

## Hawkhurst Parish Council

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Meeting: **Full Council**

Date: 11<sup>th</sup> June 2018

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**Copt Hall**

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### PRESENT

Mrs. J Newman (Chairman), Mr. M Appelbe, Mr. D Blackman, Ms. C Escombe (Vice Chairman), Mr. B Fitzpatrick, Mr. J Hunt, Mr. P Jones, Mrs. J Pyne, Dr. M Robertson, Mrs. B Weeden and Mr. P Whittle.

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### ADDITIONAL CIRCULATION

Mr. S Holden, Mrs. B Palmer, Mr. P. Thomson, Mr. G. Bland.

#### **1 Adjournment for public speaking.**

- 1.1 KCC Cllr Sean Holden addressed the meeting. KCC is carrying out its pothole blitz. He encouraged residents to carry on reporting them. Moving on to his lorries off rural roads campaign, a paper has been written by the interim director of Highways in collaboration with KALC (Kent Association of Local Councils) looking at the Leics example creating strategic routes for HGVs that avoid villages and rural roads. It estimates a cost in excess of £5m to put such a scheme in place, which would need a system of enforcement generating high penalties to pay for it. The report goes to cabinet members on Monday. Finally he reported on his initiative of 4 years ago called Kent's Plan Bee. Bees starve in the winter due to a lack of nectar rich plants. The creation of an Action Group for the Kent Pollinator Strategy was unanimously passed by KCC. David Attenborough has recently stated that if all bees died, within 4 years, people would start to die.
- 1.2 KCC Community Warden Rob Perfitt addressed the meeting. His phone number can be found by googling 'Hawkhurst Warden' and he can be found in the library every Monday from 9.30 – 10.30 for residents concerns. He reported that there has been a rise in opportunistic thefts from cars eg. Handbags left in view on seats. He would like reports of the small nitrous oxide cannisters if they are found. There have been some nuisance off-road motorbikes outside the village. Otherwise the crime rate in Hawkhurst is particularly low locally in Hawkhurst.
- 1.3 BW left the meeting. Guy Osborne, planning advisor for a resident spoke in support of planning application 30 (18/01655 - Demolition of existing cattle barn and poly tunnel and erection of 1 dwelling including landscape and ecology schemes). He described the current cow barn and poly tunnel as visually intrusive. The proposed dwelling achieves heating efficiency by being airtight and using a climate control system to control a biomass boiler. It would feature rainwater harvesting and a solar array putting excess energy back into the national grid. The roof would be dressed with a living fabric of grass and a wild flower mix. The landscape-led design would feature Wealden stone, new hedgerows and a summer meadow for a garden. He believes it would enhance the landscape and AONB and be sustainable but be modest, using modest materials.
- 1.4 BW rejoined the meeting. A resident spoke against planning application 29 (18/01520/FULL Construction of commercial building for B1 light industrial, B2 general industrial and B8 storage and distribution with access, parking and drainage on land to immediate south of Hawkhurst Station Business Park). She lives beside the current business park and would be affected behind her property by the proposal. She has also spoken to other nearby residents who have also expressed concern. The LBD for the business plan is defined in the Local Plan and this proposal is not within it. A 2005 planning inspector stated that expansion of the business park would create harm to the AONB that was not outweighed by the economic needs of the area. The applicants submission states that 85.5% of the workers employed at the business park travel more than 5 miles to work there, so she questioned the validity of a provision of local jobs. Noise is a big issue for residents, particularly from moving lorries. Environmental Control has monitored 7day noise levels from 6am to 11pm, which have caused concern. Drainage is a concern as hard surface run off already drains into the resident's garden. The buildings would be ugly and visible from footpaths. The map of the locality is incorrect as it does not show the station garage development that would back onto the proposed site. PJ observed that the resident had moved into a house next door to a business park that has been trading since 1911.
- 1.5 A younger resident spoke in support of the Hawkhurst Oriolo Romano Twinning Association. He went to Oriolo Romano in 2017 on the twinning scheme and spoke of the fellowship and long lasting friendships he had found in Oriolo and also Hawkhurst, saying he would love to go back to Oriolo. He had been very welcomed there and hoped the Oriolo residents would feel the same when they come to Hawkhurst. He felt it encourages a positive force and a coming together in the village. Travel benefits people who may have negative views and possibly more so from rural areas. He believes young people need to be given these chances that can create lifelong bonds and

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he urges everyone lending their support.

