HUNTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 28TH MAY 2012
AT HUNTON VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT: Cllr R Sawtell in the Chair, Cllrs G Thomas, D Heaton, L Leonard, T Stanbridge
(arrived during Item 3) and Mrs S Goodwin, Clerk.

IN ATTENDANCE: Four members of the public were in attendance, one of whom arrived
during Item 4.

1.   **APOLOGIES**
Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr R Porter.

2.   **COUNCILLOR DECLARATIONS**
Cllr Stanbridge declared an interest in Item 5.1, due to living near the site.
Cllr Thomas declared an interest in Items 5.2 and 5.3, due to living next door.

3.   **MINUTES OF THE PLANNING MEETING HELD ON 16TH APRIL 2012**
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.   **APPOINTMENT OF SUB-COMMITTEE**
This item was discussed after Item 6, to allow Mr Damian Regan to arrive.
Mr Ian Pinks and Mr Damian Regan had been invited to the meeting to express their
ideas on the formation of a sub-committee to consider traveller planning applications.
Mr Pinks outlined the issue – that each time a traveller planning application is received
for comment by interested parties, such as residents and the Parish Council, it is
necessary to start from scratch each time as no one has much knowledge of traveller
law. In the Maidstone area only two or three agents are used by travellers to assist in
their applications and they have a full understanding of the law.
Mr Regan suggested that local parish councils within perhaps a 10 to 15 mile radius,
either officially or unofficially, could get together to pool their knowledge. At the
present time there is no sharing of knowledge between different groups. Mr Regan
suggested a quarterly forum, using a structured approach and including members of the
MBC Planning Committee and MP Helen Grant. Members agreed that it would be
important to get borough councillors involved in the forum. The Chairman also agreed
to speak to the Chair of the Maidstone Area Committee of the Kent Association of
Local Councils about the idea.
Members agreed that a sub-committee of the Parish Council should be appointed as a
start to the process, following which the Parish Council would look to liaise with other
parishes using the forum approach. Mr Regan agreed that he would be happy to attend
the sub-committee meetings once it had been set up. The Chairman asked Mr Regan if
he could produce a terms of reference for the sub-committee, which he agreed to do.
The Chairman thanked Mr Regan and Mr Pinks for attending the meeting.

5.   **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**
The following application was considered and recommendation made:

5.1   **Amsbury Farm** – MA/12/0585
Erection of steel framed extension to existing pear store to provide tractor/bin storage
building.
Parish Council recommendation: Do not wish to object to the application, subject to an
increase in landscaping, in particular the planting of more mature trees in an irregular
pattern. This would help break up the outline of the building and break up/minimise
the impact of the security lighting on the surrounding area.

5.2   **Barn on Land at Oast House Cottage, Barn Hill** – MA/12/0397
Amendments to planning permission MA/98/0032 (conversion of barn to a single dwelling) being installation of two conservation roof lights to eastern elevation and alterations to internal layout.
Parish Council recommendation: Do not wish to object or comment on the application.

5.3   **Barn on Land at Oast House Cottage, Barn Hill** – MA/12/0398
Amendments to Listed Building Consent MA/97/1737 (Listed Building Consent for conversion of a barn to a single dwelling) being installation of two conservation roof lights to eastern elevation and alterations to internal layout.
Parish Council recommendation: Do not wish to object or comment on the application.

6.   **REPORTED DECISIONS**
No recent planning decisions have been received from Maidstone Borough Council.

There being no further planning matters to be discussed the meeting closed at 9:05pm.