



HEADCORN PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Planning and Licensing Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 9th January 2019 at 7pm in Longmeadow, Village Hall, Headcorn.

Those present: Cllrs Davies, Dungey, Pyman, Selby and S Walker.

Clerk: Caroline Carmichael

Four members of the public were present.

1.
 - a. **Apologies for absence** There were no apologies for absence, noted that Cllr Tull would be late joining the meeting and had sent apologies.
 - b. **To seek notification on whether anyone intends to film, photograph or record any items of this meeting.** There were none recorded.
 - c. **Declaration of changes to the register of interests:** There were none recorded.
 - d. **Declaration of Pecuniary Interest or other interests as defined by the Kent Code of Conduct and the Localism Act 2011 on any items on the Agenda:** There were none recorded.
 - e. **Requests for Dispensations:** There were none recorded.
 - f. **Declarations of Lobbying:** There were none recorded.
2. **Public session** (minute book closed)
3. **The minutes of the meeting held on December 12th 2018** were duly approved and signed by the Chair after it was noted that Cllr Selby was omitted from the list of those present.
4. **Matters arising from the last meeting.**
 - Hammerstream** – this matter remains ongoing and the matter has now been referred to the High Court. Updates will be given as they arise.
 - River Sherway** – The Clerk continues to pursue this matter with Medway Drainage Board.
 - The Meadows Public Inquiry** – There is still no news concerning a future date for the Inquiry. The matter of delays and enforcement are now being pursued by Helen Whately MP and the Clerk advised that Helen Whately would be meeting with the Chief Executive of MBC to discuss this and other matter on February 1st 2019.
 - APP/U2235/W/18/3198435 Ten Acre Farm Love Lane Headcorn** – There was nothing further to report on this appeal at this time. The Clerk confirmed that the matter had been referred to MP Helen Whatley as previously agreed and her office had confirmed that the detail would be included in the meeting arranged with MBC on February 1st 2019.
 - 1 High Street, Headcorn** – Breach in planning conditions by installation of external ducting without the appropriate permissions. The Clerk advised that correspondence had been received from the enforcement team advising that they have spoken to the occupants of the premises



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and they are in the process of instructing an architect to find a way to resolve the breach. The Officer stated that they anticipate being able to update further within 4 weeks.

Martins Gardens, Lenham Road, Headcorn – The Clerk discussed this matter with the enforcement officer on November 12th and the process has begun and caravans that do not form part of the 2009 appeal decision are being removed. The enforcement officer confirmed that the applicant was being co-operative. This matter remains ongoing.

Signs at Headcorn Bowls Club remain very low over the footpath and have not been attended to despite being reported to Highways the Clerk will therefore follow up with Kent Highways.

Green Wicket Animal Sanctuary – Use of general waste bins in Headcorn for disposal of animal waste - the Clerk advised that there had been a brief response from Ashford Borough Council which stated that their investigations had been concluded and no further action would be taken. The Clerk will follow up on a replacement bin.

Ash Gardens Lenham Road Headcorn – the Clerk confirmed that the appeal hearing will take place on Wednesday 16th January at the Town Hall. It was agreed the Clerk would attend.

5. Correspondence other than planning application.

There was no correspondence to discuss.

6. Planning Applications to be considered

18/506586/FULL 45 Wheeler Street Headcorn Ashford Kent TN27 9ST

Single storey rear extension to provide WC and a first floor rear extension over existing kitchen

The committee discussed and agreed that they wish to see the application approved and referral to planning committee is not required.

Cllr Tull arrived at 7:21pm

18/505820/FULL Oak Tree Farm Love Lane Headcorn

Replacement of existing residential mobile home with a one and half storey barn style dwelling

The committee discussed this application at some length after the position was clarified about the status of the land and the lawfulness certificate that had been granted. The Clerk noted that a mistake had arisen and two locations known as Oak Tree Farm had been confused.

The committee, with the applicants' approval, had reviewed the pre application meeting notes and agreed that they wished to support the application.

Referral to committee will only be required if the planning officer is minded to refuse the application.



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18/506485/FULL Bletchenden Farm Bletchenden Road Headcorn

Removal of Condition 11 of 15/503223/FULL (Part Retrospective Change of Use and conversion of shed to tourist accommodation and construction of flood defense bund) to allow the property to be used as a residential dwelling

The committee discussed this application and agreed that they would support MBC in their efforts to preserve tourist accommodation.

They therefore wished to see the application refused.

Referral to committee is required

7. Licence Applications for Consideration

There were no license applications to consider.

8. Planning Appeals to be considered

18/500134/ENF Land at South Side of Love Lane Headcorn

Unauthorised change of use of Land to residential Gypsy/Traveller site

15/509317/Full Land Adjacent the Potters Love Lane Headcorn

Retrospective change of use of land from grazing to residential for a mobile home and small touring caravan for gypsy family

18/500146/ENF Smith Farm Love Lane Headcorn

Unauthorised change of use of Land to residential Gypsy/Traveller site

The above items were considered consecutively and it was agreed that all previous comments would be sent to the inspectorate. It was further agreed that an overall summary would be sent centering on:-

- The fact that these sites have never been tolerated by HPC and in fact our first refusal was sent to MBC back in 2015
- The cumulative effect of the G&T sites in the Parish
- Domination of the settled community by these site numbers
- The issues with social cohesion with the settled community

Clerk will write to the inspectorate.



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9. Planning results

The Planning results were reviewed and no further action is required.

9. Matters for information, urgent matters at the discretion of the Chairman for noting only or any items for discussion at future meetings.

There were no matters for information

There being no other matters for discussion the meeting closed at 19:54 hrs.

Signed.....

Date.....

13-2-19.