

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF STAPLEHURST PARISH COUNCIL
PLANNING COMMITTEE
held at South Hall, Staplehurst Village Centre on
Monday 19th February 2018 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors Ashby, Buller, Silkin, Smith and Sharp who was in the chair. Ex Officio: Chairman Burnham and Vice-Chairman Riordan.
Parish Clerk: Mr MJ Westwood

APOLOGIES:

APPROVAL OF PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES: Minute Pages 1360P-1363P of 5th February 2018 were approved, signed by Councillor Sharp and made available at http://www.staplehurstvillage.org.uk/minutes_of_the_last_meetings.aspx.

URGENT ITEMS: No items were requested.

COUNCILLOR DECLARATIONS:

1. Declarations of Lobbying – Councillor Buller declared she had been lobbied about 18/500579 and 18/500588.
2. Declarations of Changes to the Register of Interests – none declared.
3. Declarations of Interest in Items on the Agenda – Councillor Burnham declared an interest in 18/500579 and took no part in the discussion or voting on the application.
4. Requests for Dispensation – None requested.

FULL PLANNING APPLICATIONS: (for recommendation)

- 17/504986 **Hush Heath Winery, Five Oak Lane TN12 OHT** – Erection of a single storey extension to provide new equipment store for agricultural machinery. RESOLVED: recommend APPROVAL. Councillors commented that works had already been carried out, contrary to what was stated in the application.
- 18/500579 **46 Jeffery Close TN12 OTH** – Demolition of existing conservatory and side porch. Erection of front porch, two storey side and single storey rear extension and external alterations (re-submission of 17/505563) with additional new parking space and dropped kerb. MBC Refused. SPC had recommended Refusal (Min 1347P). RESOLVED: recommend APPROVAL, but Councillors retained concerns about the adequacy of the proposed parking arrangements. Resolution was approved following a casting vote by Councillor Sharp as chair of the meeting.
- 18/500670 **49 Bathurst Road TN12 OLQ** – Conversion of integrated garage to create additional reception area. Internal alterations including removal of walls and insertion of bi-fold doors to rear of property. RESOLVED: recommend APPROVAL.

TREE WORKS: (for comment)

- 18/500588 **1 Surrenden Court, High Street TN12 0EZ** – Tree Preservation Order application - 2no. Oaks - 20% reduction (1.5-2 metres) with a proportional width reduction cutting back to appropriate branch axles to contain size and allow light into the garden. Remove major dead wood. 1no. Ash - Reduce southern side of crown by approximately 2.5 metres to balance tree. Remove end weight over the lane. 1no. Hornbeam - Dismantle fell. 1no. Oak - Remove major deadwood. 1no. Holly - Dismantle fell. 1no. Macracarpa - Reduce side growth away from the patio by approximately 1.5 metres, cutting back to appropriate branch axles north side to improve light to the patio area. Group of Hornbeams along Nicholson Walk – Raise

crowns to approximately 4 metres and reduce away from the building which they are encroaching by approximately 2 metres, cutting back to appropriate branch axes. Councillors expressed concern about the continuing reduction and felling of trees in the area of the site, asked that the tree officer refer back to the apparently healthy state of the trees at the time planning permission for the houses was sought (13/1188) and requested sight of the officer's considered report.

REPORTED DECISIONS: (for noting)

- 17/503493 **Iden Park, Cranbrook Road** – Proposed agricultural access off Cranbrook MBC WITHDRAWN. SPC had recommended Refusal (Min 1331P). NOTED by Councillors.

- 17/505937 **Land to the South of The Gables, Marden Road** – Demolition of existing buildings and erection of two detached dwellings and replacement storage building MBC REFUSED. SPC had recommended Refusal (Min 1350P). NOTED by Councillors.

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PUBLIC FORUM – During a temporary closure of the meeting the applicant for 18/500579 gave an explanation of how the application differed from the previously refused 17/505563.