

Minutes of the virtual meeting of the Members of the **PLANNING & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE** held on **Monday 15 November 2021** at **3:00pm**. All decisions are made under temporary delegated authority of the Clerk.



Councillors Present:

Cllr G Hall (C)
Cllr K Brooks
Cllr P Gillan
Cllr J Pearce

Cllr A Partridge (VC)
Cllr D Reilly (joined at 3.19pm)
Cllr N Stratton

Also in attendance:

Borough Councillor P Roberts (left at 3.40pm) Y Allen (Deputy Clerk)

PH21/19. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.** There were none.

PH21/20. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.** There were none.

PH21/21. **MINUTES.** The minutes were noted. Approval of the minutes from 18 October 2021 was deferred until the next formal Planning & Highways Committee meeting.

PH21/22. **CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

- The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- On behalf of the Committee, he wished the Clerk a speedy recovery as she was currently unwell.

PH21/23. **CLERK'S REPORT.** Letters have been sent to Greg Clark MP and also David Brazier of Kent County Council on the issue of traffic problems on the A21 at Kippings Cross. A response was awaited.

PH21/24. **OPEN SESSION.** There were none.

PH21/25. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS.** The following applications were considered, and it was **RESOLVED** to submit the following responses to TWBC.

- a. **21/03628/TPO 28 Gimble Way**
Trees: SCOTS PINE – Dismantle and fell.

No objection.

- b. **21/03609/FULL Great Hawkwell Cottage, Maidstone Road**

Demolition of conservatory and replacement with extension of the same scale (Retrospective)

No objections but the Parish Council is disappointed that this did not follow the correct planning application procedure. Concerns were expressed that a contractor demolished and replaced the conservatory without advising the client that planning permission was needed.

PH21/26. **LATE PLANNING APPLICATIONS.** There were none.

PH21/27. **PLANNING DECISIONS.** The following were noted:

a. **21/02321/FULL Western Barn, Bentinck Farm, Romford Road**

Variation of Condition 2 (Approved plans) of planning permission 20/03854/FULL – the changes involve minor internal alterations, modification to the positions of windows/doors and additional rooflights.

GRANTED

b. **21/02921/FULL 28 Gimble Way**

Demolition of garage and proposed single/two storey side extension to form annex, including internal and external alterations.

GRANTED

c. **21/02943/FULL 44 Romford Road**

Single-storey extension enlarging existing extension on south-east corner of house.

GRANTED

d. **21/03021/FULL 21 Herons Way**

Proposed two storey side extension.

GRANTED

e. **21/03031/FULL 137 Hastings Road**

Demolition of existing garage and erection of two storey side extension on east side of house. Erection of roof to create covered outdoor store area on west side of house. Replace existing roof tiles and hard-standing.

GRANTED

f. **21/02838/FULL 120 Henwood Green Road**

Construction of 1 no. proposed new dwelling house

GRANTED

- g. **21/02605/FULL Apple Packing Barn, Bentinck Farm, Romford Road**

Conversion of existing agricultural barn to dwelling (variations to previous permitted planning permission 20/01270/FULL which include; minor changes to window/door positions, roof configuration and covered walkway).

GRANTED

- h. **21/02606/FULL Workers Cottage, Bentinck Farm, Romford Road**

Conversion of existing workers cottage to dwelling (variations to previous permitted planning permission 20/01270/FULL which include: extension to rear and minor changes to window/door positions.

GRANTED

PH21/28. **LATE PLANNING DECISIONS.** There were none.

PH21/29. **LOCAL PLAN.**

- a. Committee members noted that TWBC had submitted its Local Plan.
- b. Clarification is needed on how the TWBC Local Plan complies with the recent Government statement to prioritising building on brownfield land over greenfield. Some Councils have held back on submitting their Local Plan because of the lack of clarity. Advice would be sought when considering future planning applications in the Green Belt.

An update on this is awaited.

PH21/30. **FOOTPATH MAPS.** Minutes of the latest Working Group meeting had been circulated and it was reported that work was progressing well. If Section 106 monies/grant were required to fund signposts and noticeboards around the village, a business plan would be needed.

Thanks were to be passed on to those involved.

PH21/31. **PUBLIC FUNDING FOR ON/OFF STREET ELECTRIC VEHICLE (EV) CHARGING POINTS.** Borough Councillor Roberts gave an excellent presentation and various issues were discussed.

He would keep the Parish Council updated on any further developments.

PH21/32. **SPEEDWATCH.** Kent Police had visited Pembury and had carried out a risk assessment on the specified roads. The next phase was for training to be given after which volunteers could start.

PH21/33. **BUDGET.** The following would be put forward:

- £1,000 for the second wave of speed surveys
- £1,000-£1,500 for signposts/noticeboards on footpaths
- £1,500 for planning consultant's fees – to be put in each year
- £5,000 for speed/traffic/parking consultations

PH21/34. **RISKS.** There were none.

PH21/35. **QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS OR AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS.** The Parish Council had been asked to consider recommending to TWBC that Section 106/Community levy money is requested to support the building of a new community hall at St. Peter's Church. This is to be discussed at the next meeting.

PH21/36. **NEXT MEETING DATE. 13 December 2021 at 3.00pm.** Location to be confirmed.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 4:35pm.

Signed: _____ Date: _____
Chair