

Hawkhurst Parish Council

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Meeting:

Full Council

Date:

9th September 2013

Ref:

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Copt Hall

Typed:

10th September 2013

PRESENT

Mrs M Brinsley (Vice Chairman), Mr M Appelbe, Mr J Billingham, Mr P Dartnell, Mr G Davies, Mr B Fitzpatrick, Mr J Hunt, Mr P Jones, Mrs J Newman, Mrs B Weeden, Mr P Whittle, Mr C Williamson

ADDITIONAL CIRCULATION

Mr. R Weeden, Mrs. B Palmer, Mr. J Cunningham, Mr. S Holden
KM, K&SC

- 1A **In the absence of the Chairman, Cllr Mrs Brinsley (Vice Chairman) took the Chair. Members wished the Chairman a speedy recovery.**
- 1 Adjournment for public speaking.
- 1.1 Peter Williams, Planning Director for Countryside Properties, gave a presentation regarding their proposed development off Highgate Hill. He said that following their public exhibition at the British Legion on 19th August they had decided that more public engagement is required and a further exhibition has been arranged for 13th September at Dunks Hall. Members highlighted possible problems arising with additional traffic close to the already congested crossroads at Highgate. Countryside's traffic consultant informed the meeting that the increase would be only 1.6 to 1.7 %. He also stated KCC had informed them there were no further improvements which could be made to the traffic lights. Members expressed concerns about the ability of local schools and medical services to absorb a sudden large population influx. It was also noted the site has not been allocated for development, is outside the LBD and is within the AONB. Members wished to see brown field sites developed first in an effort to retain the character of Hawkhurst as a village. As the allocations process is not due to be completed until later next year it was felt any application soon would be premature. Mr Williams stated TWBC had advised him this site was needed for development in order for the borough to meet its 5 year supply target. This appeared to contradict other information publicly available on the TWBC web site planning pages and told to Members.
- 1.2 TWBC Cllr John Cunningham said he would look into the 5 year supply figures at the Town Hall. He also referred Members to paragraphs 115 and 116 of the National Planning Policy Framework which deal with AONB matters. He asked if the Parish Council would be asking KCC why there had been an apparent change of view regarding their highways objection to site 64 especially as they have stated no further improvements can be made to the traffic lights at Highgate. Members agreed they would be.
- 1.3 A resident addressed the Council to object to the planned development at the rear of the old post office at Highgate (Planning item 54). He believed the plan, even with a reduced ridge height of the two storey building would be overbearing to the adjacent property. He also felt it was out of character for the site but a smaller single storey may be more appropriate within the Conservation Area. He believed this was not an improvement on any of the previous applications for this site.
- 2 Apologies for absence:
- 2.1 Apology received from Mr K Brown

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3.	<u>Declaration of interests:</u>		
3.1	BW declared a personal interest in planning applications 55 and 58.		
4	<u>Approval of minutes of previous meetings</u>		
4.1	Received the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 8 th July 2013.		
4.2	Received the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 5 th August 2013.		
4.3	Noted the Minutes of the Land Committee meeting on 27 th July 2013		
5	<u>Matters arising</u>		
5.1	Transport & Highways. (MA) A letter will be prepared to send to KCC seeking clarification about the suitability of the traffic lights in coping with additional traffic from proposed new large scale housing developments.		
5.2	Youth Matters. (CW). The youth bus is now operating on Wednesday evenings at the KGV playing field.		
5.3	Police (JH). There were nine reported crimes in the past month. Members felt the proposed times for the mobile police station to visit the village, 18:30 on Saturday evenings was far from ideal.		
5.4	Speed Watch. Members noted the information recently received about the number of vehicles travelling at excessive speed along the High Street. More volunteers are required and an article is being prepared for the Village Magazine.		
5.5	Hawkhurst Community Centre. (BW). Nothing to report.		
6	<u>Reports of Committee Chairmen</u>		
6.1	Buildings Committee. (BF). The garages at KGV are in the process of being relocated.		
6.2	Land Committee. (CW). Nothing additional to report.		
6.3	F&GP Committee. (MB). Nothing to report.		
6.4	Personnel Committee (MB). Nothing to report		
6.5	Neighbourhood Planning Group. (JN) Nothing to report		
6.6	Fete Committee. (MA). A brief summary of the fete held on 25 th August was given Detailed accounts are not yet available. Work has begun on the Christmas event.		
7	<u>Matters for further discussion</u>		
7.1	Allocations and planning matters paper. Members noted and broadly welcomed the content of the paper presented by the Clerk. A meeting is being arranged by our constituency MP, Greg Clark, with senior staff and Members from TWBC and a delegation from the parish council to discuss future involvement in the allocations and planning process within the spirit of localism.		
8	<u>Correspondence</u>		
1		The Tunbridge Wells Agreement	Supersedes the Parish Charter between TWBC and parish councils.
2	11/07/13	TW Transport Forum	Minutes 19/06/13
3	22/07/13	Resident	CC letter to KHS regarding traffic speeds along the High Street
4	Various	Fete Committee	Meeting minutes
5	01/08/13	Village Society	Commemorative plaque for cricket matches at The Moor in 1825 and 1826.
6	02/08/13	KCC	Information about the operation of the Highgate traffic lights.
7	05/08/13	KCC	Street lighting consultation for part-night service.
8	07/08/13	High Weald AONB	Joint Advisory Committee Annual Review

