

**MINUTES OF HORSMONDEN PARISH COUNCIL**  
**PLANNING MEETING HELD IN HORSMONDEN VILLAGE HALL, HORSMONDEN**  
**AT 7.30 P.M. ON 21ST JUNE 2016**

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**Present:** Cllr March, Cllrs Davis, Stevens, Holloway, Russell, Jenkinson, Stanton and Cllr Richards

**In attendance:** Clerk (Lucy Noakes), 2 members of the public present.

**Declarations of Interest:** Declarations of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests in accordance with the Code of Conduct were invited. None were submitted.

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr Isaacs.

Cllr Stanton arrived at 7.40pm.

**2. PUBLIC SESSION**

Mrs Brown asked to speak as the applicant for planning application TW/16/504384 – Poplars Lodge, Churn Lane.

The applicant wanted to explain how the current application differed from that previously submitted to TWBC, which had been accepted by the Parish Council but refused by TWBC and rejected at Appeal. The applicants had now had several meetings with planning officers from TWBC and felt that the new plans submitted addressed all of the objections which TWBC had raised with the previous application. The single and double storey extensions had now been moved to different locations where they were less obvious from the road and screened as much as possible by the existing garage. The applicants had complied with planning officer's requests to reduce the volume of the extensions by altering the dimensions of the planned extensions.

**3. PLANNING**

**3.1 Applications/Submissions:**

It was proposed by Cllr Davis and seconded by Cllr Richards that the application for Poplars Lodge should be brought forward for discussion whilst the matter was fresh in Cllrs minds. Unanimous.

<b>Planning Application No:</b>	TW/16/504384/FULL
<b>Proposal:</b>	<a href="#"><b>Erection of two storey side and rear extension to the west, one storey side and rear extension to the east and attic conversion.</b></a>
<b>Location:</b>	Poplars Lodge Churn Lane Horsmonden Tonbridge Kent TN12 8HW
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Approval
<b>Proposal:</b>	Cllr Richards. Seconded Cllr Jenkinson. Unanimous.
<b>Comments:</b>	Recommended approval. Reasonable sized extension for the size of the house.

<b>Planning Application No:</b>	TW/15/505340/OUT
<b>Proposal:</b>	<a href="#"><b>Outline application for the demolition of existing buildings (with the exception of the building at the corner of access road) and for the erection of up to 30 dwellings (Point of Access to site not reserved).</b></a>
<b>Location:</b>	Bassett's Farm Goudhurst Road Horsmonden Tonbridge Kent TN12 8AS
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Refusal.
<b>Proposal:</b>	Cllr Davis. Seconded Cllr Holloway. Unanimous.
<b>Comments:</b>	Recommended refusal. The parish Council continues to recommend refusal as the points raised in the PC's previous response have not been adequately addressed: 1) There continues to be no recognition of the inadequate width of the carriageway for passing HGV's 2)The PC remain unconvinced that the design of the foot way is feasible in spite of the artists impression. 3)The re submission does not address point 3 of the PC's previous response 4) The re submission does not address point 4 of the PC's previous response

<b>Planning Application No:</b>	TW/16/504423/FULL
<b>Proposal:</b>	<a href="#"><b>Retrospective - Relocation and replacement of a mobile home with a permanent log cabin and change of use of land for permanent stationing of 2 seasonal agricultural workers mobiles and associated hard standing</b></a>

<b>Location:</b>	Grovehurst Farm Grovehurst Lane Horsmonden Tonbridge Kent TN12 8BQ
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Approval
<b>Proposal:</b>	Cllr Russell. Seconded Cllr Stanton. Unanimous.
<b>Comments:</b>	Recommended approval. Reasonable relocation of accommodation for agricultural workers. The Parish Council would like to see an Agricultural Occupancy Condition (AOC) applied to the log cabin and a stipulation that the seasonal occupancy of the mobile homes should be restricted for July to November.

<b>Planning Application No:</b>	TW/16/504488/LBC
<b>Proposal:</b>	<a href="#">Listed Building Consent - Part removal of load-bearing stud wall</a>
<b>Location:</b>	Heathleigh Cottage Maidstone Road Horsmonden Tonbridge Kent TN12 8JJ
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Approval.
<b>Proposal:</b>	Cllr Davis. Seconded Cllr Stevens. Unanimous
<b>Comments:</b>	Recommended Approval. Acceptance subject to the Conservation architects approval.

<b>Planning Application No:</b>	TW/16/504636/FULL
<b>Proposal:</b>	<a href="#">Proposed conversion of redundant barn to a single residential dwelling and construction of a detached garage (Revised scheme to approved 15/501947/FULL)</a>
<b>Location:</b>	Barn 50M S Of Yew Tree Farmhouse Yew Tree Green Road Horsmonden Tonbridge Kent TN12 8HR
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Approval.
<b>Proposal:</b>	Cllr Russell. Seconded Cllr Stevens. Unanimous.
<b>Comments:</b>	Recommended Approval. Acceptance as an acceptable variation to the original design and layout.

<b>Planning Application No:</b>	TW/16/504637/LBC
<b>Proposal:</b>	<a href="#">Listed building consent - proposed conversion of redundant barn to a single residential dwelling and construction of a detached garage (Revised scheme to approved 15/501951/LBC)</a>
<b>Location:</b>	Barn 50M S Of Yew Tree Farmhouse Yew Tree Green Road Horsmonden Tonbridge Kent TN12 8HR
<b>Recommendation:</b>	Approval.
<b>Proposal:</b>	Cllr Stevens. Seconded Cllr Holloway. Unanimous.
<b>Comments:</b>	Recommended Approval. Suitable modification to the building subject to the conservation architects approval.

### **3.2 Applications granted and refused/Appeals**

No applications granted or refused.

Appeal withdrawn – Bassett’s Farm and Land at Maidstone Road Horsmonden- TW/14/502127.

### **3.3 Briefing on Tunbridge Wells Borough Council’s Local Plan**

Cllr March gave a brief account of the recent events surrounding the TWBC Local Plan.

The current Local Plan which outlined the requirement to find approximately 6000 homes in the borough up until 2026, has now been shown to be inadequate as there is a population increase in the borough of 11%. The Local Plan was challenged by developers and found to be inadequate in its supply of housing, as the amount of housing required now works out to be nearer 13000 based on population growth. This means that until such time as a new Local Plan can be written by the Borough Council outlining sites for the new houses to be built, the limits of built development around each village in the borough could be challenged, as well as green belt areas and AONB.

The Borough Council are currently calling for sites to be put forward for development so that they can satisfy the requirements of a new Local Plan as soon as possible , although this is likely to take up to 2 ½ years to be completed. The call for sites will end at the beginning of August 2016 so that the Council can commence its work on identifying useful sites.

### **3.4 Other planning matters (discussion only – no decisions)**

None.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.00pm.