- 1.6 A further younger resident spoke in support of Hawkhurst Oriolo Romano Twinning Association. She described an amazing opportunity to see life in a different country and the impact of encountering a very loving and caring culture that had been eye-opening. She felt it would be a shame not to be offering it to other young people. She felt she had made life-long friends, learnt some Italian and some great recipes. She felt other young people deserved and opportunity as good as hers. Her younger siblings for example don't travel very much and it was very different to going away with family.

### **Apologies for Absence:**

2. Apologies were received from L Edmeads and TWBC Councillors Bev Palmer and Mr P Thomson.

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### **Declaration of interests:**

- 3.1 BW declared a pecuniary interest in Planning Items 11.4.28 and 11.4.30 as she has also submitted a planning application for housing development in the parish.  
MA declared a personal interest in Item 8.iii as he is Chair of Hawkhurst and Oriolo Romano Twinning Association, which has made a S.137 grant request.  
PJ declared a personal interest in Planning Item 11.4.29 as he is Chair of the RBL and the applicant is RBL Club President.

### **Co-Option of a New Member**

- 4.1 This item was deferred to the meeting of July 9<sup>th</sup> 2018.

### **Approval and Noting of minutes of previous meetings**

- 5.1. The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2018 were received.  
1 The minutes of the Buildings Committee 21st May 2018, Land Committee 24<sup>th</sup> April and Fete Committee 9<sup>th</sup> and  
5.1. 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2018 were noted.  
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### **Matters Arising from the Minutes**

- 5.2. HCT 2018 submission to Charity Commission 5.2(i). The Charity Commission's rejection of the CIO application was discussed with VWV at length by JN and the Clerk. The solicitor is himself ex-Charity Commission and was surprised by the strength of the CC's response. It related to CC concerns about the independence of the CIO from HPC, following some cases of councils setting up charities with the clear intention of controlling them. It was agreed with VWV that the constitution would be changed to expressly state that nominated trustees would not be Members or employees of HPC. This will mean 2 of the nominated trustees (JH and BF) must step down and others sought, which is underway. JN, supported by PW proposed that *Hawkhurst Parish Council amends the constitution document for HCT2018 at 10.2.1 such that the 4 Hawkhurst Parish Council - nominated trustees are not Members, Officers or Employees of Hawkhurst Parish Council.* This was unanimously accepted. JN further proposed that *the additional cost of VWV's re-submission to the CC for HCT 2018, estimated at £800 - £950 be approved.* This was unanimously accepted.  
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5.2. Flashing Speed sign (5.2.2). KCC will not permit the mobile flashing speed sign proposed by HPC. JH felt the whole idea should be dropped as a waste of time and money, which would simply be ignored by motorists. PJ felt without enforcement it would be ineffective. CE feels sign showing actual speed are more effective than those showing what you should be travelling at. JP agreed, especially when travelling in an unfamiliar area. MR believed anything that might reduce excessive speeds would be worth doing. JN, supported by MA proposed *Hawkhurst Parish Council budgets £6.5k in 2019/20 and pursue the matter during that year.* 8 supported this with BW, JH and PJ against.  
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5.2. Licensing for Ridsden Farm event, Ridsden Lane (9.10 and 9.18). This took place on the weekend just gone. 198 tickets of 2000 were sold. The Parish Office received no complaints. The licence was approved for 12 days to include 1 category 1 event, now concluded. 9 more days for Category 2 and 3 events remain available. Leaflets and emails were sent to residents. PW did not hear the event from his home on Saturday night but did hear a loud event from Marlborough House School on Friday night. The Council will keep this matter under review.  
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5.2. KCC Transport Policy (Jan 8 2018 FCM 10.1). JN has composed a response to KCC on this (Clerk to send). The Highways Authority statement of autumn 2017 was retracted due to KCC legal advice suggesting a risk of appeals on the definition of severe traffic under the NPPF. KCC is afraid of appeals. HPC wishes to question the S106 £1000 per dwelling contribution to buses policy since advocated by KCC.  
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**6. Standing reports**

