

Minutes of the **PLANNING & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE** meeting held at the Parish Council Office, Lower Green Road, Pembury on **Monday 15 April 2019 at 7.30pm.**



**Councillors Present:**

Cllr A Gaukroger (C)  
Cllr D Coleman

Cllr A Partridge (VC)

**Apologies:**

Cllr K Brooks

**Also in attendance:**

Yvette Allen (Deputy Clerk)

P18/107. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.** Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr K Brooks.

P18/108. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.** There were none.

P18/109. **MINUTES.** The minutes of the meeting held on 18 March 2019 were signed as a correct record.

P18/110. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS.** There were none.

P18/111. **CLERK'S REPORT AND ACTION UPDATES.**

- a. Late planning applications. Two late planning applications had been received and were considered under Item 113e and 113f below.
- b. Road repairs. A Highways engineer had visited Hastings Road, the High Street and Tonbridge Road and agreed that these roads were in a poor state but because the potholes were less than 5cm, he was unable to fill them. He would make investigations as to whether these roads could be re-surfaced at some point.
- c. Village Gateways – An update was awaited from Kent Highway Services.

P18/112. **OPEN SESSION.** No members of the public were present.

P18/113. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS.** The following applications were considered, and it was **RESOLVED** that the following responses be sent to Tunbridge Wells Borough Council (TWBC).

- a. **16/502249/FULL**                      **12a Sandhurst Avenue**  
Variation of Condition 2 of 16/502249/FULL (Demolition of garage block and construction of 1 no. affordable home with 2 parking spaces) – Update list of approved drawings listed within condition 2 to include 17 1 6013 HBS SA 00 DR MEP 702 C3 (Proposed mechanical – electrical services site plan – lighting columns) to list of approved drawings.

RESPONSE: NO COMMENTS

- b. **19/00424/FULL** **4 Maidstone Road**  
Erection of a first floor front extension, and two storey side extension with dormer window to front; new porch; rooflight to rear; alterations to fenestration.  
  
RESPONSE: NEUTRAL
- c. **19/00437/TPO** **28 Gimble Way**  
TREES: OAK (T26) Reduce lateral branches by 3-4m overhanging the lawn due to signs of slight decay at the base of the tree. OAK (T24) Reduce largest limb overhanging the lawn by 5m and reduce remaining lateral branches overhanging the lawn, required due to unbalanced crown with long lateral growth towards the property.  
  
RESPONSE: NEUTRAL
- d. **19/02847/FULL** **Anand Lodge, 37 Hastings Road**  
RETROSPECTIVE – Erection of decking at rear of property.  
  
RESPONSE: AS THERE WERE NO DOCUMENTS ON THE ONLINE PORTAL, NO COMMENT
- e. **19/00606/FULL** **Old Post Office, 47 Hastings Road**  
Change of use at ground floor level from ex-post office to 2 bed self contained flat. Alterations to both the front and side elevations including installation of new windows and front door and replacement roof on the side extension.  
  
RESPONSE: NEUTRAL
- f. **19/03891/FULL** **11 Stanam Road**  
First floor rear extension and internal and external alterations.  
  
RESPONSE: UNABLE TO COMMENT DUE TO THE VERY POOR QUALITY OF THE PLANS.

P18/114. **LATE PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

P18/115. **PLANNING DECISIONS.** The following were noted:

- a. **19/00207/FULL** **11 Lower Green Road**  
Retrospective Conversion of garage to study and utility room.  
  
GRANTED
- b. **19/00244/FULL** **Melford House, Chalket Lane**  
Two storey side extension for use as a granny annex.  
  
GRANTED

P18/116. **LATE PLANNING DECISIONS.** There were none.

P18/117. **HIGHWAYS MATTERS.**

a. Managing request for changes to the highway – parking at the Village Green. It was **RESOLVED** to proceed with an informal consultation.

b. Village Gateways. This had been covered under the Clerk's Report.

P18/118. **QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS OR AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS.** A full-size fence had been erected between two houses in Herons Way. This had been reported to the Enforcement Officer at TWBC and a response was awaited.

P18/119. **MEETING DATES.** Members noted the date of the next meeting – **Monday 20 May 2019.**

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.15pm.

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