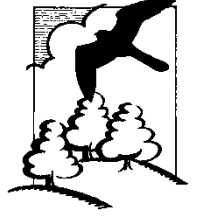


HAWKHURST PARISH COUNCIL



Minutes – 4th May 2021

Present: Cllr Escombe (Chairman) Cllr Taylor –Smith (Vice Chairman) Cllr Green, Cllr Whittle, Cllr Cory, Cllr Hunt, Cllr Pyne Cllr Blake and Cllr Weeden.

1. ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Cllr Palmer, TWBC member noted that TWBC meetings are back in the Town Hall from next week, strict rules and regulations.

Cllr Thomson, TWBC member noted that a new diffusion tube on the Lamppost by Hawkhurst Lodge / Rye Rd should help with a more rounded picture of air quality

Cllr Holden, KCC member, noted the poor state of the Weald leisure Centre which many Hawkhurst residents use and is chasing up the matter

2. APOLOGIES AND REASON FOR ABSENCE: Cllr Fitzpatrick ill, Cllr Lusty ill and Cllr Appelbe – no reason

3. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS: *To receive notice of personal interests, whether of a prejudicial nature or otherwise, in respect of items on this agenda, in accordance with the Council’s Code of Conduct.*

Cllr Cory planning application 93

4. PLANNING

4.1 Planning applications to be considered to follow

No	Application No	Proposal	Location
92	21/00905/FULL	Rear and near side storey extension; removal of shed, internal alterations to the ground and first floor	Woodside Heartenoak Road Hawkhurst Kent

Background:

No comments from neighbours. There was an application for a single-storey side extension in July 20. We objected as we felt that, being timber, it was not sympathetic to the host house which is brick. The application was approved by TWBC who noted that there was timber on the rear of the house.

Comments and Recommendation:

As the previous application for a single-storey extension was permitted last year, we have

no objection to the principle of an extension in this location. The proposed extension does not appear to be any more intrusive than that which was permitted previously. In particular, it does not appear to extend further to the side of the house.

However, we do have some reservations about the impact on the host house. The use of brick is in accordance with HD4 of the NDP which requires that house extensions are to be sympathetic with the style of the host house and use similar materials and fenestrations. But the proposal to use black windows rather than white appears to be at odds with this requirement. From the information available, we are also concerned that this proposal does not appear to sit well with the host house and gives the impression of being "bolted-on" rather than integrating well.

However, on balance and given that the previous application was permitted by TWBC, we **support** this application

Vote

Support 8, Object 0 Abstain 1 (Cllr Pyne)

Decision: support

93	21/01070/TPO 17	Trees: T1 reduce by 2-3 metres in height and remove dead wood.	Oakfield Hawkhurst Cranbrook TN18 4JR
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Background:

No comments from neighbours.

Comments and Recommendation:

Having reviewed the application form, there does not seem to be any specific need for this work - the tree is healthy and there is no suggestion it is dangerous. The appearance of the tree would be altered by these works. We **object** to this application.

Vote

Support 0, Object 7 Abstain 2 (Cllr Cory and Blake)

Decision: support

94	21/01100/FUL	Erection of 3 berth garage to serve approved new dwelling on the site	Riverside Barn Hastings Road Hawkhurst Cranbrook Kent TN18 4RT
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Background:

No comments from neighbours. We supported the previous application in December 2020 for a 4-berth garage.

Comments and Recommendation:

The choice of materials, timber and slate, are appropriate for the location. The proposed garage is large, but the house has 5 bedrooms so a garage of this size seems appropriate. The garage will be visible from the road, but the conversion of the barn to a house will have already altered this view. The proposed garage is an attractive design, using natural materials, and would be subservient to the main house.

We have some reservations about the height of the garage, but this relates more to the potential for conversion to living space in the future rather than the impact on the site. Therefore, we would request that a condition that ensures that the garage cannot be converted to residential accommodation.

We **support** this application.

