

MINUTES

HERSTMONCEUX PARISH COUNCIL PLANNING (PLN) COMMITTEE
Tuesday 8th August, 2017, 7.30 p.m.
Small Hall, Herstmonceux Village Hall

Councillors in attendance: Jenny Alder; Jo Angear - **Ch**; Mick Goodsell; Heather Kenward; Graham Lee; Bryan Naish; Stephen Nash; Ian Stewart; Catherine Stirling-Reed.

Clerk – Clare Harrison

Members of the Public – Four

No.	Agenda Item	Action
1.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Apologies had been received from the following Councillors: Malcolm Bradshaw	Apologies to be recorded
2.	DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS i Cllr Goodsell stated he would declare an interest as and when it may occur against matters of private tenders and contract works on trees / hedgerow cutting and other general maintenance issues / works needed in the parish. Should Village Hall matters arise: ii Cllr Stewart declared an interest any Village Hall matters as an elected member of the Village Hall Management Committee. iii Cllr Angear declared an interest any Village Hall matters as an elected member of the Village Hall Management Committee. iv Cllr Naish declared an interest any Village Hall matters as an elected member of the Village Hall Management Committee.	Declarations to be recorded
3.	DISPENSATION REQUESTS No dispensations had been received.	
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. For the convenience of the members of the public: Item 7i was brought forward – no further updates were available. Item 7ii was brought forward – A new Design and Access Statement is available. Item 7v was brought forward – It was noted by all that this Reserved Matters application will be presented to WDC Planning Committee South on the 17 th August. It was Agreed by Council, that representation from the Parish Council would attend and speak, noting the following specifics: parking, design, hedge and that drafted points would be circulated to all, prior to the meeting, for Councillors comments / approval.	Cllrs IS, SN and JAN

Standing orders were suspended at 19.38

It was requested by members of the public that the clerk book a speaking slot for members of the Parish Council.

Standing Orders were resumed at 19.39

Please also see further information at Agenda Item 7.

5. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED**

Consideration of Planning Applications:

5.1 **Application No. WD/2017/1241/F**

Application Type: Full

Expiry date for comments: 8 August 2017 (Extension granted until 9th August 2017)

Grid Reference: 563535 112591 Case Officer: Ms A Choudhury Tel: 01892 602473

Comments and observations to be submitted

Location: THE OLD CLOCK SHOP, GARDNER STREET, HERSTMONCEUX BN27 4LB

Description: CHANGE OF USE FROM A1 (GROUND FLOOR SHOP) TO C3 (RESIDENTIAL) AND INCORPORATION OF EXISTING FIRST FLOOR TO FORM ONE DWELLING.

Applicant: Mrs Linda Abbott

Agent: Mrs Linda Abbott

Comments and observations:

This planning application is objected to:

- The Parish object to further loss of commercial property in Herstmonceux village and convey the need to preserve business potential in the service centre of the Parish.
- The need to maintain and expand business outlet opportunity in heart of the Parish will only increase with the build of the expected new 127 new homes that have been approved by the Local Planning Authority.
- The property already has permission for first floor residential accommodation. This high-street building affords precedence for retaining its ground floor commercial aspect, in addition to its residential space, there is no justification for the removal of potential commercial activity.
- Local enterprise is also prioritised in the policies of the Herstmonceux Parish Neighbourhood Plan, which although currently still in the final stages before going to referendum for final adoption, has had full community involvement and is, therefore, regarded by the Council, indicative of its long-term planning strategy when considering recent planning applications.
- Only one car parking space is offered with the full residential conversion plans. This is insufficient for the proposed size of residence and would likely increase on-street parking in an already, vehicular, over-populated area.

5.2 Application No. WD/2017/1288/F

Application Type: Full

Expiry date for comments: 15 August 2017

Grid Reference: 563806 111319
602487

Case Officer: Mr A Battams Tel: 01892

**Comments and
observations to
be submitted**

Location: FLOWERS GREEN NURSERY, CHURCH ROAD, FLOWERS GREEN,
HERSTMONCEUX BN27 1RL

Description: PROPOSED NEW NURSERY, PACKING AND STORAGE BUILDING.

Applicant: Perfect Plants (Sussex) Agent: Graham Legg, Architectural Designer

Comments and observations:

Herstmonceux Parish Council support this application as it preserves an established local business, which is looking to expand and offer additional employment opportunities.

