

**MINUTES OF HORSMONDEN PARISH COUNCIL**  
**PLANNING AND ADMINISTRATION MEETING HELD IN HORSMONDEN VILLAGE HALL,**  
**HORSMONDEN**  
**AT 7.30 P.M. ON 21<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2012**

**Present:** Cllr March (Chair), Cllr Russell, Cllr Cheesman, Cllr Stevens, Cllr Jones and Cllr Davis

**In attendance:** Clerk (Lucy Noakes), no public.

**Declarations of Interest:** Declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests in accordance with the Code of Conduct were invited. Cllr March declared an interest in TW/12/02084/FUL and TW/12/02085/LBC – The Granary, Swigs Hole Farm, Maidstone Road, as her husband, Richard March, is the applicant.

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr Parker, away.  
 Cllr Kerrigan, illness  
 Cllr McDermott, another meeting to attend.

**2. PUBLIC SESSION**

There were no public present at the meeting, however, on behalf of the Council, Cllr March said how sorry everyone had been to hear about Cllr Cheesman’s devastating fire, and how grateful the Council were to Cllr Cheesman for still making the effort to come along to a Parish Council meeting bearing this in mind.

Cllr March also said on behalf of the Council, how sorry the councillors were to learn of John Naylor’s death. The Clerk will send a card of condolences to Jennifer Naylor on behalf of the Council, saying how much John’s support for the Council will be missed.

**3. PLANNING**

**3.1 Applications/Submissions:**

<b>Planning Application No:</b>	TW/12/01959/FUL <a href="#">12/01959/FUL   Erection of three poles to mount CCTV cameras for on site security (works started)   Parkfield Grovehurst Lane Horsmonden Tonbridge Kent TN12 8BG</a>
<b>Proposal:</b>	Erection of three poles to mount CCTV Cameras for on site security(works started)
<b>Location:</b>	Parkfield, Grovehurst Lane, Horsmonden
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Approval
<b>Proposal:</b>	Chair, carried.
<b>Comments:</b>	Approval with a very strong recommendation that the cameras are locked to a maximum of 180 degrees, so as not to encroach on the neighbours property and privacy.

<b>Planning Application No:</b>	TW/12/02008/FUL <a href="#">12/02008/FUL   Laying of road stone over access (retrospective)   Capel Manor Courtyard Grovehurst Lane Horsmonden Tonbridge Kent TN12 8BG</a>
<b>Proposal:</b>	Laying of road stone over access ( retrospective)
<b>Location:</b>	Capel Manor Courtyard, Grovehurst Lane, Horsmonden
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Refusal
<b>Proposal:</b>	Cllr Stevens, seconded Cllr Davis, unanimous.
<b>Comments:</b>	The Parish Council object on the grounds that the road is not necessary for the current agricultural usage of the field, and has a high visual impact on the landscape. The parish Council believe that the driveway was put in as a temporary measure for construction

	<p>traffic.</p> <p>In addition to this the Parish Council have deep concerns about regular usage of the access from a road safety point of view, because of the position of the blind bend with no good sightlines entering on to a 60mph road.</p> <p>Horsmonden Parish Council understands that the historical alternative access with right of way for the owner of this field is off the entrance into Mr Larkin's industrial units at Broadford. Immediately left in the entrance is a 12ft gate which leads to an 'L' shaped field bordering South Lodge, and then on to a second 12ft gate into the field. The owner of the field in question has a right of way through the 'L' shaped field.</p> <p>If TWBC should grant permission, then Horsmonden Parish Council would support the Highways recommendation of 3metres of black top adjoining the highways, to limit the stones on the road and in neighbour's gardens.</p>
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<b>Planning Application No:</b>	<a href="#">TW/12/02017/HOUSE/SE212/02017/HOUSE   Two storey side extension   2 Lapwing Cottages Marle Place Road Horsmonden Tonbridge Kent TN12 8DX</a>
<b>Proposal:</b>	Two storey side extension
<b>Location:</b>	2 Lapwing Cottages, Marle Place Road, Horsmonden, Tonbridge.
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Refusal
<b>Proposal:</b>	Cllr Jones, seconded Cllr Stevens, unanimous.
<b>Comments:</b>	On the basis that it is out of character with the adjoining property because of the size and the architectural features and style of the front elevation. Horsmonden Parish Council is particularly concerned about the visual impact of the very large chimney. On the proposed western elevation the council feels that 3 sets of French windows is excessive and not in character. On the South elevation, 2 further sets of French windows also seems excessive.

