

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF STAPLEHURST PARISH COUNCIL
PLANNING COMMITTEE
held at Staplehurst Village Centre on
Monday 7th July 2014 at 7.00 p.m.

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

APOLOGIES: Councillor Butcher whose reason for apology was accepted.

APPROVAL OF PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES: Minute Pages 1165P-1166P of 16th June 2014 were approved nem con, signed by Councillor Burnham and made available at http://www.staplehurstvillage.org.uk/minutes_of_the_last_meetings.aspx.

URGENT ITEMS: None requested.

COUNCILLOR DECLARATIONS:

1. Declarations of Lobbying – Councillors Buller and Green declared they had been lobbied in respect of 14/500363.
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.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

14/0072 **Thorford Hall Farm, Goudhurst Road TN12 0HQ** - An application for planning permission for the demolition of outbuildings; alterations to main dwelling including construction of link between dwelling and barn; conversion of barn to provide residential accommodation linked to main dwelling; construction of new garage building incorporating bat loft; and creation of garden area to serve dwelling. SPC has recommended Approval (Min 1148P) (for comment). Councillors discussed 14/0072 and 14/0073 as a single item and voted to maintain their recommendation of conditional APPROVAL to the MBC Planning Officer with the condition that the new garage building be retained for use as a garage and in the same ownership as the house.

14/0073 **Thorford Hall Farm, Goudhurst Road TN12 0HQ** - An application for listed building consent for demolition of outbuildings; alterations to main dwelling including construction of link between dwelling and barn; conversion of barn to provide residential accommodation linked to main dwelling; construction of new garage building incorporating bat loft; and creation of garden area to serve dwelling. SPC has recommended Approval (Min 1148P) (for comment). Councillors commented under 14/0072.

DIVERSION OF PUBLIC FOOTPATH:

KM318 (part) **Kingsbrooke, Cranbrook Road TN12 0EU** – proposed diversion of public footpath currently running alongside landowners access drive and through their garden to the edge of their garden. Councillors agreed to respond to the consultation by KCC PROW & Access Service and confirm their support for the proposed diversion on condition that the applicant provide and maintain a bridge over the ditch and maintain the new route.

FULL PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

No items.

OUTLINE PLANNING APPLICATION:

14/500363 **Fishers Oast, Fishers Road TN21 ODD** – (Appearance, landscaping and layout reserved) residential development comprising 9no two-storey houses with access via a private drive off Fishers Road (for comment). Councillors voted to recommend APPROVAL to the MBC Planning Officer and commented that there should be adequate provision for surface water drainage, flood risk assessment and appropriate tree protection measures. They welcomed the willingness of the applicants to work with the Neighbourhood Plan team.

REPORTED DECISIONS:

No items.

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PUBLIC FORUM – Before the meeting an applicant spoke in support of application 14/500363 and provided councillors with a written statement of the key points.