

Hadlow Down Parish Council

MINUTES OF A PLANNING MEETING OF HADLOW DOWN PARISH COUNCIL

Held in the Village Hall, Hadlow Down

at 7 pm on Tuesday December 16th 2008

Note – this is a draft copy to be agreed and amended, if necessary, at the next Planning Meeting.

In attendance: Cllrs David Walker (Planning Chairman), Paul James, Tony Bonnick, Lucy McConachie and Graham Terry. Also Parish Clerk Helen Simpson-Wells.

Clerk to report to ESCC that the hedge at the top of School Lane needs cutting back. Also the footpath sign at the end of Hall Lane, near Canters End needs putting back into the ground. She will also chase them regarding the clearing of gulley's especially in Dog Kennel Lane and the remedial work to this Lane following a lorry creating ruts and putting mud on the road.

1. MATTERS ARISING:

HUGGETTS FURNACE PUBLIC FOOTPATH – proposed diversion and creation of new public footpath. Paul updated the Parish Council on the conversation he had with Graham Kean of WDC. Clerk to write to Graham advising that the Parish Council stand by the letter they previously sent dated 13th Aug. 2008 objecting to the diversion and that they wholeheartedly agree with the Ramblers' Association letter of 15th Dec. 2008. **HSW**

COOPERS FARM, FIVE CHIMNEYS LANE – call received from parishioner. Clerk clarified that in the minutes of 4th Nov. at point 8 the Councillors spoke to 2 near neighbours when they carried out the site visit. The applicant, Michael Lunn spoke to all near neighbours.

2. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Apologies received from Cllrs Colin James and Michael Lunn and ESCC Councillor Norman Buck.

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None received.

4. APPLICATIONS:

WD/2008/2925/F – FIVE CHIMNEYS FARM, CURTAINS HILL, HADLOW DOWN TN22 4DU – Siting of an agricultural workers temporary dwelling in connection with the free range egg laying enterprise. The Parish Council is disappointed that this planning application was not part of planning application WD/2008/2242/MRM. They feel that the applicant should show a firm intent by building the chicken unit WD/2008/2242/MRM, prior to there being a need for a mobile home on the site. We feel that should the egg production cease to trade, the mobile home should be vacated and removed. At point 16 on this application the applicants have advised there are no trees or hedges whereas there are both of these. Also at point 25 we would like to point out that the site is visible from the A272.

WD/2008/2855/F – LYNX HOUSE, SCHOOL LANE, HADLOW DOWN, TN22 4JE – Stable for horses and outdoor manege area. Following a site visit we appreciate that some of our original objections to application WD/2008/1301/FR are no longer applicable e.g. water drainage, water flows from Green Lane. We recognise the efforts made by the applicant to reduce the visual impact however none of this ameliorates from the fundamental objection that the building is disproportionate to the size of the site. We would look favourably upon plans to reduce the size and height of the barn. Enclose a copy of our response to application WD/2008/1301/FR from 17th June 08

WD/2008/2858/F – TREETOPS, WILDERNESS LANE, HADLOW DOWN TN22 4HU – Proposed extension and remodelling of existing house and proposed new car entry/exit point with new build car port/log store/study building. Following a site visit we offer our full support to the alterations to the house and would consider this beneficial to tidying up the building, which has had badly conceived extensions over the years. We fully support the applicants use of ecologically sound proposed building practices. We feel however that the proposed garage block seems rather excessive in its height at 5.5m. We would prefer to see a traditional Sussex pitched roof, more in keeping with its situation in the High Weald and AONB.

5. **GRANTED PLANNING PERMISSION**

None received.

6. **REFUSED PLANNING PERMISSION**

None received

7. **OTHER MATTERS:**

Wealden Design Guide – been passed to David

Section 106 – filed

Bollards outside New Inn – David/Paul to check markings for these

Section 31(6) – filed

Planning Meeting closed at 9:15pm

Signed Date