

HERSTMONCEUX PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Herstmonceux Parish Council Planning Committee Meeting held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 1 September 2015_in the small hall in Herstmonceux Village Hall.

Present: Councillors J. Angear, A. Ashley, M. Goodsell, H. Kenward, B. Naish, S. Nash, I Stewart and C. Stirling-Reed.

Apologies were received from Councillors J. Alder and M. Bradshaw.

1. Applications discussed:

Application: WD/2015/1200/F

Location: 1 Victoria Cottages, Victoria Road, Windmill Hill.

Description: Proposed enlarged replacement extension to rear elevation.

Parish Council comments to Wealden District Council:

Wealden District Council informed the Parish Council that the application had been approved on 26 August 2015. The following response was sent to the Parish Council:

The Parish Council's concerns over the initial scheme are noted and shared. The agent has revised the scheme in response to Officer feedback, by reducing the depth of the extension by 1.6m. On this basis, it is considered to be acceptable in scale and form relative to the existing building and would not have a significant adverse impact upon the amenities of neighbouring occupiers.

Application: WD/2015/1580/RM

Location: Dunstars Farm, Bemzells Lane, Herstmonceux.

Description: Reserved matters pursuant to outline application WD/2014/1608/O for erection of a permanent agricultural worker's dwelling.

Parish Council comments to Wealden District Council: The Council supports this 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/2015/1497/F

Location: Nunningham Farm, Herstmonceux.

Description: Proposed infill cattle barn.

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

- The Council supports this application as it wishes to support businesses in the rural economy.

Application: WD/2015/1503/F

Location: Land adjoining Elm Tree House, Gardner Street, Herstmonceux.

Description: A single new two-story dwelling.

Parish Council comments to Wealden District Council: The Council objects to this application:

- The proposed dwelling is too large for the site.
- The proposed dwelling is outside the Herstmonceux Development Boundary.
- The access to the proposed dwelling introduces another access on to a busy road.

Application: WD/2015/1610/F

Location: 21 Monkey Puzzle Close, Windmill Hill.

Description: Erection of conservatory to rear of property.

Parish Council comments to Wealden District Council: The Council supports this application as the size of the proposed conservatory is in keeping with the size of the dwelling.

2. Committee to discuss the developments in the parish, including Lime Cross and Lime Roughts and any future applications not yet submitted - to elect a chairman, set out Terms of Reference and discuss how members of the public can be invited to join the committee.

Following detailed discussions it was agreed that a committee will set up as follows:

- The Committee will be called the Building Development Committee and report to the Full Council. This will ensure that the councillors not on the committee have voting rights on any recommendations which would not be the case if it reports to the Planning Committee as it has delegated powers.
- Councillor J. Angear was elected Chairman, Councillor H. Kenward was elected Vice Chairman, proposed by Councillor S. Nash seconded by Councillor I. Stewart. All councillors in favour.
- The members of the committee will be: Councillors J. Angear, J. Alder, A Ashley, M. Goodsell, S. Nash, H. Kenward and I. Stewart.
- It was agreed that three members of the public will be invited to join the committee; the clerk will put notices on the parish web site, in the newsletter, in the Parish News and on the parish notice boards. Closing date for applications to join the committee will be Friday 2 October 2015.
- The first meeting of the Committee will be held in early October - date to be confirmed.
- It was noted that Herstmonceux Parish Council has a good working relationship with Wealden and this is an important basis on any future discussions.
- Meetings will be arranged with WDC, ESCC, developers and other agencies as necessary.

The following Terms of Reference were agreed:

- The committee is called the Building Development Committee and report to the Full Council.
- The members of the committee will be: Councillors J. Angear (Chairman), J. Alder, A Ashley, M. Goodsell, S. Nash, H. Kenward (Vice Chairman) and I. Stewart.
- Three members of the public will be invited to join the committee.
- Meetings will be arranged as necessary and advertised on the parish web site and on parish notice boards.
- Meetings will be open to members of the public to attend.
- Meetings will be arranged with WDC, ESCC, developers and other agencies as necessary.

3. Correspondence

1. WDC - confirming the residential use of The Welcome Stranger, Church Road, Herstmonceux.
2. Wealden District Council has approved the following applications:
 - i. WD/2015/1361/F Higham Cottage, Gardner Street, Herstmonceux -
 - ii. WD/2015/ Wisteria Place, Cowbeech -
 - iii. WD/2015/1374/F 26 The Ridgeway., Herstmonceux -
 - iv. WD/2015/5Herstmonceux Place, Herstmonceux -
 - v. WD/2015/1231/F Five Acres, Windmill Hill -
 - vi. WD/2015/0372/F Land at Studdens Lane, Cowbeech - demolition of two derelict farm buildings and the erection of a new three bedroom single storey "L" shaped dwelling.
 - vii. WD/2015/1308/F Land adjoining 39 James Avenue, Herstmonceux - proposed new dwelling. WDC Planning Conference - Councillors J. Angear, M. Bradshaw, S. Nash and J. Alder wish to attend.

Wealden District Council has refused the following application:

1. WD/2015/2016/F Land adjoining the Oast, Stunts Green, Herstmonceux -