

MINUTES

HERSTMONCEUX PARISH COUNCIL PLANNING (PLN) COMMITTEE Minutes of the Extra Meeting of the Planning Committee of Herstmonceux Parish Council

Tuesday 5th July 2016

Councillors in attendance: Jenny Alder; Jo Angear - **Ch**; Malcolm Bradshaw; Mick Goodsell; Stephen Nash; Ian Stewart; Catherine Stirling Reed;

Clerk to the Council: Clare Harrison

Members of the public – none

AGENDA

ACTIONS

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllrs Heather Kenward; Bryan Naish (Councillor Naish has submitted his comments on planning application 0940 for consideration).

Apologies ACCEPTED

2. **DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS**

None declared.

3. **DISPENSATION REQUESTS**

None declared.

4. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS**

This item shall last not more than 15 minutes or at Chairman's discretion and no contribution shall last more than 3 minutes.

There were no members of the public present therefore no questions were tabled.

5. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED**

Consideration of Planning Applications including those received after this agenda has been published:

5.1 **Application No. WD/2016/1473/F**

Application Type: Full

Expiry date for comments: 7 July 2016

Grid Reference: 564544 112242

Case Officer: Mr S Finnis Tel: 01892 602783

**Clerk to
forward
comments to
WDC**

Location: 10 MONKEY PUZZLE CLOSE, WINDMILL HILL, HAILSHAM BN27 4ST

Description: ERECT CONSERVATORY AT REAR

Applicant: Mr Christopher Bryant

Councils comments and observations:

There are **NO OBJECTIONS** to this application

5.2 **Application No. WD/2016/0940/F**

Application Type: Full

Expiry date for comments: 6 July 2016

Grid Reference:563432 112566

Case Officer: Ralph Forder Tel: 01892 602496

Location: FORMER PUBLIC CONVENIENCE, HAILSHAM ROAD,
HERSTMONCEUX BN27 4LJ

Description: DEMOLITION OF EXISTING PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND
REPLACEMENT WITH A DETACHED THREE-BEDROOM HOUSE.

**Clerk to
forward
comments
and
photographic
evidence in
support of
their
concerns to
WDC**

Councils comments and observations:

The Council reiterates its previous comments to overdevelopment of this site and advises that the Parish Council **Strongly Objects** to this application, regardless of the changes made since its former submission WD/2015/2423/F):

- The Council notes that the site is still owned by Wealden District Council.
- The new application remains an over development of the site.
- The proposed dwelling remains out of keeping with the location.

Regarding the proximity of school crossing and the safety and welfare of the children and families using the crossing:

- Despite the recommended access restriction to the site, any vehicle accessing or exiting from the proposed parking will still have poor visibility and pedestrians will have poor visibility of any vehicles leaving the proposed parking space.
- The Council support the access, parking and road safety objections submitted by local resident, Suzanne Jones
- The proposed vehicular access to the site will need to cross a marked zig zag adjacent to the zebra crossing The zebra crossing was installed outside the primary school to allow a safer crossing for pedestrians and particularly for school children accessing the school.
- In response to a further statement in the submitted Highways correspondence, *'The proximity of the crossing remains a concern, however I understand that there has only been one crash in the last three years'*, the Council wish to inform Officers that there have been several near misses at this site and as recent as last week a child was clipped by a motor vehicle.
- The Council wish to convey their firm objection to Highways suggestion, and suggest that it is grossly unacceptable, that *'with regards to the guard rail, there is scope for this to be relocated, or possibly removing them altogether and replacing them with a chicane barrier on the sloping footpath'*. This is despite reassurances

that this will require further investigation and discussion with the ESCC Road Safety Team.

- The Council reiterate the need for the sloping path to retain full access to users of the carpark, including for pushchairs, children's scooters and wheelchair or other disability aid users.
- These safety railings are important as many children and families use the path from the car park, particularly at school times. The Council would like to suggest that a Wealden DC and Highways representative perform a site visit at school drop off and pick up times to review this statement.

Other comments:

- There is no information about the telephone box which is in current use. BT has not informed the Parish Council that the telephone box will be relocated or taken out of service.
- There is no information about the relocation of the existing cycle rack which is regularly used by residents and visitors to Herstmonceux.
- If a dwelling is approved at the site, conditions should be imposed on when the building works should take place with restrictions around premium school traffic time and the village car park should not be used by construction or delivery vehicles traffic to ensure the safety of car park users.

The Council have submitted photos of traffic congestion around the school crossing area in support of their comments.

6. **PLANNING CONSENTS, REFUSALS, WITHDRAWALS & APPEALS RECEIVED**

Notification of notices received, including those that arrive after this agenda has been published:

WDC Approval:

i. Application No. WD/2016/0415/F
NEW PORCH AND FIRST FLOOR ALTERATIONS.
FIVE FIRS, CINDERFORD LANE, HELLINGLY BN27 4HL

ii. Application No. WD/2016/0242/F
DEMOLISH EXISTING GARAGE AND STORES AND ERECT NEW GARAGE AND UTILITY ROOM.
PECKWATER, CHURCH ROAD, HERSTMONCEUX, BN27 1RG

iii. Application No. WD/2016/0959/RM
RESERVED MATTERS PURSUANT TO WD/2015/2204/O (DEMOLITION OF EXISTING STABLES AND ERECTION OF DWELLING WITH GARAGE)
LAND ADJOINING SANDHURST, CHURCH ROAD, HERSTMONCEUX BN27 1RG

iv. Application No. WD/2015/2657/F
NEW ACCESS TO SMALLHOLDING SITE BY PROVISION OF A NEW CROSSOVER AND VEHICLE

www.herstmonceuxparish.org

Clerk: clerk@herstmonceuxparish.org.uk
Finance Officer: finance@herstmonceuxparish.org.uk

TURNING AND PARKING AREAS LAND ADJACENT TO THE OAST, STUNTS GREEN
BN27 4PN

WDC Refusal:

None at time of publishing agenda

WDC Withdrawn:

None at time of publishing agenda

WDC Appeals:

None at time of publishing agenda

7. **ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

None carried over

8. **CLOSE OF MEETING**

The meeting **closed** at 7.45pm

Date of Next PLN(COM) Meeting - 12th July 2016