5.3 Application No. WD/2017/0989/FR

Application Type: Full – Retrospective

Expiry date for comments: 17 August 2017

Grid Reference: 561971 112989
01892 602487

Case Officer: Mr A Battams Tel:

**Comments and
observations to
be submitted**

Location: ERREYS, STUNTS GREEN, HERSTMONCEUX, BN27 4PP

Description: RETROSPECTIVE APPLICATION FOR AMENDMENT TO APPROVED
PLAN WD/2015/0684/F - INCREASE IN SIZE OF APPROVED PORCH.

Full Application with revised plans for roof line and elevations and revised CIL
form .

Elevations, Roof Plan, Revised application form - Full Application

Applicant: Mr Mark Saunders
Services

Agent: Building Technical

Comments and observations:

Herstmonceux Parish Council offer no objections on planning grounds, however,
Council reiterate their disapproval to retrospective planning applications, when
applications so obviously exceed Permitted Development.

6. CONSENTS, REFUSALS, WITHDRAWALS & APPEALS

Notification of notices received, including those arriving after agenda has been
published:

WDC Approval:

Application No. WD/2017/0448/F

PROPOSED TWO BAY GARAGE INCLUDING STORE TO FRONT OF EXISTING
PROPERTY

THE OLD DAIRY BRICK FARM, WINDMILL HILL ROAD, WINDMILL HILL, BN27 4RS

Application No. WD/2017/0181/FR

PART RETROSPECTIVE APPLICATION FOR CHANGE OF USE OF HAY BARN TO
SINGLE DWELLING WITH EXTENSION TO FORM GARAGE.

THE STABLES, PLUM HILL FARM, STUNTS GREEN, HERSTMONCEUX, BN27 4PN

Application No. WD/2017/1064/F

DEMOLITION OF TWO BARNES AND ERECTION OF TWO DETACHED DWELLINGS
WITH
ASSOCIATED VEHICLE PARKING AREAS, AND HARD AND SOFT LANDSCAPING.
WOODCOTE FARM, TROLLILOES LANE, COWBEECH, HERSTMONCEUX BN27 4QW

Application No. WD/2017/0860/F

PROPOSED CHANGE OF USE FROM ESTATE AGENT'S OFFICE TO RESIDENTIAL
STUDIO.
BANK HOUSE, GARDNER STREET, HERSTMONCEUX, BN27 4LE

Approval Notices acknowledged.

7. **UPDATES**

i Land Adjacent to Geo Collins Honda

There were no updates available

ii Land Adjoining Elm Tree House

A new Design and Access Statement was available. Council Agreed they had no
comments on the new Design and Access Statement for submission.

iii Lime Cross

No updates on the development were available. The clerk is awaiting
communication from Harte Read solicitors regarding the transfer of the strip of
land.

**Clerk to re-
contact solicitor**

iv Lime Park

No further information was available. The clerk was asked to request an 'on-site'
meeting with WDC Planning Enforcement and Wealden District Councillor, Andy
Long.

**Clerk to arrange
with WDC**

The clerk was asked to re-visit the council tax query.

**Clerk to re-
contact CTax**

v Lime Roughs

It was Agreed that Cllrs Stewart, Nash and Angear would attend the WDC
Planning Committee South meeting on the 17th August. The clerk was asked to
book a slot for member of the public speaking for the Parish Council.

Clerk to book

8. **HERSTMONCEUX FOOTPATHS DIVERSION – FOOTPATHS 1a, 1b AND 24**

Response to consultation

**Comments to be
submitted**

Comments and Observations:

Council suggest that to preserve the current footpath accessibility offered along
these routes, the diversion route G to J will need some levelling (due to a steep
drop). Council also wish to clarify if the brambles that currently overgrow the
path will be included in the preparation for this official diversion
Council also wish to see a levelling or building up of diversion J to D, which is
situated in a gully.

9. **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED AFTER PUBLICATION OF THE AGENDA**

A call had been received from a resident at North Lodge about maintenance of
the hedge. The landowner had been contacted by the clerk but did not wish to

**Clerk to update
tenant and
contact T&C**

cut the hedge themselves. The clerk was asked to write to Town and Country to see if they would cut on behalf of the tenant.

A further query had been raised by another resident about some new roadside fencing on a house in Cowbeech. Wealden Planning have been asked for advice i.e if planning permissions had been needed. It was also requested that the clerk contact ESCC highways with similar permissions queries.

**Clerk to contact
ESCC highways**

10. **ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

Agenda Items at number 7 to be repeated in September Planning Committee
Agenda

Clerk to C/F

11. **CLOSE OF MEETING**

The meeting closed at 9.00pm

Date of Next PLN(COM) Meeting - 12th September, 2017