

MINUTES

HERSTMONCEUX PARISH COUNCIL PLANNING (PLN) COMMITTEE Tuesday 6th April 2021 7.30 p.m.

Councillors in attendance: Jenny Alder; Jo Angear; Ketill Game; Heather Kenward; Graham Lee; Nick Porter; Ian Stewart.

Council Staff in attendance – Clerk and Admin Assistant

Members of the Public – 0

No	Item	Action
1. PLN_21.04.01	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE The Chair opened the meeting at 19.30pm and reminded all that this virtual meeting was being recorded. Apologies had been received from the following Councillors: Mick Goodsell; Bryan Naish; Emma Goodsell	Apologies accepted and recorded
2. PLN_21.04.02	DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS As at beginning of the administration term. Specific to this Agenda: There were none.	Declarations recorded
3. PLN_21.04.03	DISPENSATION REQUESTS It was noted that it is necessary to grant Dispensations for non-attendance for Councillor Bryan Naish throughout the period of remote meetings. It was noted that it is necessary to grant Dispensations for non-attendance for Councillor Mick Goodsell through a period of ill health. Dispensations have been approved.	
4. PLN_21.04.04	PUBLIC QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS There were no members of the public present.	
5. PLN_21.04.05	PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED FOR CONSIDERATION, COMMENTS AND OBSERVATIONS FOR SUBMISSION TO WEALDEN DISTRICT COUNCIL	
5.1	Application No. WD/2021/0439/F Application Type: Full Expiry date for comments: 7 April 2021 Case Officer: Mrs H Lee Tel: 01892 602471 Location: STUNTS GREEN FARM, CHILSHAM LANE, HERSTMONCEUX, BN27 4QG Description: ERECTION OF A REPLACEMENT AGRICULTURAL BUILDING. Comments and Observations: This application is supported by Herstmonceux Parish Council. Proposed Cllr Stewart, Seconded and Agreed by all.	Comments and observations to WDC

- 5.2 **Application No. WD/2021/0306/LB**
Application Type: Listed Building Consent
Expiry date for comments:14 April 2021
- Comments and Observations to WDC**
- Location: THE WINDMILL, WINDMILL HILL ROAD, WINDMILL HILL, BN27 4RT
Description: REPLACEMENT OF THE SWEEPS ON THE WINDMILL USING LAMINATED SIBERIAN LARCH
- Comments and Observations:**
This application for renovation works to this important Parish asset, is strongly supported by Herstmonceux Parish Council.
Proposed Cllr Stewart, Seconded and **Agreed** by all.
- 5.3 **Application No. WD/2020/1735/FR**
Application Type: Full - Retrospective
Expiry date for comments:7 April 2021
- Comments and Observations to WDC**
- Location: WILD FLOWER BARN, CHURCH ROAD, HERSTMONCEUX, BN27 1QJ
Description: INSTALLATION OF FLUE FOR LOG BURNER.
Amended plans received date stamped 12/03/2021
- Comments and Observations:**
The Parish Council felt that this application was misleading as it is presented for purposes of installation of a flue yet the original retrospective application is also re-presented. Therefore, **all previous comments apply:**
- This application is objected to by the Parish Council as evidence for the sustainability of the proposed change of use has not been evidenced, such as by way of a business plan.*
- Whilst the Council appreciate the applicant's ambitions, the site for the proposal falls outside the development boundary and does not fall under any specific exclusions criteria. This is an unusual proposal however, and should this application be permitted by the Local Planning Authority, the Parish Council need to see a strict 'applicant only' condition attached to this proposal, allowing any change of use permissions for this applicant alone and solely in relation to the current use.*
- Specific to this submission, the Council also sympathise with the concerns raised regarding the flue proposal due to its proximity to listed woodland which lies adjacent to the Herstmonceux Castle Conservation Area and wish this to be taken into close consideration by the Planning Officer.
- Comments and Observations **Proposed**, seconded and **Agreed** by all except Cllr Lee who abstained from voting.
- PLANNING ITEMS FOR NOTING ONLY – INFO VIA WEEKLY PLANNING LIST**
- WD/2021/0365/LDP - LOFT CONVERSION WITH DORMER, 2 FAIRFIELD, BN27 4NE**
Noted

