

HUNTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 9TH JANUARY 2023 AT 7:30PM AT HUNTON VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT: Cllr D Heaton in the Chair, Cllrs A Trought, T Stanbridge, J Fuller and I Simmons, and Mrs S Goodwin, Clerk.

IN ATTENDANCE: Three members of the public were in attendance.

OPEN SESSION:

The owners of Stonewall (Item 5.1) introduced themselves to Members. They were in attendance to answer any questions about the Listed Building Consent. A lot of work needs doing to the house, some of which is quite urgent, such as repairs to the leaking roof. The restoration will be sympathetic and no extensions will be added to the property. A local architect and builder have been employed for the 12-month restoration project, with the owners aiming to move into the property in April 2024.

Members asked questions as follows:

- *Does the barn opposite Stonewall belong to you?* No.
- *Are the doors being changed?* No. One internal 20th Century door is being replaced as it is rotten, but the external doors will be repaired.
- *Is the garage part of the listed building?* Yes.
- *Will you connect to mains drainage?* Yes.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllrs M Summersgill and J Goddard.

2. FILMING AND RECORDING

The members of the public did not wish to film, record or photograph the meeting.

3. COUNCILLOR DECLARATIONS

3.1 Declaration of Interests

There were no declarations of interests.

3.2 Dispensations

There were no requests for dispensations.

4. MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 19TH DECEMBER 2022

The minutes of the meeting had been previously distributed and were agreed to be an accurate record. Cllr Heaton signed off the official copy of the minutes.

5. PLANNING APPLICATION

The following listed building consent was considered, and recommendation made:

5.1 Stonewall, East Street - 22/505899/LBC

Listed Building Consent for internal and external repairs and alterations.

Parish Council recommendation: Bearing in mind the historic value of the building to the village, Members would like the Listed Building Consent to be approved.

6. REPORTED PLANNING DECISIONS

Members **Noted** the following planning decision, made by Maidstone Borough Council since the last Planning Committee meeting:

6.1 Burford Farm, Redwall Lane, Linton - 22/504667/FULL

Change of use of land for the storage in situ of eight mobile homes for seasonal agricultural workers including landscaping and the engineering operations required to provide a sewage treatment unit.

Parish Council recommendation: No objection, but have the following comments:

- There is a mismatch between the documents as to how foul sewage will be disposed of. The Proposed Block Plan shows a septic tank located on the site, whereas the application form states that foul sewage will be disposed of by package treatment plant - clarification is required.
- The Proposed Block Plan shows new hedging on the site - this should be included on the application form.
- The plans do not show how the site will be accessed - this needs to be clarified. The Parish Council would not want to see an additional access created.
- The accommodation is 20m away from a stream but it is close to a pond which could be of ecological interest - consideration needs to be given to the ecological impact.
- Consideration needs to be given to the lighting to minimise light pollution.
- The Parish Council would like reassurance that the mobile homes will not be occupied in the winter months.

Maidstone Borough Council decision: Permitted.

There being no further planning matters to be discussed, the meeting closed at 7:55pm.