

Minutes of the virtual meeting of the Members of the **PLANNING & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE** held on **Monday 21 February 2022** at **3:00pm**. All decisions are made under temporary delegated authority of the Clerk.

Councillors Present:

Cllr G Hall (C)

Cllr P Gillan

Cllr J Pearce

Cllr D Reilly

Cllr N Stratton

Cllr J Webster

Also in attendance:

Y Allen (Deputy Clerk)

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.** There were none.
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.** There were none.
3. **CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS.** There were none.
4. **CLERK'S REPORT.**
 - Speed surveys. A request has been made for the speed surveys to be carried out in March. It was agreed that payment should be made as soon as possible so that Kent Highways Services can schedule these in.
 - Speedwatch. Cllr Roberts is planning on carrying out 'Speedwatch' once a month and he will regularly update the Parish Council with his feedback
5. **VICE CHAIR APPOINTMENT.** A recommendation to Full Council was agreed that Cllr Gillan is Vice Chair on a temporary basis.
6. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS.** The following applications were considered, and it was agreed to submit the following responses to Tunbridge Wells Borough Council (TWBC).
 - a. **21/04027/FULL Waterworks Cottage, Old Church Road**
Erection of two storey side and rear extensions, plus additional access

No objection but would like assurances that energy provision will be carbon neutral.
 - b. **21/04178/FULL Waterworks Cottage, Old Church Road**
Proposed conservatory

No objection would like assurances that energy provision will be carbon neutral.
 - c. **22/00143/FULL 4 Church Road**

Demolition of existing garage to be replaced with new garage/garden store and garden room with veranda. Extension of driveway hardstanding.

No objection

- d. **22/00100/FULL The Meadows, Past Heap Farm**
Erection of 60m x 20m riding arena in position of original sand school; removal of existing riding arena to the west.

The Parish Council is aware that this property is currently undergoing enforcement action and does not want to jeopardise this. It has the following comments:

- Investigations are needed if the proposed riding arena is to be larger than the original;
- How is the new arena, which was refused planning permission, going to be reinstated?

7. **LATE PLANNING APPLICATIONS.** There were none.

- e. **21/04138/FULL 8-9 Amberleaze Drive**
Demolition of existing buildings and erection of 4 x 2-storey detached residential dwellings.

Object for the following reasons:

- It is an over-development of the site
- The Parish Council would prefer there to be 3 no. houses allowing more space in between and a better design of the layout of the proposed housing
- There is an overall lack of detailed information with regard to dimensions and materials to be used
- Parking areas *need* to be permeable
- The Parish Council would ask that any trees that are felled are replaced
- Parking along Amberleaze Drive would be compromised as there would be more drop kerbs which would reduce parking
- The Parish Council would like confirmation of energy efficiency plans.

8. **PLANNING DECISIONS.** The following were noted:

- a. **21/03996/FULL Dell Cottage, 28a Hastings Road**
Single story extension to front elevation of a detached house

GRANTED

- b. **21/02856/FULL 9 Beechurst**
Addition of 4 no. extra parking spaces on side of driveway

GRANTED

- c. **21/04029/FULL 33 Church Road**
Erection of 2-storey rear extension plus rear dormer window

GRANTED

- d. **21/04108/FULL 69 Ridgeway**
Demolition of porch and erection of front extension

GRANTED

- e. **21/03763/FULL Barn 2, Bentinck Farm, Romford Road,**
Erection of two sheds

GRANTED

- f. **21/04126/FULL 17 The Forstal**
Replacement garage with infill extension

GRANTED

- g. **21/03992/FULL 25-31 High Street**
Proposed single storey dwelling unit (Resubmission of 21/02522/FULL)

REFUSED

- 9. **LATE PLANNING DECISIONS.** There were none.

- 10. **A21/KINGS TOLL ROAD ISSUES.** An email asking for possible solutions had been sent to relevant officers and members were disappointed with the lack of response. The Deputy Clerk was asked to send a further email.

- 11. **UPDATE ON CYCLE LANES.** It was reported that TWBC was aware that the cycle lane in the High Street was not mentioned in the draft Local Plan. TWBC had made an assurance that if the proposed PE1, 2 and 3 developments went ahead, a cycle lane linking these up with a revised cycle lane in the High Street would be factored in.

- 12. **FOOTPATH MAPS.** A verbal report of the latest Working Group meeting was given.

A copy of the draft to be sent to the Chair of the Tunbridge Wells Access Group for comment.

13. **RISKS.** There were none.
14. **QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS OR AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS.** There were none.
15. **NEXT MEETING DATE. 14 March 2022** at 3pm. Venue to be confirmed.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 4:12pm.

Signed: _____ Date: _____
Chair