6.
PLN_21.04.06 **DISCUSSION OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED
FOLLOWING PUBLICATION OF THIS AGENDA OF WHICH
COMMENTS AND OBSERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED PRIOR TO
NEXT FULL COUNCIL**

- 6.1 **Application No. WD/2021/0496/F** **Comments and
Observations to
WDC.**
- Application Type: Full
Expiry date for comments: 20 April 2021
Location: EASTWOOD FARM, CHILSHAM LANE,
HERSTMONCEUX, BN27 4QH
Description: CONVERSION OF THE EXISTING HOUSE TO FORM
HOLIDAY LET ACCOMMODATION AND ROOF ALTERATIONS
COMPRISING THE ADDITION OF A MANSARD ROOF
Applicant: Eastwood Farm (East Sussex) Ltd **Notification of
submission to
applicant**

Comments and Observations:

As a new business to the Parish and one that will support local tourism and economy, Council supported this application in principle. However, should planning approval be granted by the Local Planning Authority, the Parish Council would like to raise the following concerns

- Increase of traffic in Chilsham Lane area, narrow country roads which are already recognised locally for heavy traffic and agricultural use and poor road condition.
- Due to the above, the Council would like reassurance from the Planning Authority that any works to the entrance will improve the visibility to traffic entering or exiting the site.
- Noise pollution – Council raised concerns about the potential for excessive, late noise arising from outside celebrations and gatherings. Council highlighted that the siting of the property lies in a rural farming area and that animal welfare needs to be taken into consideration.

Herstmonceux Parish Council wish their concerns to be taken into consideration should any specific conditions or licences need to be issued.

- 6.2 **Application No. WD/2021/0395/F** **Comments and
Observations to
WDC**
- Application Type: Full
Expiry date for comments: 20 April 2021
Case Officer: Mrs S Buckingham Tel: 01892 602707
- Location: LITTLEWOOD FARM, COWBEECH HILL,
HERSTMONCEUX, BN27 4HZ
Description: DEMOLITION OF TWO BUILDINGS AND ERECTION
OF BUILDING FOR HOUSING FARM MACHINERY

Comments and Observations:

This application is supported

Proposed Cllr Game, Seconded Cllr Porter and **Agreed** by all.

7.
PLN_21.04.07 **CONSENTS, REFUSALS, WITHDRAWALS, APPEALS,
ENFORCEMENT**

Consents –

Application No. WD/2020/2178/FR

Application Type: Full - Retrospective

Location: MOIETIES FARM, FOUL MILE, HERSTMONCEUX, BN27
4JJ

Description: RETROSPECTIVE APPLICATION FOR POLE BARN
TO STORE FIREWOOD

Application No. WD/2020/1197/F
FREESTANDING TWO BAY GARAGE
LOWER CHILSHAM BARN, CHILSHAM LANE, HAILSHAM, BN27
4QH

Application No. WD/2020/2296/FA
MATERIAL AMENDMENT TO APPLICATION WD/2018/2408/F
(REPLACEMENT
DWELLING) INVOLVING A VARIATION OF CONDITIONS 1,2,4
AND
5 IN ORDER TO MAKE ALTERATIONS TO THE DESIGN AND
NUMBER OF WINDOWS, ALTER MATERIALS, ALTER REAR
BALCONY AND INCREASE THE FOOTPRINT SWANMORE,
CHURCH ROAD, FLOWERS GREEN, BN27 1RJ

Refusals –
WD/2020/2037/F - CONVERSION OF BUILDING AND
ASSOCIATED WORKS TO CREATE THREE TWO-BEDROOM
DWELLINGS, INCLUDING ERECTION OF REAR TWO-STORY
EXTENSION (FOLLOWING DEMOLITION OF EXISTING SINGLE-
STOREY REAR EXTENSION),
ADDITIONAL STOREY TO EXISTING SINGLE-STORY SIDE
EXTENSION, AND
PROVISION OF THREE ON-SITE PARKING SPACES.
THE OLD BAKERY (MAYTIME ENGINEERING), GARDNER
STREET, HERSTMONCEUX,
BN27 4LE

