

MEETING OF EPPC's VIRTUAL PLANNING & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE HELD AT 19.00 HOURS ON MONDAY 04 JANUARY 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT: M. Barton, D. Fairless, M. Ferguson, T. Fryer, D. Seal & S. North

OFFICER PRESENT: K Bell

ALSO, PRESENT: 2 residents

ABSENTEE: J. Bates

D. Fairless opened the meeting and welcomed all present.

001/2021 **NOTICE OF MEETING:** Public Notice of the meeting had been given in accordance with Schedule 12, Para 10(2) of the Local Government Act 1972 and The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 which came into force on 4 April and enabled the Parish Council to hold remote meetings for a specified period until May next year.

002/2021 **Declarations of Interests, lobbying and dispensation requests:** There were none

003/2021 **Minutes of the meeting held on 07 December 2021: RESOLVED** That the minutes from the meeting be **APPROVED** and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

004/2021 **Planning Applications: RESOLVED** to comment as follows to TMBC

TM/20/02702/LDP Lawful Development Certificate Proposed: Dropped kerb either side of the driveway at 3 Strettitt Gardens, East Peckham
NO OBJECTION

TM/20/02827/RD Details of condition 5 (landscape and boundary treatment) submitted pursuant to planning permission TM/17/03385/FL (Replacement of barn with a single residential dwelling) at The Corner House, 321 Bush Road, East Peckham
NOTED NO OBJECTION

TW/19/1343/R29 Request for approval of details pursuant to condition 29 (Landscaping, Restoration & Aftercare) of planning permission TW/19/1343 at Stonecastle Farm Quarry, Whetstead Road, Five Oak Green
NOTED NO OBJECTION

TM/00/1599/R26 Details of Ecological Mitigation Strategy (Condition 1) & Widening of Haul Road Mitigation Strategy (Condition 3) pursuant to planning permission TM/00/1599/R26C1 at Stonecastle Farm Quarry, Whetsted Road, Five Oak Green,
NOTED NO OBJECTION

Signed Chairman

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- 005/2021 **Planning Decisions**
TMBC had approved the following
- TM/20/02396/FL Covered recreational building, extension to utility, bathroom, and shower room at Driftwood 27A The Freehold
- TM/20/02425/FL Single storey front extension and garage conversion at 22 Pippin Road
- TM/20/02538/LDP Loft conversion with hip to gable with barn hip roof extension, dormer window to rear elevation and 3 No rooflight windows to front elevation at 75 Old Road
- 006/2021 **Planning Enforcement:** TMBC was investigating the following cases:
- 20/00299/WORKM Alleged unauthorised development to create hardstanding at Land East of river Bourne, Snoll Hatch Road.
- 20/00308/WORKM Alleged unauthorised works at 2 Hale Street
- 20/00309/WORKM Alleged unauthorised change of use from stables to builders' yard at Land Opposite September Cottage, Pinkham, East Peckham
- 20/00310/WORKM Alleged works not in accordance with TM/20/01178/FL (Demolition of existing dwelling and replacement with pair of semi-detached dwellings) – Land level too high at 7 Chidley Cross Road, East Peckham
- 007/2021 **Kent Highways**
- 007/2021.1 **Temporary Road Closure – Chidley Cross Road, 18.01.2021 – 26.01.2021:** The road would be closed in order to enable road crossing and joint bay works to be carried out by UKPN.
- 007/2021.2 **New Issues:** There were none to report to KHS
- 007/2021.3 **Highway Improvement Plan**
- 007/2021.3.1 **Church Lane: Drop Kerbs:** KHS to install before 31 March 2020
- 007/2021.3.2 **Hale Street – Traffic Calming Highway Safety Audit:** No new information received
- 007/2021.3.3 **Installation of Planter at Medway Meadows / Branbridges Road:** No new information received
- 007/2021.3.4 **EP Village Centre – Transfer of land ownership to EPPC:** No new information received
- 008/2021 **EP Primary School Footpath – Reimbursement to EPPC:** Refund remained outstanding

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Double Yellow Lines at Junction at Medway Meadows, Old Road and Branbridges Road: Additional correspondence had been received from TMBC, residents and Medway Meadows Residents Association. TMBC had advised as follows:

- They were taking steps to address the parking issues – the restrictions around the junction appeared to be addressing the safety issues expressed by residents and the request for a residents' permit parking scheme had been included for consideration under TMBC's Parking Action Plan.
- The Clean Neighbourhoods & Environment Act prevented the offering for sale of more than one vehicle by the same person on the public highway within 500m, but it was TMBC's understanding that this only applied to vehicles that were actively being advertised for sale on-street and did not cover other vehicles (such as cars taken as part-exchange, or vehicles belonging to staff or awaiting collection).
- TMBC were of the opinion that the double yellow line restrictions were the appropriate measure for dealing with safety-related parking concerns around junctions and that sometimes it did take people a while to adapt to the new restrictions. TMBC would continue to patrol and issue PCNs.
- Permit parking would be considered when any proposed permit parking scheme was developed.
- TMBC had created a safer situation around the junction, however a number of challenging issues still remained, and these were predominantly outside the remit of TMBC's parking service and would be for other Authorities (such as the Police and DVLA) to lead on.

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TMBC Parking Meeting

- The meeting was attended by the Clerk and representatives from several other T & M parishes. TMBC outlined the roles and responsibilities of themselves, KCC and Kent Police with regard to parking issues.
- TMBC explained how issues moved through various stages of their parking action plan, i.e., holding list, parking reviews, parking surveys before finally reaching the Joint Transportation Board.. Approx. 2 ½ years on holding list before moving onto parking action plan.
- TMBC welcomed feedback from parishes and would like more engagement with parishes.
- Parking enforcement outside Tonbridge was perceived by parishes as inadequate when in reality parishes had 10-20% of the T & M parking restrictions but received 40% of parking enforcement visits.
- Parking enforcement was intelligence led, the enforcement teams worked 7 a.m. – 8 p.m. Monday to Saturdays (not bank holidays or Sundays). TMBC was looking at building a case to fund a Sunday and bank holiday service

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EP issues

- **Medway Meadows:** TMBCs response above
- **Snoll Hatch:** Issues probably outside TMBC's remit and EPPC might instead wish to include the issue on the 2021 Highway Improvement Plan.
- **The Freehold and Orchard Road:** Unlikely to be considered by TMBC in the short term following the overwhelming feedback received from residents in 2019 opposed to any changes; the matter could instead be included on the EPPC Highway Improvement Plan.

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Recycling Site Removal at Brookers Oats, Hop Farm: TMBC's Street scene and Environment Advisory Board agreed in October 2020 on a phased approach to the removal of underused recycling banks within the borough and had earmarked the banks located at Brookers Oast for removal.

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Matters for Future Discussion

M. Barton drew attention to flytipping along the EP Bypass: The matter would be forwarded to TMBC.

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Date of Next Meeting: Confirmed as 01 February 2021 @ 7.00 p.m.

There being no additional business, the meeting closed at 19.42 hours.

Signed Chairman

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