

HERSTMONCEUX PARISH COUNCIL

Agenda Item: Committee Reports - Planning

Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee held on **Wednesday 05 August 2015** at Herstmonceux Village Hall, Hailsham Road, Herstmonceux.

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

The meeting was taken by S. Goacher, RFO, as Acting Clerk.

Apologies Received: None.

Declarations of Interest: Councillor S. Nash re: WD/2015/1307/F Location: No 2 The Willows, Gardner Street, Herstmonceux BN27 4LE.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

Councillor S. Nash declared an interest, left the room, and took no part in the discussions on the following planning application.

PLN.1.08.15 **Application:** WD/2015/1307/F

Location: No 2, The Willows, Gardner Street, Herstmonceux, BN27 4LE.

Description: Change of use from Retail (A1) to Take-Away (A5) at Ground Floor and Beauticians (Sui Generis) at First Floor.

The Chairman gave permission to (Mrs.) Anne Rigby-Nash, (Mrs.) Sandra Smith, Lloyd Williamson, and (Mr.) Neville as residents to speak on the application. All were against the use as a take-away Fish & Chip shop.

Discussion Notes: The Councillors were sympathetic to the individual matters raised by the speakers but stated that the Council must make its comments on the planning application in respect of planning and environmental issues. Matters such as the storage of oil, waste products, cardboard. Possible increase in litter, parking, access issues and odour pollution.

After much discussion the Councillors agreed to make the following comments on behalf of the Parish Council:

Parish Council comments to Wealden District Council: The Parish Council, whilst not objecting to new businesses coming to the village of Herstmonceux, the Parish Council would object to the introduction of the fish & chip take away shop at these particular semi-detached premises for the following reasons:

1. The shop, and in particular the proposal of a new access door, would lead directly onto a shared drive.
2. There are Health and Safety concerns as to where waste bins and the storage of cooking oil, both new and waste products, are to be kept.
3. The parking of vehicles at or near to the premises which is just a few yards from a very dangerous blind corner in Gardner Street, leading onto a mini roundabout, are of a major concern to the Parish Council.
4. The nature of the proposed take-away would generate a lot more litter in the immediate area of the premises, and would create a problem for the Parish Council and to local residents.
5. That because of the location of the premises, being semi-detached and amongst other residential property there are serious concerns in respect of the amount of odour pollution that would be generated.

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6. That the waste products from the take-away could cause problems with regard to the drainage systems within the Gardner Street area.

Councillor Nash re-joined the meeting.

PLN.2.08.15 Application: WD/2015/1318/F

Location: The Old Bakery, Windmill Hill Road, Windmill Hill, Herstmonceux, BN27 4RT.

Description: Conversion of existing private garage and domestic store area into holiday residential accommodation.

The Chairman gave permission to Paul Frost (Applicant) to speak on the application.

Parish Council comments to Wealden District Council: The Parish Council would support this application because it is within the 1066 area and near to the Windmill Hill Windmill, but would ask that the application is subject to the provision of adequate parking space being specifically allocated for the proposed holiday let.

PLN.3.08.15 Application: WD/2015/1466/F

Location: Plum Hill Farm, Stunts Green, Herstmonceux, BN27 4PN.

Description: Erection of stable complex and construction of sand school.

The Chairman gave permission to Mrs. Anna Hanson (Applicant) to speak on the application.

Discussion Notes: The Councillors pointed out that a footpath currently passed through part of the land where the proposed sand school is to be positioned. There were concerns raised regarding the amount of traffic that would be envisaged along the single track access road, because of earlier development of the immediate area, which the site was part of.

Parish Council comments to Wealden District Council: The Parish Council would support this application with the following recommended restrictions, subject to the re-routing of the existing footpath, which the Parish Council believe to be in hand:

1. That the proposed development remains for Private Use only (Non-Commercial).
2. That the erection of lighting is Not Permitted in respect of the sand school.
3. That adequate screening is provided between the proposed sand school and the re-aligned footpath.
4. That there are adequate passing bays included in the access road to ensure the ease of passage to all emergency vehicles, as well as normal traffic servicing this and other properties in the area.
5. That the levelling of the site for the proposed sand school is complimentary to its surroundings.

PLN.4.08.15 Application: WD/2015/1250/MAJ

Location: Forge Meadow, Hammer Lane, Cowbeech, BN27 4JL

Description: regularization of de-silted and reformed ponds and associated

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earth works.

Parish Council comments to Wealden District Council: None.

The Parish Council had received no further information on this application and, therefore, the meeting decided no further discussion could take place at this time.

PLANNING DECISIONS:

Planning Consents:

- PLN.5.08.15** **WD/2015/0684/F:** Errys, Stunts Green, Herstmonceux – Building 1 to be converted into two bedroom main dwelling. Building 2 to be converted into one bedroom granny annex. Building 3 to be converted into office space.
- PLN.6.08.15** **WD/2015/1203/F:** Nunningham Farm, Bagham Lane, Herstmonceux - proposed cattle barn.
- PLN.7.08.15** **WD/2015/1185/FR:** The Malthouse, Hailsham Road, Herstmonceux -part retrospective application for change of use from A3 (bistro) and C3 (dwelling) to A1 (retail shop), D1 (stained glass/other craft instruction) and associate storage, and C3 (dwelling)

Planning Refusals:

- PLN.8.08.15** **WD/2015/1038/FA:** Higham Cottage, stable/garage block), Gardner Street, Herstmonceux - 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)

Planning Withdrawn:

- PLN.9.08.15** **WD/2015/0907/F:** Dunstars Farm, Bemzells Lane, Cowbeech - proposed agricultural dwelling (given outline consent under WD/2014/1608/O)

PLANNING – CLOSE of MEETING:

- PLN.10.08.15** There being no other business, the Chairman, Councillor Mrs. J. Angear thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 20.10hrs