

**Minutes of a Planning Committee Meeting
of BOUGHTON MALHERBE PARISH COUNCIL
27th August 2013, 7pm, Grafty Green Village Hall**

Present: Ron Galton
Mike Hitchins
Tony King
Barbara Pearce
Robert Turner

Christine King, Clerk

1. Having been previously circulated, the minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting on 26th March 2013 were approved and signed.

2. Planning Application:

2.1 MA/13/1401

Land adjacent The Glen, Headcorn Road, Grafty Green, Kent. ME17 2AT

Proposal: Erection of an agricultural dwelling with detached garage for Garden Centre Manager's use.

After close examination of the plans and much discussion, the council were unanimous in objecting to the application and made the following comments:

- 1) The site in question is outside village envelope and the concern is that this could lead to infilling, and others with large gardens would request similar.
- 2) An application for development opposite was refused.
- 3) A manager is not necessary on site nowadays, electronics can be operated remotely.
- 4) There is no guarantee that the new manager, or any successive one, will wish to live on site.
- 5) If the plans are approved by MBC, as there is no speed restriction along Headcorn Road it is suggested that access should be by way of the garden centre, as is Willington Lodge.

It was noted that there is no orange Planning Application Notice on display.