

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF STAPLEHURST PARISH COUNCIL
PLANNING COMMITTEE
held at Staplehurst Village Centre on
Tuesday 3rd January 2012 at 7 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors Ashby, Buller, Spearink and Butcher who was in the Chair. Chairman Perry & Vice Chairmen Burnham and Paul Kelly (Ex Officio). Parish Clerk: Mrs. JS Bassett

APOLOGIES: Councillors Green and John Kelly whose reasons for apology were accepted.

URGENT ITEM(S): No items were requested.

COUNCILOR DECLARATIONS:

1. Lobbying – All Councillors declared they had been lobbied regarding MA/11/1583. Councillor Buller declared she had been lobbied regarding MA/11/2153.
2. Personal Interest – Councillor Butcher declared a personal interest regarding MA/11/2153.
3. Prejudicial Interest – None declared.

APPROVAL OF PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES: Minute Pages 1020P-1021P of 19th December 2011 were approved and made available at: http://www.staplehurstvillage.org.uk/minutes_of_the_last_meetings.aspx

FULL PLANNING APPLICATION:

MA/11/1583 **Lakelands, Clapper Lane** – Erection of first floor side extension, rear balcony, conversion of integral garaging to living accommodation and erection of entrance gates and walls (resubmission of MA/11/0269). After much discussion, Councillors recommended REFUSAL because the proposed brick frontage with gates were considered to change the character of and have an urbanising effect on this rural lane. Councillors requested this application be reported to MBC Planning Committee.

MA/11/2153 **24 Greenhill, Staplehurst** - Single storey side/rear extension. After much discussion Councillors recommended REFUSAL because the scale and mass of the proposal and its proximity to the boundary would alter the streetscene. Councillors did not request this application be reported to MBC Planning Committee.

APPEALS LODGED:

ENF/8379 **Old Hertsfield Farm Buildings, Staplehurst Road, Marden** – Public Enquiry into appeal against Enforcement Notice; without planning permission the change of use of land from agriculture to residential occupation of the portable cabin, parking, storage of touring caravan and motor vehicles unconnected with agriculture, hardsurfacing and construction of domestic paraphernalia. Public Inquiry will be held on 31st January 2012 at 10:00 a.m. in Town Hall, High Street, Maidstone. DoE Ref: APP/U2235/C/11/2160466. Councillors noted.

- MA/10/1221 **Blue Bell Farm, George Street** – Removal of Condition 1 (to allow permanent occupation) and the variation of condition 3 (to allow no more than 4 caravans, as defined in the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act 1960 and the Caravan Sites Act 1968 (of which no more than 2 shall be a static caravan or mobile home) shall be stationed on the site at any time) of permission MA/08/1919. Councillors noted the draft letter from Staplehurst Society objecting to the appeal and agreed that the Chairman should write similarly.
- MA/10/1222 **The Paddocks, George Street** – Removal of Condition 1 (to allow permanent occupation) and the variation of condition 3 (to allow no more than 4 caravans, as defined in the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act 1960 and the Caravan Sites Act 1968 (of which no more than 2 shall be a static caravan or mobile home) shall be stationed on the site at any time) of permission MA/08/1920. Councillors noted the draft letter from Staplehurst Society objecting to the appeal and agreed that the Chairman should write similarly.

CORRESPONDENCE

Wrought Iron Gates at Staplehurst Railway Station – Councillors noted the resident’s letter and agreed this should be taken into consideration if/when the Tesco supermarket application was lodged.

REPORTED DECISIONS:

- MA/11/0037 **34 Stanley Close** – Erection of dwellinghouse. MBC GRANTED with 8 conditions SPC had recommended refusal (Min 991P).
- MA/11/1624 **Green Court Cottage** – Listed Building Consent for alterations to fenestration of rear extension, installation of rooflights and removal and replacement of staircases. MBC GRANTED subject to 04 conditions. SPC had recommended these matters be left to the Conservation Officer (Min 1015 & 1017P).
- MA/11/1625 **Twisden Barn, Great Pagehurst, Pagehurst Road** – Listed Building Consent for the replacement of doors and windows to property MBC GRANTED with 02 conditions. SPC had recommended approval (Min 1016P).
- MA/11/1791 **Unit B Block B, Honeycrest Industrial Park, Lodge Road** –Renewal of permission MA/08/1560 for the erection of 1 detached two-storey office unit with associated works and car parking MBC GRANTED with 07 conditions. SPC had recommended approval (Min 1014P).
- MA/11/1906 **The Oast House, Ely Court, Goudhurst Road** – Listed Building Consent to replace extant listed building consent MA/08/2009 for conversion of redundant oast house to a three bedroom dwelling MBC GRANTED subject to 05 conditions. SPC had recommended approval (Min 1017P).

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