

Minutes of the **PLANNING & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE** meeting held at the Parish Council Office, Lower Green Road, Pembury on **Monday 24 June 2019 at 7.30pm.**



Councillors Present:

Cllr A Gaukroger (C)
Cllr P Gillan

Cllr A Partridge (VC)

Apologies:

Cllr K Brooks

Cllr G Hall

Also in attendance:

Yvette Allen (Deputy Clerk)

P19/15. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.** Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs K Brooks and G Hall.

P19/16. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.** Cllr Gaukroger declared a personal interest in item 11 – Hendy’s Motor Village as he is a close neighbour.

P19/17. **MINUTES.** The minutes of the meeting held on 20 May 2019 were signed as a correct record.

P19/18. **CHAIRMAN’S ANNOUNCEMENTS.** The Chairman reported that the derelict house and land next to Tesco may have been sold.

P19/19. **CLERK’S REPORT AND ACTION UPDATES.** Late planning applications. Three late planning applications had been received and were considered under Item P19/22 below.

P19/20. **OPEN SESSION.** No members of the public were present.

P19/21. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS.** The following applications were considered, and it was **RESOLVED** that the following responses be sent to Tunbridge Wells Borough Council (TWBC).

- a. **19/01228/TPO** **31 Gimble Way**
TREES: OAK (T1) – Reduce crown by 2-3 metres and thin branches to increase light.

RESPONSE: NEUTRAL

- b. **19/00925/ADV** **Burtens Solicitors, 23a High Street**
Advertisement: 2 no. fascia signs and 1 no. wall mounted sign with external lighting.

RESPONSE: NEUTRAL

- c. **19/01296/TPO** **19 Highfield Close**
TREES: ASH (T1) – Reduce to previous pruning points; ASH (T2) – Reduce to previous pruning points.

RESPONSE: NEUTRAL

- d. **19/01423/LBC** **Mays Barn, Romford Road**
Listed Building Consent – Repairs and internal alterations (Phase 2)

RESPONSE: NEUTRAL

- e. **19/01223/FULL** **79 Henwoods Crescent**
Triangular grassed area in front of house; kerb to be lowered and crossway to be installed to allow for the grassed area to be paved/resin for vehicle parking.

RESPONSE: NEUTRAL

- f. **19/01462/SUB** **3 High Street**
Submission of details in relation to Condition 5 (Part discharge) (Sample panel of brickwork) of 17/03592/FULL

RESPONSE: NO COMMENT

- g. **19/01542/NMAND** **Fairbourne, 25 Sweeps Hill Close**

Non-material amendment in relation to 18/03290/FULL (Creation of a single storey rear extension) – Change roof from hipped to gable end

RESPONSE: NEUTRAL

P19/22. **LATE PLANNING APPLICATIONS.** The following applications were considered, and it was **RESOLVED** that the following responses be sent to Tunbridge Wells Borough Council (TWBC).

- a. **19/01424/FULL** **Sturgeons, 32-34 Henwood Green Road**

Demolition of existing buildings and change of use of site to residential comprising 12 no. houses and 7 no. apartments, amended plans and viability assessment submitted (resubmission of 17/00756/FULL)

RESPONSE: NEUTRAL with regard to the planning application but would prefer that the development went ahead as per the original planning application with the affordable housing.

- b. **19/01565/FULL** **57 Woodhill Park**
Two-storey side extension including Juliet balcony to rear and rooflight to front; single storey rear extension.

RESPONSE: NEUTRAL

- c. **19/01625/FULL** **83 Woodhill Park**
Part two-storey and single storey rear extension. Link roof between house and garage. Alterations to garage. Lightweight enclosure to rear of garage. New bike and bin store. Alterations to existing house.

- a. It was noted that there had been a protest about the proposal outside the Town Hall in Tunbridge Wells.
- b. The Parish Council had appointed a Transport Assessor who would provide a report to assist with its objection to the proposal.
- c. The Kent Highways Traffic assessment was still awaited.
- d. A resident had arranged a meeting on 5 July to discuss who would speak at the Committee meeting and what would be said.

P19/26. **'BUILDING FOR THE HIGH WEALD' CONSULTATION.** The document was noted. Cllr Partridge was shortly to attend a conference on this and would report on it at the next Planning & Highways Committee meeting. A decision would then be made whether to respond to the consultation.

P19/27. **HIGHWAYS MATTERS**

- a. **Highways Improvement Plan.** Members would like more information on how to proceed with this. The main concern was speeding in the High Street and Lower Green Road.
- b. **Junction with Church Road and Maidstone Road.** Members were aware that Cllr Barrington King was already working closely with a resident about speed outside the school and felt that dangerous parking on this junction could be tied in with that. The Deputy Clerk is to contact Cllr Barrington King.

P19/28. **BRAINSTORMING IDEAS.** Following a meeting in early June, the main issue which concerned the Planning & Highways Committee was speed throughout the village. They would like money in next year's budget to carry out speed surveys.

P19/29. **POLLEY CLOSE BUS SHELTER.** Two quotations to repair the roof had been received. The Deputy Clerk was asked to ask SKF Contractors to quote for guttering.

P19/30. **QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS OR AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS.** There were none.

P19/31. **MEETING DATES.** Members noted the date of the next meeting – **Monday 29 July 2019.**

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.04pm.

Signed: _____ Date: _____
Chairman