

## HUNTON PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> JUNE 2020 AT 7:30PM BY TELECONFERENCE

**PRESENT:** Cllr D Heaton in the Chair, Cllrs A Trought, R Lee and G Thomas, and Mrs S Goodwin, Clerk.

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

#### 1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr H Ward.

#### 2. FILMING AND RECORDING

There were no members of the public present to record the meeting.

#### 3. COUNCILLOR DECLARATIONS

##### 3.1 Declaration of Interests

There were no declarations of interests.

##### 3.2 Dispensations

There were no requests for dispensations.

#### 4. MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 4<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2020

The minutes of the meeting had been previously distributed and were agreed to be an accurate record. The Chairman will sign the official copy of the minutes at the next Planning Committee meeting held in person.

#### 5. PLANNING APPLICATION

The following application was considered, and recommendation made:

##### 5.1 Old Savage Farmhouse, East Street - 20/502287/FULL

Erection of a single storey rear extension and covered seating area.  
Parish Council recommendation: No objection.

#### 6. REPORTED PLANNING DECISIONS

The following decisions, made by Maidstone Borough Council, were **Noted**:

##### 6.1 The Green Barn, Water Lane - Appeal APP/U2235/W/18/3218587 (Pl. ref. 18/501120/FULL)

Variation of condition 1 and 2 of MA/02/1380 (Retrospective application for change of use from agriculture to agriculture and residential use including the stationing of a mobile home for one gypsy family) approved under appeal (APP/U2235/A/1104824) to allow an additional 4 mobile homes (totalling 5 mobile homes).

Parish Council recommendation: Refuse as the application is contrary to government policy. According to DCLG 'Planning policy for traveller sites', gypsies and travellers must be 'persons of nomadic habit of life'. There is no justification of gypsy or traveller lifestyle in the application. The proposed increase of four mobile homes is too many for this site and would cause harm to the open countryside and adversely impact on the rural character and appearance of the area. It would represent inappropriate development in the countryside. The site is also in an unsustainable location, with a lack of basic services and amenities, roadside footpaths and street lighting, requiring the use of a vehicle.

Maidstone Borough Council decision: Appeal dismissed and/or notice upheld.

##### 6.2 The Green Barn, Water Lane - 19/505670/FULL

Variation of condition 1 and 2 of application MA/02/1380 (Retrospective application for change of use from agriculture to agriculture and residential use including the stationing of a mobile home for one gypsy family) approved under appeal (APP/U2235/A/02/1104824) to allow additional 4 mobile homes (total 5 Static caravans on site).

Parish Council recommendation: Refuse, on the same basis as the previous application as there has been no significant change.

Maidstone Borough Council decision: Application no longer available for viewing on the MBC Planning Portal. Status: NPROC (the planning application has not progressed).

**6.3 Hilltop Farm, Shingle Barn Lane, West Farleigh - 20/501477/FULL**

Conversion of an agricultural building to a single residential dwelling (previously approved under reference 19/505751/PNQCLA), including erection of a single storey rear extension.

Parish Council recommendation: No objection.

Maidstone Borough Council decision: Application withdrawn.

**There being no further planning matters to be discussed, the meeting closed at 7:41pm.**