

HUNTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 3RD OCTOBER 2011 AT HUNTON VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT: Cllr R Sawtell in the Chair, Cllrs D Heaton, L Leonard, G Thomas, M Walter and Mrs S Goodwin, Clerk.

IN ATTENDANCE: Borough Councillors D Collins and J Wilson and twelve parishioners were present. Two parishioners left during the open session, two parishioners left after the open session and one parishioner left during Item 4.1. The remaining parishioners and the Borough Councillors stayed for the whole meeting.

Prior to the start of the meeting several parishioners spoke about the Plot 5, Land at Lughorse Lane appeal, stating that a document is to be provided for the appeal on 10th October, setting out ten key points of objection. The document will be provided to Members for comment. Several parishioners put forward objections to the planning application to be discussed at Item 4.3, which included a written submission. One parishioner asked Members for advice on the decision at Item 5.1, as he had concerns about the way the decision to approve the planning application had been made by Maidstone Borough Council. The Chairman advised the parishioner to speak directly with the Head of Development Management.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Porter.

2. COUNCILLOR DECLARATIONS

There were no declarations made.

3. MINUTES OF THE PLANNING MEETING HELD ON 1ST SEPTEMBER 2011

The Minutes of the meeting had been previously distributed and were **Agreed** to be an accurate record. The Chairman of the meeting signed off the official copy.

4. PLANNING APPLICATION

The following applications were considered and recommendations made:

4.1 Elphicks Barn, Water Lane – MA/11/1340

Erection of a single storey side extension.

Council recommendation: Approve, but do not request the application is reported to Planning Committee.

4.2 Elm Croft, Redwall Lane – MA/11/1378

Erection of a two storey side extension.

Council recommendation: Approve, but do not request the application is reported to Planning Committee.

4.3 The Woodyard, East Street – MA/11/1374

Outline application for demolition of existing commercial buildings and redevelopment of 7 no. B1 starter units within a single storey building and associated parking with means of access, layout and scale to be considered at this stage and appearance and landscaping reserved for future consideration.

Council recommendation: Refuse and request the application is reported to the Planning Committee. The following comments were provided to MBC Planning: "This Wood Yard has been used for the manufacture of chestnut fence posts, with wood collected from nearby woodlands for many years, with only the one employee. This was a totally rural business that reflected the environment of its location. The Parish Council believes that 7 units with 21 car park spaces would be too crowded and generate too much of a danger to East Street traffic when accessing the site on to the single carriageway at this point. It is suggested that the number of units and car park spaces should be reduced."

5. REPORTED DECISIONS

The following decision received from MBC was **Noted**:

Linstone, East Street – MA/11/1242

Conversion of existing double garage into additional living accommodation with first floor extension over.

Council recommendation: No objection to the application, but concerned about the increase in height of the bungalow. MBC: Granted Planning Permission.

There being no further planning matters to be discussed the meeting closed at 9:10pm.