- 6.1 Transport. MA reported that the Transport Accessibility Group had held a meeting, hearing about proposed improvements to the Arriva no. 5 service from July 8<sup>th</sup> with extra journeys into Hawkhurst. There will also be a Twilight Campaign offering single fares after 7pm at £1.50. ArrivaClick is an app-based service being trialled in Sittingbourne offering minibus services on demand.
- 6.2 Local community.
- a. Footpaths – MR reported that he is manning a stall at the Fete on Saturday to promote the Walkfest, which takes place on August 4<sup>th</sup> 2018. There is an excess of foliage along footpaths as spring growth is rapid at this time of year. A resident has been able to engage Jonathan Bibby at KCC to get a footpath at Four Throws cleared but it is strictly the responsibility of the landowner to keep footpaths open. The Clerk will write to the management company for Moor House to request hedge cutting alongside the pavement there.
  - b. New community hall – PW and CE have held a meeting with Ruth McChesney. A specification for 600-700 sq metres, capacity for 250 people, a 200:50 space split ability, 3 meeting rooms, a kitchen, café, parish office, storage and parking was submitted to architects. A ballpark figure of £1m – £1.5m has been consistently returned. This can be used for guidance on the S106 wish list. Fees for a detailed planning application would be £13k - £14k or alternatively an architectural competition could be held to lower this. The next step is to obtain clarity on what hall users want in a new facility. It is important to ensure that any design is future-proofed. Detail can then be added to the design and the business plan. It is the Hall Working Group's aim to present an updated business plan to full council at the September FCM. One piece of advice received had been that if seeking a new centre under developer contributions we must ensure we stick to our design and don't allow the developer to take it over as they design houses, not public buildings.
  - c. War Memorial project. PJ reported that the war memorial will be cleaned this coming Sunday and JH will take photos. An estimate of £100 including removal has been received from a local tree surgeon to reduce the oak by 30% because it stains the war memorial. Conservation area planning permission for tree work will be sought. After jet washing, the lettering will be added for newly identified servicemen. The work will be completed well in time for November's services of Remembrance. Sean Holden has been asked for a contribution towards the costs. The Clerk will write to the Borough Members and request a contribution. The costs will be approximately £3000. RBL has already offered £500. There will be an exhibition of memorabilia from the time of the end of World War One also for the centenary of Armistice Day.

**7. Reports of Committee Chairmen**

- 7.1 Buildings – PW reported that a meeting will take place on May 21<sup>st</sup>, when he was elected Chairman. The LEDs have now all been installed. Just over £900 has already been saved in electricity charges even before the final tranche of replacements. The new UMS certificate has been submitted to ensure charging at LED rates for all 165 streetlights. The glass repairs at the Parish Office have been agreed. 5 panes of glass were repaired at Copt Hall. Zumba classes are reducing at Copt Hall due to falling numbers. Victoria Hall external repairs are still awaited. New changing rooms at the Sports Hall is now a standing item on the committee agenda and a special meeting planned once a debrief has been received from the previous project-holder. Clerk and HPC Chair had a meeting with Fields in Trust about KGV and the Sports Hall. Any land use other than sports must seek permission from FiT but they would look favourably on MUGA and a Sports Hall extension onto the concrete hardstanding.
- 7.2 Land – MR reported that a meeting is due on 25 June. He is pleased that the latest bi-monthly report on the play equipment found only one item of concern. It has a spring base that will be repaired this week. Repairs have now been carried out on Heartenoak Field where the new beam should last 25-30 years. Unfortunately the orange handles on the outdoor gym continue to be vandalised. 4 were replaced last month, another last week and the glued-on instructions plates have been damaged with a knife, presumably in an attempt to remove it. The Community Warden has been alerted.
- 7.3 F&GP – JN reported that a meeting is due on July 16<sup>th</sup>.
- 7.4 Personnel – BF reported that he had been re-elected Chair. The new Clerk joins on 25<sup>th</sup> June. He becomes Clerk and the Deputy Clerk becomes RFO on July 1<sup>st</sup>.
- 7.5 Fete – JH - See Minutes noted at Item 5.1.2. The fete takes place this Saturday June 16<sup>th</sup>.
- 7.6 NDP – responsibilities have now been handed to the Planning Advisory Committee and this item will be removed from the agenda.

