

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL'S PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD IN THE METHODIST OLD CHURCH HALL ON MONDAY 05 JANUARY 2009 AT 19.30 HOURS

PRESENT: Cllrs. Bearman, Crowley, Gardner (Chairman), Gress, Mrs. Macdonald, & Street

ALSO PRESENT: Mrs. K Bell (Clerk)

APOLOGIES: Cllrs: Crawford, Poole, Mrs Relf & Shead
Cllr. Gardner opened the meeting and welcomed those present

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

2. **Minutes**

a. **Minutes of Meeting held on 01 December 08 and 15 December 08**

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 (01.12.08) – Footpaths

It was reported that the three fingerposts, which had been knocked down in Hatches Lane, had been repositioned.

Minute 2b (01.12.08) – Restricted use of Hale Street by HGVs & Minute 7c (01.12.08) – KCC Permit Scheme

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

Minute 11 (01.12.08) – Arriva - Time Table covering Wadhurst, Ticehurst, Frant, Tunbridge Wells, Mascall's School, Tonbridge Schools & Tunbridge Wells Schools
Copies of the new timetable were circulated to members.

3. **Planning Applications**

RESOLVED to comment as follows to TMBC

TM/08/03614/FL

Use of premises for B1 (c) light industrial at Brook Farm Buildings, Church Lane, East Peckham

Note: Amended site location plan received

DEFERRED, whilst the submission of the amended site location plan was appreciated, members requested that the planning applicant be requested to submit the amended site location plan in an identical format to that submitted in the original plans in order that the two site plans could be compared on a like for like basis.

TM/08/03616/FL

Two storey side extension and single storey front and rear extensions at 73 Pound Road, East Peckham

NO OBJECTION

4. **Planning Decisions**

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

TM/08/01701/FL

Rebuilding staff block and construction of staff cottage at Roydon Hall, Roydon Hall Road, East Peckham

TM/02258/FL Retrospective application for erection of pergola to south elevation of Bell 1 at The Hop Farm Country Park

TM/08/02965/FL Erection of steel framed lean to for use, as a transformer house on a MOD owned pumping station for the government pipelines and storage system at Nettlestead Pump Station, Off Hale Street By Pass, East Peckham

TM/08/03197/FL Garage with storeroom to replace existing (resubmission of TM/08/01887/FL) at Rose Villa, 1 Bullen Lane, East Peckham

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

TM/08/02204/LB Retrospective application for enclosure of open area under flat roof decking to front of Bell 4 at The Hop Farm Country Park

TM/08/02259/LB Retrospective application for erection of pergola to south elevation of Bell 1 at The Hop Farm Country Park

TM//08/03005/LB Remove wall between kitchen and pantry/passageway to improve natural daylight into kitchen. Put in required damp course in sitting room/kitchen. Put genuine oak floor in sitting room and reinstate the original floor bricks found beneath concrete screed in the kitchen at 144 Hale Street, East Peckham

TM/08/03142/LB Internal alterations to ground floor kitchen area and bedroom above at Goose Green Cottage, Maidstone Road, Hadlow

It was reported that **TMBC had APPROVED DETAILS** for the following:

TM/08/03334/RD Details of a written scheme of investigation for an Archaeological Evaluation pursuant to condition 2 of planning permission TM/05/00353/FL: Change of use from C2 (Religious Teaching Institution) to C3 (Single Dwelling) and extension of existing Grade 11* house. Extension of existing residential Bothey building at Roydon Hall, Roydon Hall Road, East Peckham

5. TMBC

a. Planning Enforcement Investigation at Bell 3, The Hop Farm Country Park (Unauthorised internal alterations to Whites Restaurant): To receive information

It was reported that following an inspection that TMBC found that there might have been a breach of planning control and that the matter would be subject to further investigation.

b. Area 2 Planning Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 29 October 2008 and the agenda in respect of the meeting held on 10 December 08 were **RECEIVED AND NOTED**

c. Joint Transportation Board

The minutes of the meeting held on 08 September 08 and the agenda in respect of the meeting held on 15 December 08 were **RECEIVED AND NOTED**

6. Kent Highway Services

a. Update on current issues

It was reported that although the latest report had been received there were no material matters to report and that a précis of the document would be appended to the minutes

b. To consider new items for referral to KHS

Following a discussion, it was:

RESOLVED: There were no matters for referral to KHS. It was noted however that details of the recent RTAs, which had occurred outside The Harp PH, had been referred to KHS.

7. KCC - Quiet Lanes

It was reported that KHS had recently carried out a pilot project in West Malling and that on reflection KHS were of the opinion that the project was very labour intensive in terms of consultation and achieved very little. On the ground it simply involved putting in posts, which were actually more for the benefit of pedestrians and equestrians and not motorists. In conclusion, KHS were not all that enamoured with undertaking any further quiet lanes projects.

8. Emergency Planning - Sandbag Stores

It was reported that a response had been received from TMBC and attention was drawn to the following:

- TMBC had a small supply of aqua sacs at Kings Hill and had been trying them out when the opportunity arose. However, they, remained to be convinced that they were as good as a sand filled bag as the sandbags were ready to use in an emergency and could be deployed immediately. The sand filled bags were also significantly cheaper.
- TMBC were happy to supply a couple of aqua sacs, which flood wardens could keep at home.
- Regarding the emptying of the sandbag stores, TMBC were of the opinion that:
 - There were no significant risks in taking bags from store and felt that the risks of transporting them and deploying them in floodwater were far greater.
 - The sandbags stores were for use in an emergency and practically a risk assessment inside the store would not be read.

10. Licensing Application submitted by The Hop Farm County Park to TMBC: Appeal Hearing

It was reported that a group of people had met to discuss how they would represent the argument against the License Application at the forthcoming Appeal Hearing. Cllr Crawford would address noise issues, Baroness Emmerton would speak on Health and Safety matters and the Chairman of Yalding Parish Council would deal with traffic implications. Another meeting of the group would be held prior to the appeal hearing. It was noted that Cllr. Crawford had prepared a draft of what he proposed to say.

11. Highways Agency: Essential Works to dead, dying and hazardous trees on the M20

It was reported that with effect from Wednesday 10th December over a six week period work would be carried out on dead, dying and hazardous trees.

12. Matters for Further Discussion: There were none

13. Date & Time of Next Meeting: Confirmed as 19 January 2009 @ 19.30 hours

There being no additional business, the meeting concluded at 20.02 p.m.