

HERSTMONCEUX PARISH COUNCIL

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

Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 13 October 2015 in the small hall in Herstmonceux Village Hall.

Present: Councillors J. Angear (Chairman), J. Alder (arrived at 8.15pm), A. Ashley, M. Bradshaw, M. Goodsell, H. Kenward (Vice Chairman), S. Nash, I Stewart and C. Stirling-Reed

Fifteen members of the public attended.

In the time set aside for public questions and comments, Mr Hockings spoke in favour of application WD/2015/1938/O:

- He informed the meeting that he lived in the property adjacent to the proposed application site and he supports the application.
- The existing garages are in a poor state and mostly beyond repair.
- The proposed dwellings is attractive and in keeping with the nearby properties.
- He considers that the proposed dwelling is the best option for the site.

Mrs Elphick spoke in favour of application WD/2015/1938/O:

- The proposed dwelling is on an existing brown field site.
- The site is outside the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.
- The majority of the site is within the Development Boundary.
- The proposed development has no impact on the public footpath or the Agricultural Access.
- The proposed dwelling has the support of local neighbours.

Mr O'Brien made the following comments about application WD/2015/1938/O :

- He supports the proposed development at the site.
- The existing garages are old and unattractive.
- The proposed dwelling is attractive.

Mr A Roalfe spoke about his concerns at the approval for application WD/2015/1839/O

- The original application was for a detached dwelling adjacent to 2 The Firs, West End, Herstmonceux.
- Mr and Mrs Roalfe made no objection to the application.
- A revised application was submitted which made the dwelling into the end of a terrace of three houses which includes Mr and Mrs Roalfe's house.
- Mr and Mrs Roalfe were not advised by WDC, the applicant or the agent of the change to the plans.
- The application has been approved and Mr and Mrs Roalfe are concerned at the lack of information - at the time of the meeting on 13.10.15, they had still not received any notification about the change to the application or the approval.

1. Apologies from Councillor B. Naish.

2. The minutes of meeting held on 5 October 2015 were confirmed.

3. Declaration of Interests on the agenda items below:

- i. Councillor I. Stewart Declared a Prejudicial Interest in application WD/2015/1938/O land adjacent to West Terrace, West End, Herstmonceux as he acts as the solicitor for the owner of the adjoining land. He left the room whilst the application was discussed.

- ii. Councillor M. Goodsell Declared a Prejudicial Interest in application WD/2015/1938/O land adjacent to West Terrace, West End, Herstmonceux as he owns nearby land. He left the room whilst the application was discussed.
- iii. Councillor H. Kenward Declared a Prejudicial Interest in application WD/2015/2095/F Willow Farm, Under Road, Herstmonceux as her husband is the agent for the application. She left the room whilst the application was discussed.
- iv. Councillor J. Angear Declared a Prejudicial Interest in application WD/2015/2095/F Willow Farm, Under Road, Herstmonceux as her son is the applicant. She left the room whilst the application was discussed.

4. Dispensation Requests - none.

5. Applications discussed:

- i. WD/2015//0557/F Old Court Farm, Cowbeech - demolition of agricultural building and erection of one dwelling and garage. Redesigned design of barn.
NB 8.10.15 WDC has notified the Parish Council that this application has been withdrawn.
- ii. WD/2015/2095/F Willow Farm, Under Road, Herstmonceux - replacement barn for fodder storage and machinery, annex - existing barn of unsuitable height.
As the Chairman, Councillor J. Angear and the Vice Chairman, Councillor H. Kenward had Declared Prejudicial Interest in this application, Councillor I. Stewart was nominated to chair the meeting for this application.
The Council supports this application:
 - It wishes to see the barn used for agricultural use and not for the storage of building materials.
- iii. WD/2015/1938/O land adjacent to West Terrace, West End, Herstmonceux - demolition of lock-up garages and erection of detached dwelling.
The Council supports this application:
 - It is a brown field site.
 - The proposed dwelling enhances the area.
 - The proposed building is in the Development Boundary.
 - The proposed dwelling is supported by the neighbours.
- iv. WD/2015/2112/F Brow Cottage, Trolliloes Lane, Cowbeech - concealed power installation in field.
The Council supports the application:
 - It provides renewable energy.
 - It will not impact on neighbouring properties.