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9	09/08/13	KALC	DCLG guidance on illegal and unauthorised traveller sites																					
10	16/08/13	Home Start	Request for donation																					
11	16/08/13	KALC	Community Awards Scheme																					
12	20/08/13	ACRK	Energy projects grants																					
13	29/08/13	KCC Highways	Parish Seminar 4 th October. One representative per parish																					
14	02/09/13	Parish Clerk	Planning, Allocations and Localism																					
<p>8.5 Members agreed in principal to the installation of a plaque at The Moor to commemorate these two events.</p> <p>8.10 Members agreed unanimously to make a grant of £20 (s137) to Homestart.</p> <p>8.13 JH will be attending</p>																								
9.	<p><u>Finance</u> <u>INCOME AND EXPENDITURE AUGUST 2013</u></p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 70%;">Accounts for payment</td> <td style="width: 10%; text-align: right;">£</td> <td style="width: 20%; text-align: right;">8,876.44</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Payment received</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£</td> <td style="text-align: right;">3,868.91</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Net Expenditure</td> <td style="text-align: right;">-£</td> <td style="text-align: right;">5,007.53</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Lloyds High Interest Reserve</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£</td> <td style="text-align: right;">50,000.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Lloyds Current</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£</td> <td style="text-align: right;">1,000.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Lloyds Access Reserve</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£</td> <td style="text-align: right;">68,852.84</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Petty Cash</td> <td style="text-align: right;">-£</td> <td style="text-align: right;">6.61</td> </tr> </table>			Accounts for payment	£	8,876.44	Payment received	£	3,868.91	Net Expenditure	-£	5,007.53	Lloyds High Interest Reserve	£	50,000.00	Lloyds Current	£	1,000.00	Lloyds Access Reserve	£	68,852.84	Petty Cash	-£	6.61
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9.1	MB, supported by BF, proposed the accounts for payment be accepted. All agreed.																							

10. Planning

10.1 Planning and Highways Information

Ref. No.	Proposal	Location	Comments
13/00014	120 houses	Rear of Fowlers Park	Notice of appeal to Planning Inspectorate.
13/00014	120 houses	Rear of Fowlers Park	Submission of comments date extended by PI.
13/00014	120 houses	Rear of Fowlers Park	Revision of affordable home house types.
13/00014	120 houses	Rear of Fowlers Park	Village Society objection
13/00014	120 houses	Rear of Fowlers Park	Planning Officers report to TWBC Planning Committee
Site Allocations DPD	Allocations consultation	Springfield, Cranbrook Road	Consultation comments from (part) site owner
004/2013	Tree Preservation Order	Land below Fairview/Theobalds	
0012/2013	Tree Preservation Order	Land at Hartnokes, Heartenoak Road	
KALC/DCLG	Revision of Village Green legislation	National	Draft response from KALC to DCLG consultation.
FOI Request	Correspondence between TWBC and DHA	Land off Highgate Hill	Response due by 19 th September

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	Planning/Countryside Properties		
Resident	E-mail from resident to Cllr Fitzpatrick	Land off Highgate Hill	Comments regarding developers proposal

