



MINUTES OF THE MEETING of Hadlow Down Parish Council
held in Hadlow Down Village Hall, Hadlow Down
at 6:15pm on Tuesday 18th April 2017.

Present: Councillors Sandra Richards (SR) (Chair), Damon Wellman (DW) and Helen Bonnick (HB). The Clerk Helen Johnson was in attendance.

Apologies had been received from Cllr Toby Illingworth.

26. PUBLIC QUESTIONS – members of the public raised their concerns over planning application WD/2017/0574/F.

Cllr. Michael Lunn (ML) joined the meeting at 6:20pm.

27. APOLOGIES AND REASON FOR ABSENCE – apologies had been received from Cllr. Iain Turner, these were accepted.

28. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – none declared.

29. PLANNING:

PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

- i. WD/2017/0574/F – GATE HOUSE FARM, STOCKLANDS LANE, TN22 4EA – Redevelopment of site including demolition of existing industrial farm building, removal of water holding tanks and associated industrial paraphernalia and construction of four detached dwellings and associated works. The Parish Council had received a number of letters of objection to the application. The Chair asked members of the public when the site had last actively been used as a fish farm and about the number of vehicle movements at that time.

The Parish Council strongly object to the application for the following reasons:

We feel that it is overdevelopment of the site in an AONB;

Residents at our planning meeting advised that the site hasn't been used for 7 years and prior to that they believed that trip movements were minimal. The proposed application would also increase trip movements from the site in contravention of policy AF1 as it is within the Ashdown Forest 7km exclusion zone;

We believe that the design of the dwellings is not in keeping with the varied rural character of other dwellings in Stocklands Lane. The size of the gardens is also not in keeping with the relevant size of gardens for 4 bedroom houses in the parish. – Policy EN27;

We feel that one of the proposed dwellings will overlook a neighbouring property, resulting in a loss of privacy for the occupants – Policy EN27;

The position of the proposed western driveway will have an impact on the neighbouring property with construction traffic accessing and egressing the site. We feel that the eastern driveway would be more suitable;

The position of the site is in an unsustainable location;

We came to our decision with the knowledge that there isn't a five year housing supply and that the habitat regulations over-rule any requirement for the lack of five year supply; and

We also feel that the application is in contravention of landscape conservation – Policy EN6. (0/4)

HB left the meeting at 6:40pm

- ii. WD/2017/0587/F – STOCKYARDS FARM, STONEHURST LANE, FIVE ASHES, TN20 6LL – To build a wooden framed building in the garden of Stockyards

HB rejoined the meeting at 6:41pm. Cllr. Julian Michaelson-Yeates joined the meeting at 6:45pm

The Parish Council do not support the application as they feel it is contravention of policy DC19/3 due to the size and character of the development. They also feel that it is not in keeping with the layout of the existing buildings. (0/4 and 1 abstention)

The meeting closed at 6:49pm