

Minutes of the **PLANNING & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE** meeting held at the Parish Council Office, Lower Green Road, Pembury on **Monday 18 February 2019 at 7.30pm.**



**Councillors Present:**

Cllr A Gaukroger (C)  
Cllr K Brooks

Cllr A Partridge (VC)  
Cllr D Coleman

**Also in attendance:**

Yvette Allen (Deputy Clerk)

P18/83. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.** There were none.

P18/84. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.** There were none.

P18/85. **MINUTES.** The minutes from the meeting held on Monday 28 January 2019 were signed as a correct record.

P18/86. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

- Proposed Motor Village. The Chair had spoken to Rt. Hon. Greg Clark MP by chance and mentioned the Hendy Group proposal for a Motor Village on neighbouring land at Tesco and the concerns about the impact on traffic. Mr Clark asked to be informed once the planning application had been submitted, whereupon he will write to Highways to ask that they undertake a thorough assessment of the potential impact on traffic.
- St. Peter's Upper Church proposed extension. A phone call had been received from Pauline Hawker concerning the proposed extension to St. Peter's Church. If the Parochial Church Council signed off the application later this week, it would then go to the Planning Department at Tunbridge Wells Borough Council for consideration.
- Road repairs. The poor state of the roads along the High Street, Hastings Road and Tonbridge Road had been reported to Kent Highway Services, (KHS). An engineer was looking at creating a job for some surface delamination along Tonbridge Road and the Deputy Clerk was asked to follow this up. Councillors would identify specific pothole/trenching issues which would then be reported on the KCC website.
- Traffic along Kings Toll Road. Highways England were making investigations about traffic using Kings Toll Road as a 'rat run' but have given the impression that not much can be done to alleviate the problem except to discourage drivers from turning right at the end of Kings Toll Road.

P18/87. **CLERK'S REPORT AND ACTION UPDATES.**

- Following a report that the A21 pedestrian traffic lights at the North Farm roundabout were confusing to drivers who, when seeing a green light, assume it is safe to proceed on to the roundabout, KHS engineers had inspected the site and deemed it to be safe. If the Parish Council wished to take any further action, then it should pursue it with Highways England.

- The re-siting of the lamp column along Henwood Green Road (at the homeowner's request and expense) had not gone to plan and the Deputy Clerk was liaising with the owner of the house and the street lighting contractor on this.
- Following a request from the Parish Council, TWBC had re-sited a bin from outside the old Post Office in Hastings Road to outside the Village Newsagents/Post Office in the High Street.

P18/88. **OPEN SESSION.** No members of the public were present.

P18/89. **LATE PLANNING APPLICATIONS** – There were none.

P18/90. **PLANNING DECISIONS.** The following were noted:

- a. **18/03817/FULL** **5 Polley Close**  
Erection of a single storey rear extension  
  
GRANTED
- b. **18/03715/FULL** **33 Maidstone Road**  
Two storey rear extension, porch extension and decking; alterations to fenestration.  
  
GRANTED
- c. **18/03737/FULL** **33 High Street**  
The construction of a detached two storey, 5 bedroom house with a detached double garage.  
  
GRANTED
- d. **18/03567/FULL** **25 Sandhurst Avenue**  
Single storey side extension and additional side elevation window at first floor.  
  
GRANTED
- e. **18/03307/FULL** **The Springs, Tonbridge Road**  
Councillors noted the TWBC Planning Department's report on the reasoning for granting the application which had clarified the process behind the decision.

P18/91. **HIGHWAYS.** Councillors noted a letter from the Rt. Hon. Greg Clark MP concerning a response to the Consultation on proposals for the creation of a Major Road Network (MRN). It was **RESOLVED** to respond to 'Transport for the South East' in support of improvements being included in the MRN to Colts Hill, A228 because of its strategic importance to the area.

P18/92. **QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS OR AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS.**

- 3 High Street. Questions had been raised as to why building work had not begun at the site. It was noted that approval for contamination works and drainage had only been granted in September 2018 so it could be some time before work could begin. As in all cases, the developer had three years from the approval date to start.

P18/93. **MEETING DATES.** Members noted the date of the next meeting – Monday 18 March 2019.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.04pm.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman