

Minutes of the **PLANNING & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE** meeting held at the Parish Council Office, Lower Green Road, Pembury on **Monday 16 December 2019 at 7.30pm.**



**Councillors Present:**

Cllr A Gaukroger (C)  
Cllr G Hall

Cllr A Partridge (VC)

**Also in attendance:**

None

**Apologies:**

Cllr K Brooks

Cllr P Gillan

P19/84. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.** Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Brooks and Gillan.

P19/85. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.** Cllr Gaukroger declared an interest in item 19/097 to discuss the Hendy Motor Village for which he had a dispensation and item 19/096 to discuss Cornford Lane.

P19/86. **MINUTES.** The meeting on 18 November 2019 had been cancelled so there were no minutes for signature.

P19/87. **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS.** The Chairman reported on a meeting with residents in Henwood Green Road about Housing Association garages due to be auctioned. Cllrs Brooks and Partridge also attended.

The Chairman also reported on an enquiry from a resident about resurfacing the remaining section of Colts Hill. Cllr Barrington-King had previously advised that this was unlikely until the new financial year.

P19/88. **CLERK'S REPORT AND ACTION UPDATES.** There were none.

P19/89. **OPEN SESSION.** No members of the public were present.

P19/90. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS.** The following applications were considered, and it was **RESOLVED** that the following responses be sent to Tunbridge Wells Borough Council (TWBC).

- a. **19/02368/FULL Land adjacent to Hawkwell House**  
Construction of new oak framed garage building for agricultural and domestic storage and extension of existing driveway

No further response would be sent for this application.

- b. **19/02267/OUT Land east of Kingstanding Way**

Outline (Access not reserved) – development of up to 74,000sqm GEA of floorspace within Use Classes B1 (Business) and B8 (Storage and Distribution), including creation of a new vehicular and pedestrian site access, cycle way, landscaping, ancillary café (A3) and associated works.

**RESPONSE:** We note the revised application and wish to express concern regarding the proposed access in terms of possible traffic congestion related to the A21.

c. **19/02831/FULL      The Meadows, Pastheap Farm,  
Hastings Road**

The relocation of a stabling block, the demolition of a stable block and the erection of a replacement stable block (part retrospective).

**NEUTRAL**

d. **19/03474/PAYPH      Telephone Box, Lower Green Road**

Payphone removal.

The location of the phone box in question was unclear. The Clerk would clarify whether it was the one on the Village Green or near the Library. It was **RESOLVED** to object to the application if it referred to the telephone box on the Village Green as it is an important landmark in the village and PPC do not want it removed. PPC will apply to adopt the telephone box shortly to save it from removal. However, if the application relates to the telephone box near the Library the committee were NEUTRAL.

P19/91. **LATE PLANNING APPLICATIONS.** No late applications were received.

P19/92. **PLANNING DECISIONS.** The following were noted:

a. **19/02067/FULL      83 Woodhill Park**

Demolition of existing house and garage. Erection of new house with bike/wood/bin store and landscaping.

GRANTED

b. **19/02670/FULL      7 Bulls Place**

Single storey rear extension with roof windows

GRANTED

c. **19/02637/FULL      17 Henwoods Crescent**

Demolition of garage and erection of two storey side extension including front and rear dormers; alterations to fenestration.

GRANTED

- d. **19/02737/FULL Chalket Farm, Chalket Lane**  
Conversion and extension of disused machinery shed into a two-bedroom dwelling.

GRANTED

P19/93. **LATE PLANNING DECISIONS.** The following was noted.

- a. **19/03010/TPO 2 Gimble Way**  
Trees: OAK (T1) - Reduce historic re-growth by up to 50% or c.4.5m above the old cuts; BIRCH (T2) – Fell

GRANTED

P19/94. **UPDATE ON NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN.** A report from Cllr Stratton and the Clerk was noted. It was recommended that, as the subject is so important, that a separate Full Council meeting is arranged to discuss this in depth to decide the next steps.

P19/95. **TO AGREE TO PROGRESS OR DEFER HIGHWAYS IMPROVEMENTS.** It was agreed to defer the following items as they may clash with work carried out by NDP working groups, if this goes ahead

- a. Yellow lining at the top of Church Road
- b. Yellow lining at the top of Canterbury Road
- c. Parking issues around the Village Green
- d. Roadside mirrors in two locations  
It was reported that Kent County Council had asked that these be added to the Parish Council's Highways Improvement Plan for further consideration.

P19/96. **CONGESTION ON CORNFORD LANE.** A meeting was being arranged with residents and a date would be set in due course and circulated to Members of the Committee.

P19/97. **UPDATE ON HENDY'S MOTOR VILLAGE.** A submission from Highways England, which is now on the Planning portal, was noted. Highways England are awaiting more information before making a recommendation to the TWBC Planning Department.

The Kent County Council response to the Draft Local Plan was also noted. KCC continued to object to the inclusion of a motor village. Their preference was for the site to be retained as a Park and Ride Scheme.

P19/98. **QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS OR AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS.** There were none.

P19/99. **MEETING DATES.** Members noted the following date: **27 January 2020.**

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8:30pm.

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