

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCILS PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD
IN THE METHODIST OLD CHURCH HALL AT 19.30 HOURS ON MONDAY 05 OCTOBER
2009**

PRESENT: Cllrs. Ms L Baseden, P Crawford (Chairman), J. Crowley, Mrs.
B Curry, A. Gardner, Mrs. J Macdonald, D. Poole & P. Street.

ALSO PRESENT: Mrs. K Bell (Clerk)

APOLOGIES: Cllrs. B. Gress & T. Shead

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

2. **Minutes**

The minutes of the meetings held on 07 September 2009 and 21 September 2009 which had been copied to members were **APPROVED** and signed as a correct record of those proceedings.

3. **Matters Arising**

Minute 2 (07.09.09): Parking outside the Primary School

It was reported that no response had yet been received from the Primary School.

Minute 5d (07.09.09): The Hop Farm

It was reported that TMBCs Chief Executive, Mr David Hughes would be arranging for the Parish Council to receive a coordinated reply in response to the following:

- TMBC's determination of Planning Applications
- TMBCs views regarding the draft Master Plan
- Complaints received by TMBC regarding events held at the Hop Farm
- TMBC's actions regarding planning enforcement issues

4. **Planning Applications**

RESOLVED to comment as follows to TMBC

TM/09/02338/FL & Extension to provide a study, utility room and additional
TM/09/02339/LB bedroom including internal alterations to bathroom
accommodation at 1 Smithers Lane, East Peckham
NO OBJECTION

5. **Planning Decisions**

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

TM/09/01661/FL Timber workshop/shed to rear of garden at 10 Russett Road,
East Peckham

TM/09/01764/FL Replacement of detached triple garage with accommodation in
the roof space and internal hallway link to main dwelling
(revision of planning permission TM/08/01752/FL with
additional dormer window, fireplace and changes to windows)

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

TM/09/01372/LB Part retrospective for LB consent for internal alterations to Bell 5 to consolidate existing office uses at the Hop Farm within existing first floor, including removal of unauthorised works to the building at Bell 5, the hop Farm Country Park

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

TM/09/00908/RD Details of external lighting and storage of refuse submitted pursuant to conditions 4 & 5 of planning permission TM/08/03614/FL (Use of premises for B1 (c) light industrial) at Brook Farm Buildings, Church Lane, East Peckham

TM/09/01916/RD Details of flood attenuation (condition 3) and landscaping (condition 6) submitted pursuant to planning permission TM/09/00054/FL: works to the existing reception/administration/retail building including reconfiguration of internal uses to accommodate reception area/offices retail/tea room, associated alterations for external elevations and the erection of a pergola structure to facilitate the sale of plants and associated products on land to the front of the building at Reception Building, The Hop Farm Country Park

It was reported that the following application **HAD BEEN WITHDRAWN**:

TM/09/01894/FL Side extension at 11 Strettitt Gardens

6. TMBC

a. Planning Enforcement Investigation at The Dower House, Roydon Hall Road, East Peckham

It was reported that TMBC had confirmed that an investigation would be undertaken in order to determine whether or not a breach of planning control had occurred.

b. Public Transport Panel

The minutes of the meeting held on 31 March 2009 and the agenda in respect of the meeting held on 17 September 2009 were **RECEIVED AND NOTED**.

c. Area 2 Planning Committee

The minutes of the meeting held on 05 August 2009 and the agenda in respect of the meeting held on 16 September 2009 were **RECEIVED AND NOTED**.

7. KCC - Kent Minerals & Waste development Framework – Consultation on the Scoping Report for the Sustainability Appraisal/Strategic Environmental Assessment

It was reported that KCC was preparing its Minerals & and Waste Development Framework which would set out policies and proposals for minerals and waste management through to 2026. The following were noted:

- KCC was required to identify baseline information on a wide range of topics and to develop the framework for undertaking the appraisal of policies and proposals as they emerged.
- An introductory paper outlining the scoping process and the remainder of the scoping report comprising of a series of topic papers setting out the framework and evidence base for particular issues was available for consultation via the

website <http://consult.kent.gov.uk/portal>. It was noted that the consultation period commenced on 02 September 2009 and would end on 14 October 2009.