10.2 Planning TWBC Approved:

Ref. No.	Proposal	Location	Comments/Valid
13/01369	Non-illuminated fascia signs	Lloyds Bank, Rye Road	10/07/13
13/01337	LBC. Internal alterations	Holmans, Slipmill Lane	18/07/13
13/00841	Lawful Development Certificate, AOC	Whiteswood Farm, Whites Lane	29/07/13
12/03451	Demolition and construction of 7 dwellings	Holly Shaw, Queens Road	02/08/13
13/01816	LBC. Changes to south elevation windows/doors	Holmans, Slipmill Lane	06/08/13
13/01931	Single storey front extension	15 Oakfield	09/08/13
13/01807	LBC. Replacement link and restoration of garden area	St Ronans School Water Lane	15/08/13
13/01804	Replacement link and restoration of garden area	St Ronans School Water Lane	15/08/13
13/01811	LBC. Replace existing front door to facilitate escape	St Ronans School Water Lane	15/08/13
13/01808	Replace existing front door to facilitate escape	St Ronans School Water Lane	15/08/13
13/01126	Garage	2 Pixhall Cottages	15/08/13
13/01140	Two semi-detached houses	Adjacent 4 All Saints	19/08/13
13/01790	Detached garage	Gills Green Barn, Wellington Road	22/08/13
13/01620	LBC. Restoration and conversion work	Beals Green Farm, Heartenoak Road	13/08/13

10.3 Planning TWBC Refused:

Ref. No.	Proposal	Location	Comments/Valid
13/01619	Restoration and conversion work	Beals Green Farm, Heartenoak Road	14/08/13. LBC approved. Does not meet broader planning policy issues

10.4 Planning Applications

Item	Application No	Proposal	Location	Comments	Decision	Agree	Against	Abstain	Call in
48	13/02186/LBC/TA1	LBC. Extension of time. Two storey extension	Delmonden Grange, Delmonden Lane	TW/10/02140 refers	Agreed	All			No
49	13/02185/LBC/TA1	Extension of time. Two storey extension	Delmonden Grange, Delmonden Lane	TW/10/02133 refers	Agreed	All			No
50	13/02235/HOUSE/RH1	Enclosure below existing roof to form utility room	Honeysuckle Cottage, Water Lane		Agreed	All			No
51	13/02300/HOUSE/H	Extension of time. Conversion od	Spindlewood, Stream Lane	TW/10/01891 refers	Agreed	All			No

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	W1	garage to form granny annexe							
52	13/02158/F UL/NR2	Erection of 3 bed dwelling	Former toilet site, Ockley Road	If the planning officers recommendation differs, Members wish this to be determined by the Planning Committee	Agreed	10	BW	MB	Yes
53	13/02374/F UL/ARJ	Extension of time. 2x3 bed semi-detached houses	Land adjacent to 4 All Saints Road		Agreed	All			No
54	13/02391/F UL/SB4	Pair of semi-detached dwellings	Junction of Post Office Road/Northgrove Road	The proposal is over intensive and contrary to Conservation Area policy. A single storey dwelling designed in sympathy with Dymoke Oast on the other side of the junction may be more acceptable. If the planning officers recommendation differs, Members wish this to be determined by the Planning Committee	Against	11		JH	Yes
55	13/01989/F UL/TA1	Revision. Two storey dwelling.	Adjacent to White Lodge, Horns Road	Revised Landscaping Plan	Noted	All			No
56	13/00351/ OUT/TA1	Revision. Outline for 3 detached and 1 pair semi-detached dwellings	Copt Hall/Orleigh, Cophall avenue	The Parish Council is the site owner. No vote was taken.	Noted	All			No
57	13/02450/F UL/EA1	Demolition of offices and erection of 2 houses and 1 bungalow	Watkins & Doncaster, Conghurst Lane	As the site is outside the LBD but is part brownfield, if the planning officers recommendation differs, Members wish this to be	Agreed	All			Yes

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58	13/01989/FUL/TA1	Revision. Two storey dwelling	Adjacent to White Lodge, Horns Road	Correct ridge height drawing	Noted	All			No
59	13/02528/FUL/RH1	Outbuilding and greenhouse	Rockwood, Cranbrook Road		Agreed	10	JB, JN		No

11 | Burial & Memorial

Interment Date	Deceased	
08/07/13	Michael Gardiner	Interment
15/07/13	Florence Dangerfield	Interment
05/08/13	George Chandler	Interment

12 Notes and Information

	Date	From	Subject
1	31/07/13	Police & Crime Commissioner	Mobile police contact points
2	20/08/13	ACRK	Rural News

13 Confidential:

13.1 Village Magazine revenue. Members noted that there is one outstanding debtor who has failed for some time to pay for published advertising. A formal notice is to be sent and if this fails, legal proceeding will be undertaken through the courts.

14 Closure

14.1 The meeting closed at 21:30

15 Future Meetings

15.1 The next meeting of the Parish Council will be at Copt Hall on Monday 14th October 2013 at Copt Hall commencing at 19:45. This meeting will only deal with planning and finance.

Signed.....Date.....
Keith Brown, Chairman of the Parish Council.