

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL'S PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD IN THE METHODIST OLD CHURCH HALL ON MONDAY 16 APRIL 2007 AT 19.30 HOURS

PRESENT: Cllrs. Crawford, Gardner (Chairman), Gress, Poole, Shead, Street & Whiteside

ALSO PRESENT: Mrs. K Bell (Clerk)

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Received & accepted from Cllrs. Bearman, Boyle, Crowley & Mrs. Curry

1. **Declarations of Interests:** Cllr. Shead declared an interest in item 4c, planning application TM/06/04094/LDE

2. **Minutes of Planning Meeting held 19 March 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.

3. **Matters Arising:** There were none

4. **Planning Applications**

a. **The following was confirmed:**

TM/07/00390/LB Installation of cat flap into exterior wall at Fant Barn, 26 Church Lane, East Peckham
NO OBJECTION

b. **The following Planning applications were considered:**

RESOLVED to comment as follows to TMBC (Voting was by a show of hands)
TM/07/00861/FL Erection of activity and climbing course (Tree Jumpers) at The Hop Farm Country Park, Maidstone Road, Paddock Wood
The PC had NO OBJECTION in principal to the proposal but expressed its OBJECTION to the proposed location and drew attention to the following:

- The siting of the footpath needed to be resolved as the existing footpath went straight through the land to be occupied by the proposed development
- A more suitable location would be preferred as the development in its current location would be visible from the highway and would be a visible distraction to motorists using the by-pass.
- It was believed that the statement provided by the planning applicant was factually incorrect in that local buses no longer stop at the Hop Farm owing to the poorly maintained road.

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 and managers unit with associated walkways, access and parking areas) at The Hop Farm Country Park, Branbridges Road, East Peckham
NOTED

c. **Additional information had been received in respect of the following:**

TM/06/04094/LDE Lawful Development Certificate Existing: Use of land as residential curtilage at Land South Of The Pump House, Hale Street, East Peckham
It was NOTED that the application had been WITHDRAWN

5. **Planning Decisions**

It was reported that Maidstone Borough Council **HAD GRANTED PERMISSION** for the following:
MA/06/0383 Change of use of land to the permanent stationing of 1 no./ mobile home to be used as the farmhouse (resubmission of application MA/05/0397) at Mousehole Farm, Maidstone Road, Nettlestead

It was reported that **TMBC HAD GRANTED PERMISSION** for the following:
TM/07/00336/FL Two storey extension at The Well House, 147 Hale Street, East Peckham

TM/07/00085/FL Double garage and workshop (revision to planning permission TM/06/00963/FL) at Hale Place Cottage, 43 Hale Street, East Peckham

It was reported that **TMBC HAD GRANTED LISTED BUILDING CONSENT** for the following:
TM/07/00319/LB Two storey extension at The Well House, 147 Hale Street, East Peckham

TM/06/03034/LB Construction of rear porch and refacing of external timber framing with hanging tiles at Forge Gate Farmhouse, Tonbridge Road, Mereworth

6. **TMBC**

a. **The following 'B' Lists were RECEIVED AND NOTED:**

07/10 (12.03.07), 07/11 (19.03.07), 07/12 (26.03.07)

b. **Planning Enforcement Investigation at Forge Farm, Tonbridge Road, Mereworth**

It was reported that TMBC had investigated a breach of planning control at this location and whilst it had been determined that works to repair and refurbish the house were taking place these were covered by the permitted development regulations, which did not require the submission of a planning application.

c. **Joint Homelessness Strategy: Developing Effective Homeless Services Towards 2010**

It was reported that working with Sevenoaks District Council and Tunbridge Wells Borough Council, TMBC had produced a draft homelessness strategy, and although the full document was available on TMBCs website an extract had been copied to members. Following a discussion, it was:

RESOLVED: That whilst the consultation document had been received and noted with interest it would not be necessary to comment.

7. KHS

a. Spreadsheet

The clerk had prepared and copied to members an update on the outstanding issues, which had been reported to KHS via the spreadsheet. The information was received and noted. Additional information was provided in respect of Church Lane (speed restriction request) and Tonbridge Road (rubber strips across the highway), which would be referred to KHS.

b. April Spreadsheet

It was reported that the April spreadsheet had been suspended whilst KHS were working on a works programme for the 2007/08 year. Urgent items could continue to be reported.

8. Regional Housing Strategy Review 2007

It was reported that the Regional Housing Board were in the process of revising the Regional Housing Strategy. As part of the review a consultation document had been produced (circulated to members) and the PC had been invited to comment. Following a discussion, it was:

RESOLVED: That whilst the consultation document had been received and noted with interest it would not be necessary to comment.

9. Matters for Further Discussion

Cllr. Crawford

Drew attention to maintenance works being carried out by the EA on Sluice Weir Lock. The EA would be asked to clarify what was taking place and why the PC had not been notified.

Cllr. Poole

Drew attention to the following

- Dog Fouling – Informed members that following a recent complaint, a resident had been issued with a penalty notice. The PC had been issued with a supply of dog mess bags, which would be kept in the office and distributed, to dog owners on request. It was noted that neither the PC nor TMBC was obliged to issue bags. Residents would be made aware that the bags were available through the website.
- Drew attention to an entry on the Register of Electors for 396 Bullen Lane, which was a business premises. Enquiries would be made and the matter would be reviewed in June 2007.
- Stable Developments at Pinkham Lane – The clerk confirmed that she had requested TMBCs Planning Enforcement Team to carry out an investigation into all three stable blocks.

Cllr. Shead

Drew attention to a gun turret at Well House, Hale Street that he believed was due to be removed. As the gun turrets were not listed, the PC did not believe that there were any preventative measures that could be taken to stop the removal.

10. Date & Time of Next Meeting: 23 April 2007 @ 1930 hours

There being no additional business, the meeting concluded at 20.46 p.m.