

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF STAPLEHURST PARISH COUNCIL  
PLANNING COMMITTEE  
held at Staplehurst Village Centre on  
Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2015 at 7.00 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Councillors Ashby, Buller, Gosling, Kemp and Spearink. Ex Officio: Chairman Silkin, Vice Chairman Kelly and Vice Chairman Burnham who was in the chair.  
Parish Clerk: Mr. M J Westwood

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors Butcher and Green whose apologies were accepted.

**APPROVAL OF PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES:** Minute Pages 1204P-1206P of 7<sup>th</sup> April 2015 were approved, signed by Councillor Burnham and made available at [http://www.staplehurstvillage.org.uk/minutes\\_of\\_the\\_last\\_meetings.aspx](http://www.staplehurstvillage.org.uk/minutes_of_the_last_meetings.aspx).

**URGENT ITEMS:** Councillors agreed to take one item of urgent business in respect of application MA/13/1453 Land off Clapper Lane.

**COUNCILLOR DECLARATIONS:**

1. Declarations of Lobbying – none declared.
2. Declarations of Changes to the Register of Interests – none declared.
3. Declarations of Interest in Items on the Agenda – none declared.
4. Requests for Dispensation – none requested.

**AGREED URGENT ITEMS:**

MA/13/1453 **Land off Clapper Lane TN12 ORB** – Change of use of land to use as a residential caravan site for one gypsy family with two caravans, including one static mobile home, together with the erection of a utility building and laying of hardstanding. Councillors noted that Councillor Buller had attended MBC's Planning Committee meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> April, when there was insufficient time to discuss the application, and that consideration was deferred until 23<sup>rd</sup> April. Considering that the Parish Council had not requested referral to Planning Committee and that MBC had not provided any other reason for referral (in spite of clarification being requested), councillors agreed not to send a representative. However, in view of the time elapsed since the Parish Council's recommendation for REFUSAL in September 2013 (Min 1122P), councillors agreed to reiterate it and send a question and supplementary comments: (i) they asked whether proof of the applicant's and intended residents' status had been sought; (ii) there was evidence that site water was discharging into a public culvert; (iii) the site exit is too close to the T-junction from which a minimum distance of 35 metres should apply.

**FULL PLANNING APPLICATION:** (for recommendation)

15/502307 **7 South Bank TN12 OBZ** – Loft conversion with velux windows and new gable end to roof. Councillors voted nem con to recommend APPROVAL to the MBC Planning Officer.

**REPORTED DECISION:** (for noting)

15/501374 **Land at Pullen Farm, Staplehurst Road, Frittenden** – EIA Screening Opinion – Installation of solar rays MBC NOT REQUIRED. Noted by councillors.

Chairman.....

**PUBLIC FORUM** – no items were raised.