6. Community Land Trust - presentation by Mr T. Warder from Sussex Association of Local Councils about Community Land Trusts

- i. Mr Warder was unable to attend due to personal issues. It was decided to invite Mr Warder and speak at the Public Meeting on 11.11.15.

7. Herstmonceux Parish Council Development Committee: to receive details of parishioners who have applied to be a member of the committee.

- i. Seven parishioners have applied to join the Building Development Committee.
It was agreed that the parish clerk will draft a letter to the applicants and invite them to the Full Council Meeting on 19.10.15. The draft letter will be sent out to councillors for approval before it is sent out. NB It was subsequently agreed that the applicants will be invited to the Planning Committee Meeting to be held at 7.30pm on 10.11.15 in the small hall in Herstmonceux Village Hall.

8. Reports on the following meetings:
- i. Meeting held on 1.10.15 Wealden District Council about the Issues and Options consultation. Copy of report attached.
 - ii. Training held at Wealden District Council on 6.10.15.
 - WDC will be consulting on the Issues and Options document from 19.10.15 - 14.12.15.
 - Councillor A Long informed the Council that he had requested that the Issues and Options consultation be called in for further discussion. However, this was not approved although the consultation period was extended from 30.11.15 to 14.12.15
 - The document is extremely detailed and within its recommendations there is a proposal for a minimum of 120 extra dwellings in Herstmonceux Parish. The council will consider its response after councillors have had time to read the report.
9. To receive information from Wealden District Council on recent planning applications.

Planning approvals from Wealden District Council

- i. WD/2015/1503/F - land adjoining Elm Tree House, Gardner Street, Herstmonceux - a single new two-storey dwelling.
- ii. WD/2015/11610/F - 21 Monkey Puzzle Close, Windmill Hill - erection of conservatory to rear of property.
- iii. WD/2015/1580/RM - Dunstars Farm Bemzells Lane. Cowbeech - Reserved Matters pursuant to outline application WD/2015/1608/O for erection of permanent agricultural worker's dwelling and a new access.
- iv. WD/2015/1479/F - 4 Highview Close, Windmill Hill - proposed two-storey addition to form a new dwelling, new drive and access.
- v. WD/2015/1654/F 5 Blanshard Close, Herstmonceux - new wood burner to be fitted to new approved single storey extension with flue running up the rear wall of the property.
- vi. WD/2015/1683/F Southlea, Stunts Green, Herstmonceux - proposed garage conversion.
- vii. WD/2015/1839/O land adjoining 2 The Firs, West End, Herstmonceux - proposed dwelling and parking spaces.

Planning refusals from Wealden District Council

- i. WD/2015/1307/F 2 The Willows, Gardner Street, Herstmonceux - change of use from retail (A1) to take-away (A5) at ground floor and beauticians (sui generis) at first floor.

Planning applications withdrawn

- i. WD/2015/0557/F Old Court Farm, Cowbeech Hill, Cowbeech - demolition of agricultural buildings and erection of one dwelling and garage.

10. Correspondence

- i. WDC - informing the Council that application WD/2015/1379/O land adjacent to West Terrace, West End, Herstmonceux will be discussed at the WDC Planning Committee Meeting on 15.10.15. **It was agreed that either Councillor J. Angear or Councillor S. Nash will attend to speak against the application.**
- ii. WDC Affordable Delivery Local Plan - the consultation period for the revisions to the Core Strategy Local Plan Policy WCS8 concerning Affordable Housing runs from 5.11.15 -16.11.15