Following a discussion, it was:

RESOLVED: That the information be **NOTED WITH INTEREST**

8. **Tunbridge Wells Borough Council – Local Development Framework – Non Minor Change (Paragraph 4.21) to the Core Strategy**

It was reported that TWBC had been asked to publicise the proposed change to paragraph 4.21 and to invite comments on whether the conclusion introduced by the change was justified in the sense of being founded on robust and credible evidence. Following a discussion, it was:

RESOLVED: That the information be **NOTED WITH INTEREST**

9. **Kent Highway Services**

a. **Update on currently logged highway issues**

Attention was drawn to the following:

- **Removal of railing at Branbridges Road**
Currently being considered by KHS Consultant Engineers
- **Russett Road Potholes**
Being monitored by KHS Inspector
- **New Signs at Village Hall**
Request logged by KHS
- **Drainage and Ponding village wide**
No update from KHS
- **Advertising on Branbridges Road**
KHS would take no action as they were of the opinion that the advertising was not on highway land
- **Parish Portal Training**
It was reported that the a Parish Council representative had been invited to participate in parish portal training during October and that Cllr. Poole has agreed to attend. It was noted that whilst EPPC had been proactive and had accepted the training opportunity, several of Kent's Parish Councils had responded negatively and had declined the offer of training as they were of the opinion that the training would be a waste of time and that KHS should focus on dealing with the Kent wide backlog of highway problems.

b. **New items for referral to KHS**

Following a discussion, it was:

RESOLVED: That the following would be referred to KHS

- Tonbridge/Addlestead Roads. White marking on the road required redoing.
- Tonbridge/Addlestead Roads. Chevrons were dislodged following recent hedge cutting
- Addlestead Road (outside Addlestead House). Potholed
- Old Road. Rusty and superfluous green posts
- Lack of consultation by KHS and their contractors with the PC when carrying out highway work within the village. Members were firmly of the opinion that the PC without

exception must be informed when KHS and their contractors were working in the village and the nature of the work being undertaken.

10. Matters for future Discussion

The Hop Farm

Cllr. P Crawford drew attention to earth moving works which had taken place on Hop Farm Land. Photographic evidence had been forwarded to the clerk who had notified TMBCs Planning and Environmental Health departments.

Youth Shelter

Cllr. Ms Baseden copied to members a press release from Wrotham PC regarding the recent installation of a youth shelter in that parish. The matter would be placed on the agenda for discussion at the next meeting of the full council.

Allotments

Cllr. Mrs Macdonald advised members that she and the Clerk had attended the Allotment holders AGM and that a report would be presented to members at the next meeting of the full council.

Streetlights

Attention was drawn to the following:

- Streetlight obscured by vegetation by the Bridge over the River Bourne. The matter would be referred to KHS.
- Faulty streetlights in Old Road. The matter would be referred to PFL.

MVCP: Finale event for the riverside Communities project

Following a brief discussion, members concurred that the preferred finale event would be story telling followed by possibly an arts and crafts session and that the event would be offered to the village Pre-Schools and the Primary School. The Clerk would liaise with MVCP in order to finalise the arrangements.

Internet Awareness Day

Cllr. Poole informed members that he had attended the recent Internet Awareness Day which had been organised by the Crime Reduction Partnership. Cllr. Poole was firmly of the opinion that the information and advice obtained was invaluable especially to parents wanting to protect their children. Cllr. Poole made the suggestion that a similar event be held in East Peckham.

Overgrown PROW

Cllr. Poole drew attention to an overgrown PROW (adjacent to Sluice Weir Lock). The matter would be referred to KCC PROW.

MVCP East Peckham River Walk Leaflet

Cllr. Poole suggested that MVCP be asked to supply a bulk quantity of the East Peckham River Walk leaflet which residents would be able to pick up from the library and Village Stores.

Commercial HGV Regularly Parked O/S No's 1 – 5 The Freehold

Cllr. Poole drew attention to a commercial HGV which regularly parked outside No's 1 – 5 The Freehold. It was agreed that the matter would be referred to the Community Warden and TMBC.

Mobile Home at Pinkham Lane

Cllr. Poole drew attention to mobile home at Pinkham Lane which was subject to an outstanding planning application. The matter would be referred to TMBC's Planners.

Parish Office Hours

It was noted that the variation to the Parish Office Hours would be considered at the next meeting of the full council.

Sale of Lane at Hale Street/Whitebine Gardens

Cllr. Gardner and the Clerk confirmed that they were intending to attend the auction on 15 October 2009.

11. **Urgent Items: Any other items with the Chairman decides are urgent due to special circumstances and of which notice has been given to the Clerk**
There were none
12. **Matters for consideration in Private: Exclusion of the press and public. The Chairman to move that the press and public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting during consideration of any items the publication of which would disclose exempt information**
There were none
13. **Date of Next Meeting:** 19 October 2009

There being no additional business, the meeting concluded at 20.23 hours