

# **HERSTMONCEUX PARISH COUNCIL**

**4 The Old Forge, Gardner Street, Herstmonceux, East Sussex BN27 4LG**

Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held in the small hall in Herstmonceux Village Hall at 7.30pm on Tuesday 9 June 2015.

Present: Councillors J. Alder, J. Angear, A. Ashley, M. Bradshaw, M. Goodsell, H. Kenward, S. Nash and I. Stewart.

Three members of the public attended:

Mr K. Game spoke against application WD/2015/1038/FA and raised the following points:

- The site of the holiday let is adjacent to his property.
- Permanent occupation of the site impacts on his privacy.
- The applicant had previously stated that he wanted to live in the property and not use it as a holiday let.
- The breach of conditions i.e. the permanent occupation of the site has been reported to WDC on several occasions.
- There are cars, vans and chickens at the property connected with the permanent occupation of the site.
- The address used by the applicant as his permanent address is occupied by friends who moved from a nearby property.
- WDC Enforcement Terms expired on 24.05.15

Mr P. Morgan spoke in favour and answered questions from the council in respect of application WD/2015/0907/F.

Mr I. Bates spoke in favour and answered questions from the council in respect of application WD/2015/1091/F.

## **Declaration of Interests**

WD/2015/1038/FA

WD/2015/1091/F - Councillor I. Stewart Declared an Interest as he is a solicitor at Heringtons who have acted for the applicant.

Councillor J. Angear - Declared an Interest in the discussions on the development of Lime Cross Recreation Area.

Application: WD/2015/1038/FA

Location: Higham Cottage, Gardner Street, Herstmonceux.

Description: Removal/variation of conditions 2, 3, and 4 of WD/2008/1462/F (conversion of stable/garage building to holiday let accommodation (amendments to scheme approved under WD/2007/2852/F - change of fenestration and internal layout)

Parish Council comments to Wealden District Council: The Council strongly objects:

- The loss of a holiday let in the 1066 tourist area.
- There is a potential loss of employment opportunities relating to the holiday let.
- There is a potential loss of income to the area from visitors using the holiday let.

Application: WD/2015/0907/F

Location: Dunstars Farm, Bemzells Lane, Cowbeech.

Description: Proposed agricultural dwelling (given outline consent under WD/2014/1608/0)

Parish Council comments to Wealden District Council: The Council supports the application:

- It provides accommodation for a rural business. The Parish Council supports rural business in the parish.
- It is a good design of building in keeping with other dwellings in the area.

Application: WD/2015/1091/F

Location: Meadow Brae, Stunts Green, Herstmonceux.

Description: Erection of 6 bedroom dwelling and detached I-shaped outbuilding, following demolition of 5 bedroom dwelling, outbuilding and garage (amendment to WD/2014/0884F)

Parish Council comments to Wealden District Council: The Council supports the proposed amendments:

- The change to the proposed garage is an improvement as the garage is reduced in size which means that it would not be possible to convert it into a dwelling.
- The design is good.
- The proposed dwelling is in keeping with the site and surrounding area.

### **Minutes of the Planning Committee of 26 May 2015**

There was a lengthy discussion on the draft minutes and a number of points were raised:

- "The minutes of council meetings and its committees must be kept. They are formal records of official acts and decisions but not reports or verbatim reports of speeches made by councillors." (Local Council Administration - Charles Arnold Baker)
- The Committee would prefer that the main points of discussion are recorded in the minutes. The Clerk will redraft the minutes.
- Any information requested by the Council will be reported by the clerk with details of the provenance.
- It was agreed that all council meetings will be taped.

### **Correspondence**

- i. Wealden District Council (WDC) planning consent for WD/2015/0450/LB Herstmonceux Castle - to provide secure support for the south doors, ease of opening and to repair damaged and poorly weathered section of the doors.
- ii. WDC planning consent for WD/2015/0458/F Bank House, Gardner Street, Herstmonceux - change of use from A1 to A2.
- iii. WDC planning consent for WD/2015/0186/MAJ proposed new multi use sports and recreational facility, with associated parking and groundsman's shed.
- iv. WDC letter to Herstmonceux Parish Council drawing attention to the conditions attached to the planning consent for WD/2015/0186/MAJ

The conditions were discussed and the Council discussed the next stage of the project:

- It was agreed that a letter would be sent to the Bowls Club, the Football Club and the Scouts to ask the groups to prepare their Business Plans in time to present them to the July Parish Council Meeting.
  - As the additional 20 metres for the relocation of the football pitch needs to be acquired before any work can start, the clerk was asked to write to Mr and Mrs Watson and the developers Barton Willmore.
  - The Land Registry documents contain the information on the title of the land. A copy of the Land Registry documents will be obtained for the file.
  - A copy of the condition relating to the approval will be sent to the Bowls Club, Football Club and the Scouts.
- v. Baker Architectural - informing the Council that the application was approved and that Baker Architectural would be willing to tender for additional work on the project.
  - vi. WDC- informing the Council that Mr Stockdale is appealing against the decision by WDC to refuse the development on land at Eastwood House, Chilsham Lane, Herstmonceux. The Council will discuss any further comments at the Full Council Meeting on 15.06.15

It was agreed that the November 2015 Planning Committee Meeting will be held at 7pm and will be followed at 8pm by the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting.

