

Minutes of Herstmonceux Parish Council's Planning Committee held on 12th April 2016 in village hall.

Present: Councillors Mrs J. Alder (Co-opted member); Mrs J. Angear; Mrs H. Kenward; Mr. M. Goodsell; Mrs A. Ashley; Mr .B. Niash (Co-opted member); Mr. S. Nash; Mr. I. Stewart.

Mrs C. Stirling-Reed took the minutes. The meeting was also recorded.

Apologies from Mr. M. Bradshaw and Mr. M. von Barnholt.

Declarations of interest from Mrs .J. Angear (Hammer Lane) ; Mr. M. Goodsell (Moities Farm)

Minutes from last meeting read and confirmed unanimously . Signed by Mrs J. Angear.

1) Application WD/2016/0628/PO4 Moities Farm, Foul Mile, Cowbeech.

Conversion of a small barn to a two bedroomed cottage.

All present agreed that as it was a conversion, the character would be retained, the access was fine and all supported this application.

- 2) **Planning Decision WD/2007/2126/F. West View , Cowbeech.** This conversion of a garage into a separate dwelling has been granted by Wealden , despite HPC's objection.
- 3) **Retrospective planning application WD/2015/1250/MAJ. Forge Meadow , Hammer Lane.**

Wealden granted this with the proviso that it be re assessed in five years' time.

Also provided that the bund was reduced in height and that the bank in relation to nearby gardens was improved.

It was suggested that HPC's Planning Committee should monitor this and make sure it is on its agenda for six months' time. However it was mooted that it wasn't HPC's responsibility to monitor Wealden's provisos. Would this set a precedent?

However it was agreed that as four houses have been adversely affected by this planning , then HPC needs to be pro-active in ensuring the conditions are carried out.

Mr. S. Naish proposed that the clerk should write to WDC and get updates on reports pertaining to this property and bund. Seconded by Mr. I. Stewart . All in favour. Carried.

It was also agreed that as the parishioners had invited the councillors to become involved in the first place, that the Planning Committee must keep contact with them and make sure all that has been agreed is in fact carried out.

4) WD/2016/0269/F. Verano, Hailsham Road Herstmonceux.

An application for an extension. GRANTED by Wealden.

5) WD/2016/0284/LDE. Littlewood Farm

Wealden received application to lift the condition of occupation by an agricultural worker for ten years on this property.

Wealden granted permission

CORRESPONDENCE:

- a) West Terrace, Herstmonceux granted permission to build four houses on site – with lots of conditions attached.
- b) Shaw's Agricultural in Cowbeech – application to take down shed and rebuild in a larger size. Mrs Ferguson wrote to HPC object and has received a response from the parish clerk.
- c) New electoral arrangements by WDC . Draft recommendations. The Parish Council has until 16th June 2016 to respond. The draft proposals have been put on the parish website.

It was felt that the fact of this draft ought to be advertised widely, so parishioners are aware of it. It was agreed that Mr. I. Stewart would write the original response to this draft.

It was noted that the boundaries are being changed for the County council AND the District Council – but their proposed boundaries are different.

Perceived problems with this draft proposal:

- 1) All of Church Road to go into West Ham district.
- 2) The Church (Herstmonceux) may also be moving to West Ham.
- 3) Stunts Green/ Chilsham lane to Horam???
- 4) If boundaries change, then the rates of the 70 new houses at Lime C4ross will go to West Ham and Pevensey and not Herstmonceux
- 5) Links to Hailsham will be greatly reduced.
- 6) Under WDC's plan Herstmonceux is a service centre and to cut it into pieces electorally doesn't make sense.
- 7) It appears that the proposed draft is done on a desk –bound study – lines drawn without really understanding the ramifications. Lines have been drawn according to numbers – nothing else.

8) The figures proposed do not take into account the new developments already granted – Lime Cross, and NInfield.

9) The proposed changes are neither effective nor convenient.

HPC and Herstmonceux generally(??) are allowed to put forward objections and will work with ANDY LONG to do this. Consultation ends 16th June.

It was deemed important to get parishioners involved in this, and discussion was had on how to get this information out to the public.

- 1) To include the information an a newsletter in which the proposals for new boundaries would be outlined.
- 2) Herstmonceux Community FACEBOOK SITE – Mr. S. Nash will use this to give out information.
- 3) Mr. I. Stewart agreed to print A3 posters with colours representing boundary changes. These can be distributed and an address for comments given to encourage feedback from parishioners.
- 4) The PC needs to write its own response too and this can be discussed at a full council meeting on Monday 18th April

It was agreed to support and work with Andy Long on this.

MEETING ENDED AT 8.05 P.M.