

HUNTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 23RD APRIL 2018 AT 7:30PM AT HUNTON VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT: Cllr G Thomas in the Chair, Cllrs D Heaton, T Stanbridge, R Lee, H Ward, A Trought and J Goddard (entered during Item 5.1) and Mrs S Goodwin, Clerk.

IN ATTENDANCE: No members of the public were in attendance.

1. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence.

2. FILMING AND RECORDING

There were no members of the public present to film, record or photograph the meeting.

3. COUNCILLOR DECLARATIONS

3.1 Declaration of Interests

There were no councillor declarations.

3.2 Dispensations

There were no requests for dispensations.

4. MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 29TH JANUARY 2018

The minutes of the meeting had been previously distributed and were agreed to be an accurate record. The Chairman signed the official copy of the minutes.

5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following applications were considered and recommendations made:

5.1 Bridge House, East Street – 18/501537/LBC

Listed Building Consent for the erection of a two storey extension to include a kitchen, master bedroom with en-suite, alterations to form a utility room, mezzanine floor over bathroom and remodel stairs, insertion of two new windows and one rooflight.

Parish Council recommendation: No objection.

5.2 Claremont, West Street – 18/501151/FULL

Erection of a front porch.

Parish Council recommendation: No objection.

5.3 Wilsons Yard, George Street – 18/501503/PNPA

Prior notification for the change of use of premises in light industrial use (Class B1 (c)) and any land within its curtilage to five dwelling houses. For its prior approval to: - Transport and Highways impacts of the development. - Contamination risks on the site. - Flooding risks on the site. - Where the building is located in an area that is important for industrial services or storage or distribution services or a mix of those services, whether the introduction of, or an increase in, a residential use of premises in the area would have an adverse impact on the sustainability of the provision of those services.

Parish Council recommendation: Refuse. The Parish Council is deeply concerned about the prior notification as, although Members support the site being converted to residential use, it is entirely unsuitable for the existing building to be converted to five dwellings. There is also a lack of clarity as to what the rest of the site will be used for.

6. REPORTED PLANNING DECISIONS

No planning decisions have been received from MBC since the last Full Council meeting.

7. GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION – POWERS FOR DEALING WITH UNAUTHORISED DEVELOPMENT AND ENCAMPMENTS

Members considered the consultation and **Agreed** that they would welcome any improvements in the existing law to plug any loopholes. ACTION: CLERK

8. PARISH SERVICES SCHEME

Members reviewed the Parish Services Scheme funding agreement for 2018/19. Members **Agreed** that the funding agreement should not be signed and a letter should be written to Maidstone Borough Council to note their concern that the grant has been reduced by 20% from last year and the Parish Council's costs are far in excess of the amount received from MBC. In addition, the Parish Council puts up MBC notices on its notice boards with no recompense. ACTION: CLERK

There being no further planning matters to be discussed, the meeting closed at 8:20pm.