

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF STAPLEHURST PARISH COUNCIL
PLANNING COMMITTEE
held at Staplehurst Village Centre on
Monday 17th 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 1184P-1185P of 3rd November 2014 were approved, signed by Councillor Burnham and made available at http://www.staplehurstvillage.org.uk/minutes_of_the_last_meetings.aspx.

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 – none declared.
4. Requests for Dispensation – none requested.

FULL PLANNING APPLICATION:

- 14/504480 **Peartrees, Maidstone Road TN12 ORE** – Provision of 4no replacement first floor windows. Provision of new oak framed car port. Councillors voted to recommend APPROVAL to the MBC Planning Officer.
- 14/504482 **Peartrees, Maidstone Road TN12 ORE** – Application for Listed Building Consent for the provision of 4no replacement first floor windows. Removal of defunct greenhouse and base. Councillors voted to recommend APPROVAL to the MBC Planning Officer.
- 14/504649 **KLH House, High Street TN12 OAH** – Proposed Change of Use and conversion from office use (Use Class B1) to form 3 domestic dwellings (each two bedroomed) (Use Class C3). Councillors noted that the applicant's appeal against refusal of site application MA/07/0143 had been dismissed by the Inspector in March 2008; they expressed disappointment that the site's planning status had remained irregular since then and questioned why no enforcement action had been taken. They expressed concern that the current proposal offered no parking provision and poor access which they felt would cause traffic problems. For these reasons they voted to recommend REFUSAL and asked that the application be reported to MBC Planning Committee. They made an advisory comment without commitment that they would be prepared to reconsider a proposal offering suitable parking provision.

REPORTED DECISIONS:

- 14/503695 **Home Farm, Couchman Green Lane** – Change of use to a residential caravan site - resubmission of MA/12/1255. MBC WITHDRAWN. SPC had recommended Refusal (Min 1182P). Noted by councillors.

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PUBLIC FORUM – No issues were raised.