**8. Matters for further discussion**

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- 8.1 GDPR. BW gave a report on the remaining steps to have GDPR in place for the Council. The DPO has audited HPC's data holding and processing and created policies and documents to address it. BW, supported by JN proposed that *Hawkhurst Parish Council adopts the draft GDPR Employee Privacy Notice, Privacy Statement, Privacy Notice for Suppliers, Recruitment Privacy Notice, Subject Access Notice and Questionnaire, Basic Consent Privacy Notice, Councillor Privacy Notice and Information Form, Data Breach Procedure and Data Protection Policy*. 8 voted in favour and 3 abstained. The documents will now be posted on Hawkhurst Parish Council's website, privacy notices sent to Councillors, employees and suppliers and email groups.
- 8.2 Beechcroft Accountancy Ltd Agreement. BW explained that HPC shares some personal data of employees with this payroll agency. They have sent a trading agreement including their own GDPR data protection statement for HPC to sign. It has been reviewed by HPC's DPO to his satisfaction. BW, supported by MR proposed that *Hawkhurst Parish Council accepts the trading agreement and privacy notice of Beechcroft Accounting Ltd and that the Chairman should sign the Letter of Acceptance of the terms*. 9 agreed with abstentions from PW and PJ.
- 8.3 S.137 Grants. The applications received up to 31<sup>st</sup> May were reviewed and discussed at length. The following grants were agreed:  
**Kent Pond and Tree ??£25.00**  
 Home Start South West Kent £150  
 West Kent Mediation £100  
 Samaritans Tunbridge Wells £100  
 Hands of Hope Men in Sheds Project £100  
 Kent, Surrey and Sussex Air Ambulance £150  
 Hawkhurst and Oriolo Romano Twinning Association £100  
 £725 of the annual budget of £1500 was allocated.

### 9. Correspondence

	Date Received	From	Subject	Action
1	21/05/2018	Kent Countryside Access Forum	Dog attacks on livestock awareness campaign	Noted
2	04/06/2018	Kent County Playing Fields Association	Invitation to AGM on 20 <sup>th</sup> June in Maidstone	No volunteer.
3	10.06.2018	Sean Holden	Invitation to order a Silent Soldier from RBL at his Member Fund expense.	Members thanked SH for this kind offer. Clerk to order. Grass triangle outside St Laurences Church agreed. Clerk to contact Father Dreyer.

### Finance

#### 10. INCOME AND EXPENDITURE MAY 2018

Accounts for payment	£ 14,065.79
Payment received	£ 66,222.20
<b>Net Expenditure</b>	<b>£ 52,156.41</b>
Cambridge & Counties	£ 76,141.95
Cambridge Building Society	£ 75,201.05
Lloyds Current	£ 10,547.33
Lloyds Access Reserve	£ 50,211.19
Petty Cash	£ -

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10.1 Payments were examined and voted for unanimously.

