pleased to become involved in the next stage of the pilot project for the expansion of rural speed limits.

**Minute 12, Land Raising at Archers Park, Branbridges Road**

It was reported that TMBCs Planning Enforcement officers had been asked to investigate.

5. **Planning Applications**

**RESOLVED** to comment as follows to TMBC (Voting was by a show of hands)

**TM/06/03625/LB** Listed Building Application: Alterations to tower roof and fleche, provision of additional lightning protection tapes and reopening of blocked door opening at St Michaels Church, Old Church Road, East Peckham

**Note: Amended details received regarding fall arrest system and unblocking of the south chapel door.**

**NOTED – NO OBJECTION**

**TM/07/01552/FL** New dwelling to replace existing mobile home (residential) at September Cottage, Pinkham Lane, East Peckham

**OBJECTION on the grounds that further development would be introduced to an area already at risk from flooding**

**It was noted that a residential mobile home was not on the site, which was currently a vacant plot of land**

**TM/07/01762/LDE** Lawful Development Certificate Existing: Use of land as residential curtilage at Land South of The Pump House, Hale Street, East Peckham

**NO OBJECTION**

6. **Planning Decisions**

It was reported that **TMBC HAD APPROVED** the following:

**TM/07/01114/RD** Details of materials submitted pursuant to condition 2 of planning permission TM/03/02493/FLEA: Construction of 64 no. holiday let units with managers unit with associated walkways, access and parking areas at The Hop Farm Country Park, Branbridges Road, East Peckham

**TM/07/01187/RD** Details of surface water drainage submitted pursuant to condition 9 of planning permission TM/06/00919/FL: Construction of 10 no. B8 units (storage and distribution) with access road, parking and landscaping at Archers Park, Branbridges Road, East Peckham.

7. **TMBC**

a. **The following 'B' Lists were RECEIVED and NOTED:**  
07/18 (08.05.07), 07/19 (14.05.07)

b. **Joint Transportation Board:** The minutes of meeting held on 05.03.07 were **RECEIVED and NOTED.**

8. **Public Transport:** The following bus timetables were RECEIVED, NOTED copied to members and placed on the PC notice board
- a. **Kent County Council:** Services 208 & 209 serving Pembury, Tonbridge & East Peckham
  - b. **Arriva:** Services 6 and 7 serving Maidstone, Wateringbury, East Peckham, Paddock Wood, Pembury, Mereworth, Hadlow, Tonbridge and Tunbridge Wells
9. **Kent Highway Services**
- a. **Update on Highway Issues**  
The information prepared by the Clerk consisting of an update on the issues, which had been reported via the spreadsheet and copied to members was RECEIVED & NOTED.
  - b. **Additional issues to report on the June spreadsheet**  
Following a discussion, it was:  
**RESOLVED:** That the following issues would be reported
    - The PCs concerns regarding the northern gateway traffic-calming feature on Hale Street would be reiterated and a request would again be made for the missing sign to be replaced.
    - Attention would be drawn to the events taking place at the Harp Public House on Wednesday and Friday evenings, which had led to dangerous and inconsiderate parking on the roadside. It was noted that the yellow lines also needed to be reinstated on this stretch of highway
  - c. **Parish & Town Councils Seminar**  
It was reported that KHS would be hosting a seminar on Tuesday, 26.06.07 between 2.00 – 4.00 p.m. and that two PC representatives had been invited to attend. Following a discussion, it was:  
**RESOLVED:** That members would advise the Clerk if they wished to attend.
  - d. **A21 Bridgedeck Works**  
It was reported information had been received confirming that bridgedeck works on the A21 overbridge at Hayesden Road Tonbridge were due to be carried out during the periods, 22.06.07 – 25.06.07 and 29.06.07 – 01.07.07. Temporary traffic lights and diversions would be in place throughout the duration of the works.
  - e. **Newsletter**  
It was reported that the latest newsletter had been placed on the KCC website and was accessible via the following link <http://www.kent.gov.uk/publications/transport-and-streets/KHS-News.htm? Page+2>.
10. **Matters for Future Discussion**  
The Clerk advised members that a planning application had been received which would be considered at the next meeting regarding the redevelopment of the former petrol station on Hale Street to form two blocks of six flats with associated parking.
11. **Date & Time of Next Meeting:** 18.06.07 at 19.30 hours  
There being no additional business, the meeting concluded at 20.18 hours