

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL'S PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD IN THE METHODIST OLD CHURCH HALL ON MONDAY 05 NOVEMBER 2007 AT 19.30 HOURS

PRESENT: Cllrs. Bearman & Crawford, Crowley, Gress, Poole, Mrs. Relf, Street & Shead

ALSO PRESENT: Mrs K Bell (Clerk)

APOLOGIES: Cllr: Gardner

Cllr Crawford opened the meeting and welcomed those present

1. Election of Chairman for the Meeting

In the absence of Cllr. Gardner it was proposed by Cllr. Poole, seconded by Cllr. Street and **RESOLVED** that Cllr. Crawford would chair the meeting.

2. Declarations of Interests: There were none

3. Minutes

a. Minutes of Meetings held on 01 October & 15 October 07

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

b. Clerks report on Matters Arising

Minute 8, 01.10.07 - Speedwatch

It was reported that no new information had been received.

Minute 10, 01.10.07 – EA Clarification

It was reported that a response had not yet been received

c. Planning Guidance

The documentation, which had been prepared by the Clerk and copied to members, was **RECEIVED AND NOTED**. The documentation consisted of information regarding the following planning issues:

- Material Considerations
- The District Council as planning authority
- The Parish Council as consultee
- Local Development Control Policies
- The Planning Process

4. Planning Applications

RESOLVED: To comment as follows to TMBC

TM/07/03689/FL Erection of a timber garden studio at Vine Cottage, 127 Snoll Hatch Road, East Peckham

NO OBJECTION

5. Planning Decisions

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

TM/07/02392/FL Change of use to plumbing training centre at Unit 11 Branbridges Industrial Estate, Branbridges Road, East Peckham

TM/07/02689/FL New dormer window in roof at Little Orchard Oast, 113 Bush Road, East Peckham

TM/07/03055/FL Erection of wooden shed/summerhouse at Waggoner's Cottage, 25 Smithers Lane, East Peckham

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

TM/07/02982/RD Details of materials submitted pursuant to condition 2 of planning permission TM/07/01552/FL (New dwelling to replace existing mobile home (residential)) at Plot 3, September Cottage, Pinkham Lane, East Peckham

It was reported that **TMBC** had advised that the following application has been **WITHDRAWN**:

TM/07/02798/FL Proposed enlargement of War and Peace Building at The Hop Farm Country Park, Maidstone Road, Paddock Wood

6. TMBC

a. 'B' Lists

The following were **RECEIVED AND NOTED**: 07/39 (01.10.07), 07/40 (08.10.07), 07/41 (15.10.07)

b. Joint Transportation Board

The minutes of the meeting held on 10 September 07 were **RECEIVED AND NOTED**.

c. Area 2 Planning Committee

The minutes of meeting held on 02 September 07 together with papers in respect of meeting held on 24 October 07 were **RECEIVED AND NOTED**.

d. Public Transport Panel

It was reported that the meeting scheduled for 06 November 07 had been cancelled.

e. Tonbridge and Malling Local Development Framework

It was reported that further information consisting of the following had been received for reference purposes:

- Core Strategy Development Plan Document (Adopted September 2007)
- Core Strategy Changes to the Proposed Map) Adopted September 2007)

It was noted that the documents could be viewed on the TMBC website www.tmbc.gov.uk and that in accordance with the Town & county Planning (Local Development)(England) Regulations 2004, copies had been sent to the SoS.

f. Planning Enforcement

(i) Personnel Changes to TMBCs Planning Enforcement Team

It was reported that an email introduction had been received from Joanna Russell who had taken over as Team Leader.

(ii) Investigations

• **Alleged unauthorized change of use of the land at 87 Bush Road**

It was reported that although fences had been erected at the site they were in accordance with Class A Schedule 2 Pat 2 of the Town & Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995.

• **11 Caysers Croft, East Peckham**

It was reported that possible building works consisting of a loft conversion were taking place at the property and that the Planning Enforcement Team would investigate the matter.

7. **Kent Highway Services**

a. **To receive report of meeting held on 19 October 07.**

It was reported that Cllrs. Crowley, Gress, Gardner, the Clerk, the Community Warden and 2 KHS representatives had attended the meeting. Attention was drawn to the following:

- (i) Crash statistics had been provided over 3 and 10-year periods.
- (ii) It was unlikely that a blanket 30mph would be introduced in the village or that isolated speed restrictions would be implemented. KHS agreed to look at both rationalising Church Lane and improved signage, which would help reinforce the existing speed limits.
- (iii) Overgrown vegetation and the lack of white lining in Church Lane was referred to KHS.
- (iv) The PCs concerns were reiterated regarding Hale Street and the junction with Hale Street/Boyle Way. KHS agreed that the trees would be grubbed out during November 07 and that rumble strips would be considered on the Boyle Way approach to Brookside Roundabout.

b. **To receive an update on highways issues submitted via the spreadsheet**

The Clerk provided an update on current issues, which included the following:

- (i) Hale Street. No further action proposed by KHS
- (ii) Brookside Roundabout. KHS had agreed to remove the trees.
- (iii) Fly posting. KHS to remove signs as and when inspector was in the area
- (iv) Village Ponding. KHS did not propose taking any immediate action.
- (v) Speed limits. KHS did not propose taking any immediate action.
- (vi) Somerfield exit. KHS had proposed installing red coloured surface dressing from the exit to the Branbridges Roundabout.
- (vii) Recently gathered speed data in respect of Tonbridge Road and Old Road did not indicate that there was a speeding problem.

c. **New issues for inclusion on the November spreadsheet:** There were none, however following a discussion it was:

RESOLVED: That in the New Year, the PC would consider a review of the village highway network and formulate a plan for referral to KHS of all issues where work was desired and the issues would be prioritised both in terms of importance and highway safety.

8. **Matters for Future Discussion**

Cllr Bearman

Drew attention to the following:

a. **Operation of the CCTV equipment.**

The issue would be discussed at the next meeting of the PC but the delay in fully utilising the equipment was because there needed to be signs installed, training carried out and policy statements agreed prior to its full utilisation.

b. **Halloween incidents:** These had been referred to the Community Warden

Cllr Crawford

Drew members attention to the arrangements made for the Annual Service of Remembrance which would be held on 11 November 07. Following a discussion, it was agreed that during the summer of 2008 village organisations would be contacted and asked to nominate someone to read out a few names at the 2008 Service of Remembrance.

9. **Date & Time of Next Meeting:** 19 November 07 at 19.30 hours in the Salvation Army Hall
There being no additional business, the meeting closed at 20.30 hours.