10.2 The Chair informed Members that she had checked the bank rec.

10.3 The Internal Audit Report was accepted.

### Planning

#### 11. 11.1. Planning & Highways Information:

Ref. No.	Proposal	Location	Comments
18/00952/FULL	Variation of Condition 8 (94/00357/FUL Opening Hours) to increase by one hour each end 07:00 to 23:00 to 06:00 to midnight.	Highgate Service Station, Rye Road	Application withdrawn.
18/01045/LBC	LBC for Erection of 2 storey infill extension, single storey side extension and detached garage with vehicular access.	4 Gingerbread Lane	Application withdrawn. FULL planning application 18/01044/FULL granted (see Item 11.2.7)
0024/2017/TP O	TPO granted on Hungersole Wood and 1 vintage Oak.	Stream Hill Farm, Stream Lane	
17/01858/FULL	Construction of new vehicular access to separate residential and agricultural traffic; installation of 2 wooden gates and one metal pedestrian gate.	Park Farm, Water Lane	Must comment to Secretary of State at PINS, Bristol by 5 <sup>th</sup> July.
KCC	Rural bus services – KCC's Big Conversation	Public Meeting High Weald Academy, Angley Road, Cranbrook	17 <sup>th</sup> July 7- 9 pm. PW to try to attend. JN to attend Parish workshop on July 5 <sup>th</sup> , Hadlow Manor.
TWBC	Local Green Space Assessment	Borough-wide including 26 sites in Hawkhurst	Part of new TWBC Local Plan. Members to consider Hawkhurst proposed sites and give feedback to CE who will coordinate a response for 29 <sup>th</sup> June deadline.
KCC	Road Closure	Potters Lane	14 June 2 days for ditch clearance

#### 11.2 Planning TWBC Approved:

Ref	Proposal	Location	Comments/Valid
18/00798/FULL	Shopfront extension and part change of use to sandwich bar	Highgate Service Station	Shop hours 07.00 – 23.00 Mon-Sat and 08.00-22.00 Sun and Bank Hols. Noise and odour restrictions apply.
18/00924/FULL	Variation condition 3 17/01863/FULL change of external materials from stone to brick	Tilden Farmhouse, Water Lane	

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18/00917/TPO	Plane tree: Thin crown and reduce lateral branches	The Old Vicarage, Hastings Road	
18/00900/FULL	Erection of single storey rear extension and front entrance porch.	21 Sandrock Villas, Cranbrook Road	
18/01014/FULL	Erection of single storey orangery on western side.	The Cottage, High Street	
18/01274/TCA	Fell 4 conifers, reduce cherry by 50% and lower lateral branch, reduce lower laterals on damson	2 Iddenden Cottages, High Street	
18/01044/FULL	Erection of 2 storey infill extension, single storey side extension and detached garage with vehicular access.	4 Gingerbread Lane	LBC application withdrawn
18/01201/ADV	Advertisement hoarding	Site of former Woodham Hall, Rye Road	Consent expires on 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2019.
18/01151/LBC and 18/01150/FULL	Internal refurbishment, new windows, single storey glazed extension and decking	Duvals Barn, Whites Lane	

### 11.3 Planning TWBC Refused:

Ref. No.	Proposal	Location	Comments/Valid
18/00057FULL	Erection of a new dwelling	Sherrard House, Horns Road	Greenfield site, unsustainable location (distance from local amenities), outside LBD, incursion in the countryside so conflicts with NPPF; proposal does not conserve and enhance the rural and scenic beauty of the AONB with a more than minimal impact on the landscape character of the locality, so contrary to NPPF, CP4 and 14 of the 2010 TWBC Core Strategy and 2006 Local Plan as well as HD1, HD3, HD4, LP1 and LP2 of the Hawkhurst NDP. No habitat survey provided to establish potential impact on protected species, contrary to NPPF, TWLP 2006 and TWCS 2010 .

### 11.4 Planning Applications received

Cllr Weeden left the meeting for applications 28 (18/01495/FULL) and 30 (18/01655/FULL).

Nu mb er	Applic ation No	Proposal	Location	Comments	Decisi on	Agr ee	Agai nst	Ab st ain	Plan Ctte e
26	18/01376/FULL	Demolition of rear and side extensions and construction of new 2 storey side extension and a single storey rear extension	Saintfield, High Street		Agree	10		B F	N
27	18/01379/LBC	LBC for partial rebuilding of existing chimney	Tilden Farmhouse, Water Lane		Agree	All	0	0	N
28	18/01495/FULL	Construction of a new dwelling within the grounds of	Highgate Hall, Rye Road	Members feel that the visual impact on the conservation area and the historic building of Highgate Hall is unacceptable. Not in keeping with the conservation area.	Agai nst	0	All	0	Y