<b>Planning Application No:</b>	<a href="#">TW/12/02072/FULMJ/LS112/02072/FULMJ   Development of 15 no. Local Needs Affordable dwellings comprising 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 of condition 28</a>
<b>Proposal:</b>	Development of 15 no. Local Needs Affordable dwellings comprising 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 of condition 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, Gibbett Lane, Horsmonden.
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Refusal
<b>Proposal:</b>	Cllr Davis, seconded Cllr Cheesman. Unanimous
<b>Comments:</b>	The Parish Council do not wish to relax this condition because they do not

	feel that building activities should continue once residents have moved in .
<b>Planning Application No:</b>	<a href="#">TW/12/02163/LBC/LS112/02163/LBC   Listed building consent - single storey extension with glazed link to rear of building, removal of 2 no. porches and internal alterations   The Coach House Broadford Goudhurst Road Horsmonden Tonbridge Kent TN12 8EU</a>
<b>Proposal:</b>	Listed building consent - single storey extension with glazed link to rear of building, removal of 2 no. porches and internal alterations
<b>Location:</b>	The Coach House Broadford Goudhurst Road Horsmonden Tonbridge Kent TN12 8EU
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Refusal.
<b>Proposal:</b>	Cllr Stevens, seconded Cllr Cheesman. Carried
<b>Comments:</b>	Refusal on the grounds that the extension at the back will remove the character of the listed building and detract from the appearance of the original Coach House. Horsmonden Parish Council would defer to the conservation architect for the internal alterations.
<b>Planning Application No:</b>	<a href="#">TW/12/02233/LBC/TA112/02233/LBC   Listed Building Consent: First floor internal alterations comprising installation of log burning stove with metal chimney   Heath Stores Grocers The Heath Stores The Heath Horsmonden Tonbridge Kent TN12 8HT</a>
<b>Proposal:</b>	Listed Building Consent: First floor internal alterations comprising installation of log burning stove with metal chimney
<b>Location:</b>	Heath Stores Grocers The Heath Stores The Heath Horsmonden Tonbridge Kent TN12 8HT
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Approval
<b>Proposal:</b>	Cllr Jones, seconded Cllr Stevens. Unanimous.
<b>Comments:</b>	An acceptable addition to a listed building to enable a wood burning stove to be installed to enhance the accommodation. Subject to the conservation architect's approval.
<b>Planning Application No:</b>	<a href="#">TW/12/02198/HOUSE/EA112/02198/HOUSE   Retrospective - Close boarded fence 1.8 m high   Corner Cottage Haymans Hill Horsmonden Tonbridge Kent TN12 8BX</a>
<b>Proposal:</b>	Retrospective - Close boarded fence 1.8 m high
<b>Location:</b>	Corner Cottage Hayman's Hill Horsmonden Tonbridge Kent TN12 8BX
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Refusal.
<b>Proposal:</b>	Cllr Russell, seconded Cllr Davis, unanimous
<b>Comments:</b>	Refusal at 1.8 metres high on the grounds that it is visually intrusive and bearing in mind a previous application at North view, Maidstone Road, Horsmonden, which had a 1.8 metre high close boarded fence, was refused and the applicant made to transfer the fence to the inner face of the hedge.
<b>Planning Application No:</b>	<a href="#">TW/12/01991/HOUSE/SE212/01991/HOUSE   Two-storey rear extension and associated works   Mill Cottage Maidstone Road Horsmonden Tonbridge Kent TN12 8DB</a>
<b>Proposal:</b>	Two-storey rear extension and associated works
<b>Location:</b>	Mill Cottage Maidstone Road Horsmonden Tonbridge Kent TN12 8DB

<b>Recommendation:</b>	Approval
<b>Proposal:</b>	Cllr Stevens, seconded Cllr Russell. Unanimous.
<b>Comments:</b>	Suitable extension to this property.

