

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF STAPLEHURST PARISH COUNCIL
PLANNING COMMITTEE
held at Staplehurst Village Centre on
Monday 3rd November 2014 at 7.00 p.m.

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

APOLOGIES: Councillors Butcher and Kemp whose reasons for apology were accepted.

APPROVAL OF PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES: Minute Pages 1182P-1183P of 20th October 2014 were approved, signed by Councillor Burnham and made available at http://www.staplehurstvillage.org.uk/minutes_of_the_last_meetings.aspx. Councillor Ashby abstained.

URGENT ITEMS: None.

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 – Councillor Buller declared an interest in 14/504042.
4. Requests for Dispensation – none requested.

FULL PLANNING APPLICATION: (for recommendation)

- 14/500707 **Woodside, Cork Lane TN12 0HA** – Retrospective application for the erection of an outbuilding/store. Councillors voted nem con to recommend APPROVAL to the MBC Planning Officer.
- 14/503965 **Unit 10 Honeycrest Industrial Park, Lodge Road** – Erection of a detached two storey building, car and cycle parking and associated works (renewal of planning permission MA/11/1791). Councillors voted nem con to recommend APPROVAL to the MBC Planning Officer.
- 14/504042 **Homeleigh Timber Supplies, Station Road TN12 0PY** – Removal of condition 11 of MA/10/0220 (outline planning permission for erection of up to 14 dwellings with associated works including parking with access to be considered at this stage and all other matters reserved for future consideration). *Councillor Buller left the meeting for the duration of this item.* Councillors voted to recommend to the MBC Planning Officer APPROVAL of the removal of the condition in order to allow an increase in parking provision from 1.5 to 2 spaces per dwelling. They wished to record that they retained their original concerns about MA/10/0220 and recent application 14/503305.

REPORTED DECISIONS: (for noting)

- MA/14/0237 **Forge House and Maxteds, High Street** – Refurbishment, extensions and alterations: MBC GRANTED with 5 Conditions. SPC had recommended Approval (Min 1153P & 1171P). Noted by councillors.

- MA/14/0611 **Bell Hotel, High Street** – An application for the erection of 6no. dwellings (resubmission of MA/13/1887) MBC GRANTED with 15 Conditions. SPC had recommended Refusal (Min 1159P). Noted by councillors.
- MA/14/0832 **Land at Fishers Oast, Fishers Road** – An application to discharge conditions relating to MA/13/1580 (Demolition of motor vehicle body repair workshop and demolition of 2no. existing dwellings in converted farm buildings. Erection of 4no. two-bedroomed dwellings and 2no. three-bedroomed dwellings with associated garaging/parking and landscaping) MBC APPROVES. SPC had Noted (Min 1165P). Noted by councillors.
- 14/501982 **The Furrow, Great Pagehurst Farm, Pagehurst Road** – Prior Approval: Change of use of agricultural building to a dwelling house MBC APPROVED with 1 Condition. SPC had recommended Refusal (Min 1178P & 1183P). Noted by councillors.
- 14/501985 **The Dairy, Great Pagehurst Farm, Pagehurst Road** – Prior Approval: Change of Use of agricultural building to a dwelling house MBC REFUSED. SPC had recommended Refusal (Min 1178P). Noted by councillors.
- 14/502240 **Homeleigh Woodford Depot, Maidstone Road** – Erection of a detached sawmill and staff building in place of previously approved sawmill under planning permission MA/10/0219 MBC APPROVED with 6 Conditions. SPC had recommended Approval (Min 1177P). Noted by councillors.

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PUBLIC FORUM – A resident said that he felt the traffic issues around Homeleigh were becoming more difficult and he hoped that a resolution for the site would be found soon. Another resident stated that he felt the removal of planning condition 11 of MA/10/0220 was sensible but he did not want the planning authority to lose sight of the remaining issues at the site.