

HUNTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PLANNING MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 20TH MAY 2013
AT HUNTON VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT: Cllr G Thomas in the Chair, Cllrs D Heaton, R Porter, S Wyles, T Stanbridge (arrived just before the end of the meeting) and Mrs S Goodwin, Clerk.

IN ATTENDANCE: There were 10 members of the public in attendance.

OPEN SESSION:

In the open session prior to the start of the meeting a number of parishioners voiced their objections to planning application MA/13/0255, Mulberry Farm, East Street to be discussed at Item 4.1.

The objections to the application included the following:

- The original application, MA/03/1087, was granted on appeal. One of the conditions was for the stationing of three static caravans. A further two mobile homes are now being requested, one of which is already on the site, so this is a retrospective application for that home. On the appeal, the officer recognised the concern of the community about gypsies being on site and retrospectively applying for permission.
- The site is in a Special Landscape Area. When permission was granted on appeal, the officer specifically stated that no more than three mobile homes and one touring caravan should be allowed due to the effect on the landscape.
- Concerns about the impact on the public footpath.
- Concerns about a possible change in ownership and what might happen in future.
- One reason for granting the application on appeal was so there was no disruption to the schooling of the children at the time. This is not relevant now.
- One of the mobile homes on the site looks more like a bungalow than a mobile home.
- One of the reasons for the original application was to farm the land, but the land is being farmed by someone else in the village. There is no need for additional family members to be on the site for the purpose of assisting with farm work.

The Chairman advised those parishioners with objections to write to the MBC Planning Officer.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr R Sawtell.

2. COUNCILLOR DECLARATIONS

2.1 Declaration of Interests

There were no councillor declarations.

2.2 Dispensations

There were no requests for dispensations.

3. MINUTES OF THE PLANNING MEETING HELD ON 4TH MARCH 2013

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 application was considered and recommendation made:

4.1 Mulberry Farm, East Street – MA/13/0255

Variation of condition 04 of planning permission reference MA/03/1087 granted on appeal (being the change of use of land to residential for three mobile homes for a gypsy family) to allow for the stationing of a further two mobile homes for family members.

Parish Council recommendation: Refuse and request the application is reported to MBC Planning Committee.

5. REPORTED PLANNING DECISIONS

No decisions have been received from Maidstone Borough Council.

There being no further planning matters to be discussed, the meeting closed at 8:00pm.