

**MINUTES OF HORSMONDEN PARISH COUNCIL**  
**PLANNING AND EVENTS MEETING HELD IN ST MARGARET'S CHURCH HALL**  
**AT 7.30 P.M. ON 27<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2012**

**Present:** Cllr. Clemson(Chair)  
Cllrs. March, Stevens , Holloway, Cheesman, Parker , Robins and Fletcher.

**In attendance:** One member of the public present.

**Declarations of Interest:** Declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests in accordance with the Code of Conduct were invited. All members declared an interest in item TW/12/00229/FUL regarding the Public Conveniences at Maidstone Road, and as such the council made no comments on this application. This was following advice from Paul Cummins at TWBC Legal Department.

Cllr Parker declared an interest in TW/11/03441 as she is a neighbour of the applicant, and took no part in the discussion or decision making over this matter.

### **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr Hughes (away).

### **2. PUBLIC SESSION**

Nothing was raised.

### **3. PLANNING**

#### **3.1 Applications/Submissions:**

It was proposed from the Chair that application TW/12/03441/FUL for Lewes Heath Bungalow be brought forward as the first item to be discussed as there was an interested member of the public present for this application. Unanimous.

<b>Planning Application No:</b>	TW/11/03441/FUL/GM2
<b>Proposal:</b>	Revised Application Details – Demolition of existing bungalow and erection of replacement dwelling and double garage.
<b>Location:</b>	Lewes Heath Bungalow, Lewes Heath, Horsmonden.
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Approval.
<b>Proposal:</b>	Chair, carried.
<b>Comments:</b>	Very satisfactory replacement of the existing bungalow, subject to the permitted development rights being removed.

<b>Planning Application No:</b>	TW/12/0229/FUL/SE2
<b>Proposal:</b>	Disabled toilet in existing public toilets.
<b>Location:</b>	Public Conveniences, Maidstone Road, Horsmonden.
<b>Recommendation:</b>	No discussion or decision making took place, following guidelines from TWBC legal.
<b>Proposal:</b>	No Proposal
<b>Comments:</b>	No comments.

<b>Planning Application No:</b>	TW/12/00373/FULMJ/CP4
<b>Proposal:</b>	Development of 15 no. Local Needs Affordable dwellings comprising of 2 no. 1- bedroom flats, 2 no. 1-bedroom wheelchair bungalows, 6 no. 2-bedroom houses and 5 no. 3-bedroom houses,

	including hard and soft landscaping – variation in conditions 28 – vehicle parking space( including garages and pergolas) shall be provided, surfaced and drained before any building is occupied( TW/10/02630 refers)
<b>Location:</b>	Land West of Kirkins Close, Gibbet Lane, Horsmonden
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Refusal.
<b>Proposal:</b>	Cllr March, seconded Cllr Stevens. Unanimous.
<b>Comments:</b>	Refusal based on the grounds that the removal of the garages would be detrimental to the two wheelchair bungalows numbered 11 and 12, as it would remove the provision of storage for mobility scooters and other mobility equipment. However the parish Council accept that the provision of pergolas is not essential.

<b>Planning Application No:</b>	TW/12/00367/HOUSE/GM2
<b>Proposal:</b>	Internal alterations, replacement shed entrance with continuation of existing lean-to roof, alterations, infilling and insertion of external openings
<b>Location:</b>	The Oast Smalls Farm, School House Lane, Horsmonden.
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Approval.
<b>Proposal:</b>	Cllr Stevens, seconded Cllr Holloway. Unanimous.
<b>Comments:</b>	An enhancement to the existing dwelling.

<b>Planning Application No:</b>	TW/12/00368/LBC/GM2
<b>Proposal:</b>	Listed Building Consent - Internal alterations, replacement shed entrance with continuation of existing lean-to roof, alterations, infilling and insertion of external openings
<b>Location:</b>	The Oast Smalls Farm, School House Lane, Horsmonden.
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Approval.
<b>Proposal:</b>	Cllr Stevens, seconded Cllr Fletcher. Unanimous.
<b>Comments:</b>	An enhancement to the existing dwelling. Subject to the Conservation architect's approval.

### 3.2 Reports of Applications Granted and Refused

#### Applications Refused.

TW/11/03732/FUL – Stiles Oast, Maidstone Road, Horsmonden.

### 3.3 Other planning matters

#### **Potential Roadside Nature Reserve in Horsmonden Parish**

The Clerk informed the Council that she had received a letter from the Kent Wildlife Trust (KWT) informing her that a county rare species had been found on the verge side near to Lordship Woods. In order to preserve and enhance this, the Kent Wildlife Trust wished to erect some small signs which would be used to draw the attention of this to those maintaining the verge. The KWT had asked for the Parish Council's comments and feedback regarding this matter. The Council were pleased to hear about the rare species and happy for the signs to be erected providing they were not to be maintained by the Parish.

The KWT had asked if the PC could put them in contact with the owners of the verge either side of the road and it was suggested that the Clerk contact the scouting association and Mr Barr who were thought to be the owners of the adjacent land. It was suggested that the scouts

may wish to get involved in helping to keep an eye on the flora, as the KWT had asked for possible volunteers to monitor the site.

4. The Queens Diamond Jubilee celebration preparations

Cllr March reported that the next meeting of the Committee was on 28<sup>th</sup> February.

The Social Club was to organise some drinks waiters for the Ball.

Robert Barr had agreed to help with the siting of the beacon on the Green. Cllr March suggested that the Council consider erecting the Beacon on the Green on a permanent basis as it could then be used more frequently. There was some discussion about this point, but a vote was taken against this idea as it was felt that the beacon would look ugly on the Green and would not be used any more frequently if erected permanently.

A discussion took place about a possible firework display on the Green. Cllr March had received quotes for some lance work including a large diamond with a '60' in the centre, which would last one minute and a cake which would shed gold and silver fronds and would last up to five minutes. Either item would cost approximately £250 and the crown would need to be 20 metres away from the lance or 50 metres away from the cake.

It was considered that these distances would be unachievable on the green and that in order to provide a suitable display the Council would need to spend substantially more than this as the above would look very inadequate. Therefore the Councils' general consensus was not to have fireworks during the celebrations.

Cllr March said that Edward Perry of 'Cook' foods may donate some salad which could be sold at the Hog Roast in bowls.

The Clerk said that she needed to fill in the application for the TWBC grant and asked which items the council would like listed. It was suggested that the clerk list the marquee, the magician, Chairs for the Ball and mugs as these items would almost certainly amount to the maximum grant available. There are plenty of other items which can be included if need be.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.45 pm.