

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF STAPLEHURST PARISH COUNCIL
PLANNING COMMITTEE
held at Staplehurst Village Centre on
Monday 17th October 2011 at 7 p.m.

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

APOLOGIES: None as all present.

COUNCILOR DECLARATIONS:

1. Lobbying – All except Councillor Perry declared they had been lobbied in respect of all items on the Agenda.
2. Personal Interest – None declared.
3. Prejudicial Interest – None declared.

FULL PLANNING APPLICATION:

MA/11/1487 **Staplehurst Transits, Staplehurst Road, MARDEN** – Extension to existing warehouse building and insertion of loading bays, hardstanding, access and parking layout revision & new landscaping. Councillors noted but after much discussion agreed no comment.

MA/11/1585 **6 South Bank** – Formation of a rear balcony upon existing flat roof. Councillors recommended REFUSAL because of the overlooking of neighbouring properties that the proposal would create. Councillors did not request this application be reported to Maidstone Planning Committee but commented that if the Planning Officer was minded to approve, this Council would wish to see side-screening of the balcony.

MA/11/1600 **22 Hurst Close** – Erection of a single storey rear extension. Councillors recommended REFUSAL because the proposal was considered over-intensive for the site, would cause access issues to the garden and add to drainage problems in the area. Councillors did not request this application be reported to Maidstone Planning Committee but commented that if the Planning Officer was minded to approve, this Council would wish to see effective sound-control to the extension wall.

URGENT ITEM

TA/0132/11 **Little Surrenden, Crowther Close** – Staplehurst Conservation area notification of intention to crown reduce 2No oak trees to 12-15m from ground level and to remove all branches from 1No horse chestnut and reduce height to 5m. After discussion Councillors recommended no comment.

REPORTED DECISIONS:

MA/11/1118 **Whiteacres, Marden Road** – Change of use of land for the stationing of an additional 4 mobile homes for a gypsy family MBC GRANTED with 5 conditions. SPC had recommended Refusal (Min 1003P)

MA/11/1163 **4 Church Hill Cottages, High Street** – Insertion of a front dormer window MBC GRANTED with 4 conditions. SPC had recommended Approval (Min 1003P)

MA/11/1174 **4 Church Hill Cottages, High Street** – An application for Listed Building Consent to strip and retile roof, form opening through tiled and plasterboard lined roof and insert a dormer window to front elevation and installation of a wood burning stove in lounge with metal flue in existing chimney MBC GRANTED with 4 conditions. SPC had recommended Approval (Min 1004P)

MA/11/1208 **Bly Court Manor, Chapel Lane** – Alterations to front elevation including removal of first floor render and rebuilding of ground floor brickwork, plus erection of a single storey link extension and conversion of outbuilding to breakfast area including installation of two rooflights – MBC WITHDRAWN SPC had recommended Approval (Min 998P)

MA/11/1219 **Bly Court Manor, Chapel Lane** – an application for Listed Building Consent for alterations to front elevation including removal of first floor render and rebuilding of ground floor brickwork, plus erection of a single storey link extension and conversion of outbuilding– MBC WITHDRAWN SPC had recommended Approval (Min 999P)

MA/11/1293 **40 Jaggard Way** – Proposed erection of a single storey building to be used as a Hydrotherapy Referral Centre for dogs MBC GRANTED. SPC had recommended Approval (Min 1004P)

MA/11/1297 **The Wild Duck, Pagehurst Road** – Revised application to MA/11/0493 for change of use and extension to existing public house/restaurant building to 2no. residential dwellings with garage

building and associated works MBC GRANTED with 9 conditions. SPC had recommended Approval (Min 1004P)

MA/11/1319 **Gresham House, Station Road** – Erection of a front porch MBC GRANTED with 3 conditions. SPC had recommended Approval (Min 1004P)

MA/11/1455 **Lake House, Iden Park, Cranbrook Road** - Application to discharge conditions relating to MA/11/0840 (Erection of single storey extension) being details of condition 2 materials, and condition 3 joinery MBC APPROVES. SPC had noted (Min 1007P)

MA/11/1456 **Lake House, Iden Park, Cranbrook Road** - Application to discharge conditions relating to MA/11/0841 (An application for listed building consent for the erection of a single storey extension) being details of condition 2 materials, and condition 3 joinery MBC APPROVES. SPC had noted (Min 1007P)

MA/11/1483 **45 Bell Lane** – An application for non-material amendment to MA/10/2182 (erection of a single storey extension and reduction in roof height of original single storey addition with installation of lantern style rooflight) being alteration to height and design of the lantern style rooflight MBC GRANTED. SPC had noted that MBC had since approved (Min 1009P)

Chairman.....

PUBLIC FORUM – A resident of Headcorn Road commented that traffic and footpath problems caused by the development at Parisfield were dreadful. Councillor Buller commented that she had received lots of complaints from residents. She had witnessed mothers with children having to walk in the road and pathways being blocked with vehicles. Councillors agreed that these issues should be brought to the attention of the Police.