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		Highgate Hall		<p>Within the planning statement it was suggested that “a contemporary design for the new house could have the advantage of appearing appropriate in it’s setting without attempting to emulate the characteristics of the neighbouring buildings”. The design does not appear to have achieved this. It is not appropriate to the setting and is not sensitive to the local context. It does not comply with the NDP, which states that modern styles need to be treated with caution. A clear demonstration of the merits of the proposed designs will be required.</p> <p>This will be on the site of a previous single-storey office building, which was given planning permission in 2005 as it was unobtrusive in scale and location. The scale of this proposal is bigger, being two storey. It is clearly visible from the Rye Road.</p> <p>Highgate hall is considered a non-designated heritage asset (Para 135 NPPF). When considering the previous application for the conversion to flats, the conservation officer felt that the changes to the hall itself would on balance improve the appearance of this historic building and when planning permission was granted a condition was imposed that the materials used should be approved in the interests of visual amenity. This new proposal is visually intrusive.</p> <p>It is very close to neighbouring properties in Norris Close.</p>					
29	18/015 20/FU LL	Construction of commercial building for B1 light industrial, B2 general industrial and B8 storage and distribution with access, parking and drainage on land to immediate south of Hawkhurst Station Business Park.	Kent Woodware Site, Cranbrook Road	<p>Members support the principle of extending employment in the village but at this site, subject to the following observations and conditions:</p> <p>Identified as an Economic Development Area in the Local Plan and an Employment Hub in NDP, which states that the development of an employment hub at Gills Green, building on the strength and success of existing businesses in that part of the parish, will be encouraged.</p> <p>Para 28 of the NPPF states that planning policies should support economic growth in rural areas...by taking a positive approach to sustainable development.</p> <p>Assessments of sustainability include an economic dimension. This would provide economic advantages. The development is planned to allow the expansion of a local company, which already has a unit on the site and needs to expand its operations. There are no other available units on the site.</p> <p>We have concerns over the drainage and feel that this needs more consideration. Note: KCC Flood and Water Management have now responded to say that they are unable to determine the application without further</p>	Agree	9	JH	B W	N