Application No. WD/2020/2297/F (Information only – Hellingly
Ward)
ERECTION OF 5 NO. 2-BEDROOM DETACHED BUNGALOWS
AND 1 NO. 3-BEDROOM
DETACHED CHALET BUNGALOW, WITH ASSOCIATED ACCESS,
PARKING AND LANDSCAPING.
LAND ADJACENT TO ROMNEY, SQUAB LANE, MAGHAM DOWN,
HAILSHAM, BN27 1PP

Withdrawn – None

All planning decisions were noted by the Council

8.
PLN_21.04.08

LIME CROSS HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

i Section 106 monitoring updates or communication
No updates to note

ii Access Road – Any Updates
No updates to note

iii S278 – other updates or communication
The Council raised their serious concerns regarding the quality of
the replacement bus-shelter, which is sub-standard to the one
removed, and the placing of the raised kerb at the bus stop.
Council have outstanding questions regarding the Footway works
and the Access Road. Clerks email to be sent requesting a meeting
with ESCC, WDC and Clarion for the Council to express their non-

**Clerks email to
ESCC, Wealden
and Clarion**

acceptance of the sub-standard replacement shelter and to highlight the issues with the kerb works.

9.
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WEALDEN DC MATTERS

- i. Cowbeech Draft Conservation Area Character Appraisal
Noted
- ii. Wealden Local Plan updates and any pending consultations
Clerk to provide a summary update to FCL

10.
PLN_21.04.10

ONGOING APPLICATIONS AND ITEMS – UPDATES WHERE AVAILABLE

**Clerks
communication**

- i Woodland View S106 Footpath Improvements
Clerk to chase the final quote.

- ii Community Land Trust- latest information discussions and any further actions
No further updates.

- iii Land Adjacent to Geo Collins Honda
Following an enquiry from a parishioner regarding the retention of trees and screening adjacent to their property, it was established through the Land Registry that entries for the site indicate that legal owners are still the Collins family but that there is at entries no'd 2 and 3 of the Charges Register detail of the fact that the Collins have a contract with Abode Homes (Herstmonceux) Limited. The Chair had referred the parishioner to the original permission ref: WD/2016/2096/MAO; specifically Conditions 14 and 15 together with the Arboricultural Method Statement PJC ref:3962/16-03 with associated plans showing the trees. It was noted that the permission referred to in the enquiry, application number WD/2019/1332/MRM was for the Major Reserved Matters (MRM) but the original MAO is still binding unless subsequently amended. Condition 3 of the MRM holds relevance to the enquiry also.

Wealden have been contacted to request the Parish Council are notified of any communication regarding the above and the ancient woodland and that we want to be consulted on any application that may affect the trees. The Council agreed to write to Wealden to enquire what is going on with cutting of trees at the boundary. Council noted that building has to start by November, CIL due is approx. £70k

- iv The Woolpack
No further updates.

- v Horseshoe Inn
Communication had been received regarding progression of the s106 agreement required for the planning applications at The Horseshoe Inn (WD/2019/2565/F and b) WD/2019/2566/F) and the transfer of Posey Green to the Parish Council. Parish Council solicitor to be instructed to agree a form of transfer to be appended to the s106 agreement.

The revised plan is to be viewed prior to any final agreement to ensure that the requested parking spaces are also transferred ownership to the Parish Council.

vi Maytime Engineering

A refusal to this application had been issued since publication of this agenda.

11.
PLN_21.04.11

**CORRESPONDENCE INCLUDING RECEIVED AFTER
PUBLICATION OF THIS AGENDA**

**Clerks
correspondence**

i. North Lodge Rendering and Maintenance Schedule

It was **Proposed**, seconded and **Agreed** by all that a follow up letter was needed as the former response from the Asset Maintenance Committee was unacceptable to the Parish. Council would ask for their complaint to be taken to the next level.

12.
PLN_21.04.12

ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

i. Arrangements for Planning Items post May 7th – delegated submission authority to Clerk or resume meetings in person – Decision to be made

This decision was deferred as Cllr Stewart would look into the latest guidance from AIRS for using village halls for meetings

It was agreed to hold the Annual Parish Meeting via zoom on Monday 26th April.

13.
PLN_21.04.13

CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 21.06

Date of next meeting – Tuesday 4th May 2021