



HEADCORN PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Planning and Licensing Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 8th November 2017 at 7pm in Longmeadow, Village Hall, Headcorn.

Those present: Cllrs Andrews, Davies, Dungey, James, Pyman, Selby & Walker.

Clerk: Caroline Carmichael

There were 5 parishioners and Borough Councillor Shellina Prendergast present, who left at 19:36.

1.
 - a. Apologies for absence There were no 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 October 23rd 2017 were duly approved and signed by the Chair.

4. Matters arising from the last meeting.

Hammerstream – the MBC enforcement officer is very proactive at the site and has made several visits in recent weeks and advised the caravans that are on site have been dumped and are not connected to any services. They are to be removed by land owner. The officer will keep a watch on the site. Clerk to continue to report and Intel received.

MBC Local Plan - the Chair advised that a response to our requests had been received from the Secretary of State's office and it would be discussed at the Full Council meeting.

Land between Mill Bank, Ulcombe Road and Kings Road – the Clerk advised that the detail had now been received from MBC and an extension in the comments due date had been agreed with the planning officer to allow this item to be discussed at the meeting on November 27th.

Road names for the development on land at Kent Food Park, Smarden Road Headcorn after discussion with Mrs Smith, who was delighted that the Council wanted to honour her husband in this way and she indicated a preference for Clive's Orchard. Some of the committee felt it was too like Hydes Orchard and it was eventually agreed that the Clerk would advise MBC and they would indicate if that was the case.



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17/504963/FULL Shenley Farm Shenley Road Headcorn Ashford Kent Cllr Selby advised that this was discussed at the meeting of the Headcorn Aerodrome Consultative Committee (HACC) and the views of the council were expressed. Mr. Jamie Freeman advised that tests had been run at the time of the combined ops event that took noise levels of the Dakota aircraft. It was hoped that this report would help allay the concerns of the environmental officers. In his view there was less impact from the aircraft as it got off the ground more quickly. The aim is to use this aircraft in historical reenactment activities and would not be flown at weekends. It was clear then that these flights would be in addition to existing parachute flights. The committee remain unable to support the application without further detail/evidence.

Junction Wheeler Street/Oak Lane the Clerk had located the plans for the improvements at this junction and in discussing with KCC Highways engineer she advised

“The works were completed to the correct finished road width, but this allowed for a much lesser improvement than was expected. There was no build out as such, but a gradually realigned kerb and footway at the junction.

It will be for Crest Nicholson to do their follow up safety audit and review the completed works with planning. Until that is complete, we cannot advise if further works are still required”
It was agreed the Clerk would review the minutes and ascertain exactly what was asked for before taking the matter further.

5. Correspondence other than planning application.

Land at Pye Corner MBC Planning Committee Meeting 19th October 2017 – email correspondence received from Borough Cllr Martin Round and Ulcombe Parish Council Chair Mr. Peter Titchener. Both center on concerns on the way in which the meeting was conducted and the evidence used by the planning officers to reach their decisions. Both parties raise very important issues about the way in which G&T applications are reviewed/considered and are demanding clarity from the officers.

Borough Councillor Prendergast spoke at this point to clarify that she is seeking legal advice in this regard and it was agreed that HPC would take no action at this time.

Review of Maidstone Borough Council Planning Service – the Clerk had written to MBC to ask what the outcome of the review by iESE. A response has been received from William Cornall that advises a report and recommendations will be reviewed at the next Strategic Planning Sustainability and Transport Committee in November. He does confirm that they have been working on implementation of the recommendations since the summer when the review was completed.

Countryside Properties – Copy of MBC letter dated 18th October 2017 to a parishioner acknowledging that MBC are at fault in the this matter and have paid compensation as set out by the Ombudsman. The Committee agreed that the amount of compensation will in no way make up for what has happened.



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The Chair then referenced a copy of a letter dated 1st November 2016 from the Managing Director at Countryside to MP Helen Whately that states:-

"There were many opportunities and forums for local residents to voice their opinions about the plans for the site, including those that Mr. Collins has raised in his letter. We were pleased to work with the local residents to reduce building heights of the apartment blocks from 3 storeys to 2 storeys along the boundary of the properties on Oak Farm Gardens and Lenham Road" The committee agreed that Countryside Properties should rectify the matter and they should be asked to "tear it down". The Clerk to write to them requesting the same – letter copied to be copied to MP Helen Whately, Borough Councillors & Chief Executive at MBC. *clerk*

6. Planning Applications to be considered

17/504792/TPO 10 Sherway Close Headcorn Ashford Kent TN27 9SQ
TPO Application for 1 x Silver Birch - Crown reduction by 1/3

The Clerk advised the committee that the application had been reviewed by the Tree Warden and he is in support of the application.

The committee agreed to support his opinion and the application would be approved and referral to planning committee is not required.

7. Planning Appeals to be considered

There were no appeals to consider

8. Planning results

The planning results were reviewed and no further action was required.

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

Cllr Davies raised concerns over the removal of hedges at the Land West of Mill Bank. The clerk confirmed that the matter had already been logged with the enforcement team. A response was now awaited.

There being no other matters for discussion the meeting closed at 7:54 pm

Signed.....*Clifford*.....

Date.....*27-10-2017*.....

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