

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF STAPLEHURST PARISH COUNCIL  
PLANNING COMMITTEE  
held at Staplehurst Village Centre on  
Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2015 at 7.00 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Councillors Ashby, Buller, Claridge, Gosling and Spearink. Ex Officio: Chairman Silkin and Vice-Chairman Burnham who was in the chair.

Parish Clerk: Mr. M J Westwood

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors Butcher, Kelly and Kemp whose apologies were accepted.

**APPROVAL OF PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES:** Minute Pages 1226P – 1228P of 21<sup>st</sup> September 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:** None requested.

**COUNCILLOR DECLARATIONS:**

1. Declarations of Lobbying – All councillors declared they had been lobbied about 13/1451 and 15/507291.
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.

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

15/507291 **Meadow View, Marden Road TN12 0JG** – Retrospective application for the provision of an additional mobile home and the relocation of two mobile homes for extended gypsy families residential use. Councillors voted by five votes to one with one abstention that they had NO OBJECTION to the application. However, they asked that appropriate screening measures be discussed with the occupier of the neighbouring property known as 'Clara' and, to give parties the opportunity to speak in person, they requested that the application be referred to MBC Planning Committee.

**LISTED BUILDING CONSENT:** (for recommendation)

15/507504 **3 Crown Cottages, High Street TN12 0AU** – for installation of a roof light. Councillors voted nem con to recommend APPROVAL to the MBC Planning Officer.

**REVISED DETAILS:** (for recommendation)

13/1456 **Great Pagehurst Farm, Pagehurst Road TN12 0JD** – Ground based photovoltaic solar farm, access, associated works and grid connection; amended landscaping scheme. SPC had recommended Refusal (Min 1130P, 1147P, 1175P, 1187P, 1215P). Councillors expressed concern about the number of amendments and protracted nature of the application and about the continuing lack of reference to plans for dismantling redundant equipment. They voted by three votes to two, with two abstentions, that the proposed hedge screening would impact adversely on views from Pagehurst Road and that the scheme did not change their existing recommendation of REFUSAL to MBC Planning Committee.

**REPORTED DECISIONS:** (for noting)

- 14/502948 **Bell Hotel, High Street** – An application to vary condition 9 attached to MA/13/1127 (conversion of public house to 4no. residential units) MBC GRANTED with 10 conditions. SPC had Noted (Min 1187P). Noted by Councillors.
- 15/504482 **4 Watkins Close** – Erection of single storey rear extension MBC GRANTED with 3 conditions. SPC had recommended Approval (Min 1218P). Noted by Councillors.
- 15/505814 **St Gilgen, Station Road** – Erection of two storey and single storey side extensions, loft conversion with rear gable to roof and new vehicular access and access drive MBC GRANTED with 3 conditions. SPC had recommended Approval (Min 1221P). Noted by Councillors.
- 15/506353 **11 Iden Crescent** – Removal of condition 3 of 12/1776 – code for sustainable homes MBC GRANTED. SPC had Noted (Min 1222P). Noted by Councillors.
- 15/506624 **Tolehurst Farm, Knoxbridge, Frittenden** – Article 10 Consultation – Variation of conditions 2 (approved plans) and 9 (junction layouts) of application reference TW/13/01965 for replacement of 7 existing poultry buildings with 2 new poultry buildings, together with associated landscaping and amendments to access; Proposed variation to provide for altered arrangements at junctions 3 and 4. MBC raised NO OBJECTION. SPC had Noted (Min 1224P). Noted by Councillors.

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**PUBLIC FORUM** – Before the meeting a resident enquired about news relating to Fishers Farm, two residents voiced objections to application 13/1456 and a resident and the applicant stated their views about 15/507291. After the meeting a resident commented on projected levels of electricity production.