

HUNTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PLANNING MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER 2016 AT 7:30PM
AT HUNTON VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT: Cllr G Thomas in the Chair, Cllrs T Stanbridge, D Heaton and A Trought and Mrs S Goodwin, Clerk.

IN ATTENDANCE: There was no one in attendance.

1. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence.

2. FILMING AND RECORDING

No members of the public expressed a wish to present to film, record or photograph the meeting.

3. COUNCILLOR DECLARATIONS

3.1 Declaration of Interests

There were no councillor declarations.

3.2 Dispensations

There were no requests for dispensations.

4. MINUTES OF THE PLANNING MEETING HELD ON 9TH MAY 2016

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

5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following applications were considered and recommendations made:

5.1 The Chances, Lughorse Lane - 16/505965/FULL

Variation of condition 2 of 15/506245/FULL (Permanent siting of one static and one touring caravan for residential use by Romany gypsies) – to allow extra static home.
Parish Council recommendation: Refuse and request the application is reported to the Planning Committee.

Reasons for recommending refusal are: the whole of The Chances site, incorporating plots 1 and 2, is only 0.2 hectares in size (not 0.4 hectares as has previously been stated) and is not large enough to fit in three static caravans and three touring caravans. There is only sufficient space for two static caravans and two touring caravans on the whole site. In addition, the plans submitted are incorrect; the access road to the site is not owned by the plot owners, they have right of access only. The disposal of waste water also poses a public and environmental health risk. There are two cess pits on The Chances, one on each plot, which are likely to be inadequate if there is an increased number of caravans, and therefore occupants, on the site. The site is on higher ground than the nearby culvert and the adjacent playing field, so should there be an overflow or leak, there is a high risk of pollution as any overflow would naturally flow to the water course in the vicinity of the site and would also pollute the neighbouring recreation ground.

5.2 The Chances, Lughorse Lane – 16/505347/FULL

Variation of Condition 2 and 8 of planning permission 15/506338/FULL (Permanent siting of one static and one touring caravan for residential use by Romany gypsies) – to permit the stationing of two static caravans and two touring caravans on the land and to vary the site layout to form a third plot.

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

The reasons for recommending refusal are the same as for planning application 16/505965/FULL.

6. REPORTED PLANNING DECISIONS

The following decision received from Maidstone Borough Council was **Noted**:

6.1 Little Clock House, George Street - 16/503625/FULL

Removal of conditions 1 and 2 of APP/U2235/A/14/2211144 (An application to remove conditions 1 and 2 and vary conditions 3 and 4 of appeal decision dated 29th November 1995 in order to allow permanent unrestricted occupancy by gypsies and travellers and allow the stationing of five caravans (including one tourer) and the parking of four commercial vehicles.) In order to make permission permanent and limiting occupation to Gypsies and Travellers.

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

Maidstone Borough Council recommendation: Refused planning permission.

7. COLLABORATIVE MEETING ON FLOODING

Cllr Thomas had attended the meeting on 23rd August 2016 at Collier Street Parish Council. The Environment Agency (EA) is not planning any protection of properties in the area other than offering £5,500 per affected household to enable individuals to protect their own properties. The Flood Group plans to review the EA evidence for not putting a flood storage area on the River Beult or River Teise. Helen Grant MP attended the meeting and will obtain the information from the EA.

Neil Gunn of the EA is setting up some meetings in October.

There being no further planning matters to be discussed, the meeting closed at 8:40pm.