

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF STAPLEHURST PARISH COUNCIL  
PLANNING COMMITTEE  
held at Staplehurst Village Centre on  
Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2011 at 7 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Councillors Margaret Ashby, Joan Buller, Simon Green, John Kelly, Peter Spearink and Paul Butcher who was in the Chair. Vice Chairmen Tom Burnham and Paul Kelly (Ex Officio). Parish Clerk: Mrs. JS Bassett

**APOLOGIES:** Councillor John Perry whose reason for apology was accepted.

**APPROVAL OF PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES:** Minute Pages 1013P-1015P of 7<sup>th</sup> November 2011 were approved and signed by Planning Chairman Councillor Paul Butcher. [http://www.staplehurstvillage.org.uk/minutes\\_of\\_the\\_last\\_meetings.aspx](http://www.staplehurstvillage.org.uk/minutes_of_the_last_meetings.aspx)

**COUNCILLOR DECLARATIONS:**

1. Lobbying – MA/11/1755 all Councillors declared they had been lobbied by letter and in person.
2. Personal Interest – MA/11/1755 Councillors Paul Butcher, Simon Green and Paul Kelly declared a personal interest.
3. Prejudicial Interest – None declared.

**FULL PLANNING APPLICATION:**

MA/11/1755 **Cross at hand Garage, Maidstone Road** – Proposed car body workshop with spray booth and change of use of agricultural land to parking. Councillors discussed the issues in depth. Councillors recommended REFUSAL because development of parking spaces in the agricultural countryside was contrary to ENV28 and had previously been refused at appeal. Councillors had no objection to the proposed building replacements but requested this application be reported to MBC Planning Committee.

**APPLICATION TO DISCHARGE OF CONDITIONS:**

MA/11/1698 **Little Newstead Barn, Couchman Green Lane** – relating to MA/09/1678 – erection of a single storey detached garage - being details of condition 2 materials. Noted.

**LISTED BUILDING CONSENT:**

MA/11/1625 **Twisden Barn, Great Pagehurst, Pagehurst Road** – Replacement of doors and windows to property. Councillors recommended APPROVAL and did not request this be reported to Planning Committee.

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MA/11/1906 **The Oast House, Ely Court, Goudhurst Road** – Replace extant listed building consent MA/08/2009 for conversion of redundant oast house to a three bedroom dwelling. Councillors recommended APPROVAL and did not request this be reported to Planning Committee.

**URGENT ITEM**

Ma/11/1624 **Green Court Cottage, High Street** – Application for Listed Building Consent for alterations to fenestration of rear extension, installation of rooflights and removal and replacement of staircases. Councillors Joan Buller and Simon Green declared a personal interest in this application. AMENDED DETAILS were noted without comment.

**REPORTED DECISIONS:**

MA/11/0875 **Winthrop Hall, Cranbrook Road** – Erection of low level bollard lighting to site access road MBC GRANTED with 3 conditions. SPC had recommended Approval (Min 998P).

MA/11/1585 **6 South Bank** – Formation of a rear balcony upon existing flat roof. MBC GRANTED with 2 conditions. SPC had recommended refusal (Min 1010P).

MA/11/1600 **22 Hurst Close** – Erection of a single storey rear extension. MBC GRANTED with 3 conditions. SPC had recommended refusal (Min 1010P).

TA/0132/11 **Crowther Close** – 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. MBC GRANTED. SPC no comment (Min 1011P).

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**PUBLIC FORUM**

MA/11/1755 – A neighbour and the applicant both lobbied Councillors at the beginning of the meeting.

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