<b>Planning Application No:</b>	<a href="#">TW/12/02084/FUL</a> <a href="#">12/02084/FUL</a>   <a href="#">Retrospective - Conversion of redundant farm building to single dwelling   The Granary Swigs Hole Farm Maidstone Road Horsmonden Tonbridge Kent TN12 8DG</a>
<b>Proposal:</b>	Retrospective - Conversion of redundant farm building to single dwelling
<b>Location:</b>	The Granary Swigs Hole Farm Maidstone Road Horsmonden Tonbridge Kent TN12 8DG
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Approval.
<b>Proposal:</b>	Cllr Stevens, seconded Cllr Russell. Unanimous.
<b>Comments:</b>	Suitable application making use of redundant farm buildings which were in poor condition and no longer suitable for modern farming.

<b>Planning Application No:</b>	<a href="#">TW/12/02085/LBC</a> <a href="#">12/02085/LBC</a>   <a href="#">Listed Building Consent - To retain works for conversion of redundant farm building to single dwelling already started   The Granary Swigs Hole Farm Maidstone Road Horsmonden Tonbridge Kent TN12 8DG</a>
<b>Proposal:</b>	Listed Building Consent - To retain works for conversion of redundant farm building to single dwelling already started
<b>Location:</b>	The Granary Swigs Hole Farm Maidstone Road Horsmonden Tonbridge Kent TN12 8DG
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Approval
<b>Proposal:</b>	Cllr Stevens, seconded Cllr Cheesman. Unanimous.
<b>Comments:</b>	Approval on the basis that that new scheme is appropriate to the environment. Subject to the Conservation architect's approval

### 3.2 **Reports of Applications Granted and Refused**

#### **Applications Granted**

TW/12/01802/FUL – Stiles Oast, Maidstone Road, Horsmonden

TW/12/01423/LBC – The Heath Stores, The Heath, Horsmonden

TW/12/01761/LBC - The Heath Stores, The Heath, Horsmonden

TW/11/03574/FUL – Barn 30 Metres South of Yew Tree Green Road, Horsmonden

TW/11/03575/LBC - Barn 30 Metres South of Yew Tree Green Road, Horsmonden

#### **Applications refused**

TW/12/01814/HOUSE – 2 School House Cottages, School House Lane, Horsmonden

TW/12/00866/FUL – Manor Farm, Maidstone Road, Horsmonden

#### **Applications Withdrawn**

TW/12/01512/FUL – 1 Lewes Heath Cottages, Lewes Heath, Horsmonden

### 3.3 **Other planning matters**

It had been requested that the Clerk find out if the house on the corner of Manwarings and the Maidstone Road, had permission for the works which were currently being carried out. The grass area has now been removed and shingle laid down instead, which makes the area useable for parking. The Clerk said that she was not aware of any planning which had gone through for this work, however, the works could possibly be construed as permitted development. The Clerk will ask TWBC for clarification.

A similar issue had been raised with a property on the Lamberhurst Road, near to the entrance of Marle Place Road, where a privet hedge has been removed to create a parking area. Again, Clerk to investigate with TWBC.

With regards to the application at August Pitts, the public forum had now been held and suggestions had been put forward at the forum, as to how the plan could be improved upon. The Borough Council are awaiting a report from Highways.

The Clerk had received a letter from a parishioner asking why she had not been successful in gaining one of the new properties off Gibbett Lane. Cllr March to ask TWBC housing about this, so that the PC can respond appropriately.

**4. Horsefair –Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2012**

The Clerk had still not received any insurance documentation for this event, although a booking form and deposit had been received sometime ago. Cllr March to liaise with the new Chief Inspector and Acting Inspector Gilmore to say that if the Council do not receive the insurance by 4<sup>th</sup> September, then the Council will be unable to vote in favour of the event going ahead at their meeting that evening, and will be forced to put up signs around the Village Green informing the public that they have not agreed to the event going ahead. Clerk to seek advice from insurance company .

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 10.30pm.