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			<p>information.</p> <p>The land is classed as agricultural grade 3 land, development of which is not supported by the NDP. However, the site was historically used as a storage area for the timber works. It is currently "semi-improved grassland, boundary hedgerows and an aggregate car park and access track" - Planning, design and access statement.</p> <p>We are also concerned that the plan to build the lagoon may lead to further industrial development in this area. This is suggested by the two roads, which appear to be leading into the undeveloped area. Therefore, we would wish to make the condition that the development stops where the new roads currently end (as shown on the plans). We note that a submission has been made to TWBC's call for sites for the new Local Plan for the allocation of approx. 2 hectares of further land as an extension of the Business Park.</p> <p>Traffic modelling suggests there will be limited additional impact on the Hawkhurst crossroads at peak times - peak hours for the business park are different to those on the roads more generally. We noted this, but felt this may be an overly positive view. Supported as long as the development stops where the new roads end. It is noted that neighbours have objected (2 at the time of our meeting; 6 now). Objections relate mainly to the use of the site as a business park and the associated noise, light and air pollution, drainage issues, as well as overlooking, loss of privacy, traffic, AONB and extension of EDA. Overall, it was felt that as valid as these concerns were, objecting to this application would not resolve the concerns as they relate to the site as a whole. Note: points raised in later objections have identified more specific issues such as loss of privacy and the extension of the EDA. Members feel the noise must be monitored and suggest the consideration of acoustic fencing due to the proximity to some residents. We would suggest restrictions on delivery times and refrigeration lorry movements, including a requirement to turn off refrigeration lorries whilst waiting. The conditions placed on Waitrose in Hawkhurst 16/06569/FULL are suggested as a sensitive model to close-living neighbours.</p> <p>We note and support David Scully's comments and request for a biodiversity management plan. Members were disappointed that the map supplied was out of date and did not show the proximity of the Station Garage development to the proposed development site.</p>					
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30	18/016 55/FU LL	Demolition of existing cattle barn and poly tunnel and erection of 1 dwelling including landscape and ecology schemes.	Cattle Barn, Potters Farm, Potters Lane	<p>Members comments were as follows: We recognised the constraints - AONB, outside LDB and agricultural land. However, we felt that this was a well-thought-out and interesting design, which enhanced the local environment and was a good model for other rural development. We appreciated the fact that it was not ostentatious and was attempting to improve the landscape as part of the design, for instance, through the removal of overhead power lines.</p> <p>NDP - HD1a - preference for small-scale developments with priority given to previously developed land - replacing cattle barn and poly tunnel with building that will enhance environment.</p> <p>It's not within LDB, but isn't greenfield.</p> <p>NPPF Para 55 - we feel the proposal exhibits innovative design, which could be a model for development in rural areas of Hawkhurst (given that additional housing is required).</p> <p>NDP - HD3 - should encourage the efficient use of water and energy and locally sourced and recycled materials - it's a low carbon scheme (solar, biomass, rain &amp; grey water recycling etc). Designed to have limited impact on environment - low (built into ground) with curved living roof designed to fit in with the AONB. Wood burner. Includes local materials - hand split Wealden stone. Detailed landscape plan involving planting of native hedgerows, trees and wildflower meadows.</p> <p>NDP - HD4 - Careful innovation in design or thoughtful modern or contemporary architecture is not precluded by this policy and such designs are encouraged - we felt this was a thoughtful design that respected the natural environment and local context. Car parking is discrete - located behind the house.</p> <p>NDP - LP1 - Proposals should not have an unacceptable visual impact - curved roof, removal of overhead powerlines, property positioned at the back of the plot, planting of native hedgerows, planting of wildflower meadows</p> <p>NPPF Para 115 - conserve landscape and scenic beauty in AONB - we feel this proposal conserves and enhances the rural landscape.</p> <p>NPPF sustainable development Environmental - protect &amp; enhance natural environment, low carbon.</p> <p>It is 750m from Gills Green, which has some local services, which is walkable although there's no footpath and would question the practicality (and safety) of cycling. In practice, residents would most likely drive. However, we felt this was offset by the innovative low carbon design.</p> <p>Social - It is near a small cluster of other houses.</p>	Agree	All	0	0	Y
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				Makes a small contribution to need for further housing. Economic - proximity to Gills Green could support facilities there. We noted that pre-application advice from TWBC was not supportive, but felt that this was a design that worked for the local context in Hawkhurst.					
31	18/013 69/FU LL	Demolition of existing single storey extension and construction of 2 storey side extension	1 Talbot Place, Talbot Road	Members wish to support this application as long as the parking space is maintained. Improves the visual amenity. The proposed extension is not overlooking neighbours. The increased size of the house would not be out of keeping with other houses in Talbot Road.	Agree	All	0	0	N

### 12. Burials and Memorial

Interment Date	Deceased	
16 <sup>th</sup> May 2018	Gladys May Head	Burial
16 <sup>th</sup> May 2018	Joy Little	Interment of ashes
22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2018	Dennis Eugene Godwin	Interment of ashes
4 <sup>th</sup> June 2018	Ella Mary (Peggy) Williams	Interment of ashes

### 13. Notes and Information

	Date	from	subject
1.	18.05.18	Weald of Kent Protection Society	AGM and newsletter
2.	21.05.18	KALC	Newsletter
3.	25.05.18	NALC	Chief Exec's Bulletin
4.	05/06/18	NALC	Chief Exec's Bulletin (including GDPR apology)
5.		West Kent CCG	Workshop on medical hubs to serve communities more locally. JN to attend 3 <sup>rd</sup> July in Sevenoaks.

- 14. Confidential**  
BW left the meeting.
- 14.1 JN gave an update to Members on meetings planned to prepare a report for TWBC in relation to the new Local Plan which is in preparation.
- 14.2 JH gave a vote of thanks to the departing Clerk.
- 15. Closure**
- 15.1 The meeting closed at 22.31
- 16. Future Meetings**
- 16.1 The next meeting of the Parish Council will be at Copt Hall on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2018 commencing at 19:45.

Signed.....Date.....  
Julia Newman, Chairman of the Parish Council.