Vote

Support 9, Object 0 Abstain 0

Decision: support

5. MATTERS FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION:

5.1 Council structure

Cllr Escombe introduced the debate on two matters;

1. Change Planning Advisory Group to Planning Committee

Cllr Escombe explained that this would be in the evening, in public, once every three weeks with delegated power to support, object and comments to TWBC – who decide on planning.

Any Councillor can attend and speak but only those on the Planning Committee could vote.

Cllr Taylor-Smith felt it would be a good change to help with transparency – if a resident speaks for or against an application they want to speak at the key meeting - Planning Committee would be the best bet. If a large application or challenging application needs to come to Council.

Cllr Blake, Hunt and Cory general agreement with above.

Cllr Weeden suggest the Committee could refer to Council

Conclusion of discussion was good idea amend Terms of reference with Planning Committee to allow for referral to the Council or call in to Council if three or more Cllrs call in to review decision of the Planning Committee at Full Council.

Cllr Escombe proposed and Cllr Taylor-Smith proposed the Planning Committee Terms of Reference with amendments to allow for referral to the Council or call in to

Council if three or more Cllrs call in to review decision of the Planning Committee at Full Council– agreed 7 and 2 abstentions (Cllr Hunt and Cllr Whittle)

2. Community and Sports Centre Committee

Cllr Escombe explained the various options in the report and that this was the biggest project

Cllr Taylor-Smith felt a committee dedicated to driving this forward was required, there was general agreement.

Cllr Taylor-Smith proposed and Cllr Hunt seconded to form a Community and Sports Centre Committee – agreed 10 – 1 (Cllr Whittle abstained)

5.2 AGM

Cllr Escombe verbal update that we either delegate to the Clerk in consultation with Chairman or undertake strict protocols for “actual meetings at KGV.

Proposed protocols;

Before the AGM meeting

Make sure you are familiar with the Council Ipad

Register on the government website for rapid flow test – see below

You can order your test kits on line – they arrive next day

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing/regular-rapid-coronavirus-tests-if-you-do-not-have-symptoms/>

On the evening

Make sure you have charged the Council Ipad

Where a coat / warm clothes as the windows / doors will be open to help with ventilation

Suggest you arrive at 7:15 - 7:30pm to make sure you link into the KGV website and test the IT for the start of the meeting at 7:45pm

Venue:

KGV sports pavilion

KGV

KGV – up to 50% capacity = up to 12 people with precautions (1 metre plus social distancing)
IT details will be on your chair to link into the KGV website.

Precautions for all attendees

- Take a Rapid Lateral Flow COVID 19 self-test – see link below – they are free

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing/regular-rapid-coronavirus-tests-if-you-do-not-have-symptoms/>

- Proof of negative test at door to enter meeting (you receive an email / text of the results) see link below

<https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>

- Keep hall well ventilated – doors and windows open
- Sanitize and wear own mask
- Bring own equipment refreshments etc
- To reduce length of meeting inside, keep the meeting focused – you can chit chat before or after the meeting outside.

General Public

- General Public can attend virtually – we will have a zoom link on the website as we do now.
- We will have a laptop linked to a projector so we could see / hear those on zoom
- If members of the public turn up they can listen outside or join via the zoom link

Option of Committees meeting virtually and making recommendations to Council

Cllr Taylor-Smith reiterated the importance of the Council Ipads and Ibabs and the need for all to get on board with this

Cllr Pyne suggested whatever happens maybe keep zoom as more residents can attend.

5.3 Councillor Code of Conduct May 2021 – reported pulled and deferred to next meeting

5.4 Hawkhurst working from home policy

Cllr Green introduced the item, the following was agreed following a brief discussion.

Cllr Pyne proposed and Cllr Blake seconded to adopt the Working from Home Policy - Agreed unanimously

Confidential

6.1 Community Centre update – a general discussion took place

CLOSURE: 9:00

Signed Chairman.....

Date