

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF STAPLEHURST PARISH COUNCIL
PLANNING COMMITTEE
held at Staplehurst Village Centre on
Monday 3rd April 2017 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors Ashby, Buller, Riordan and Sharp. Ex Officio: Chairman Silkin and Vice-Chairman Burnham who was in the chair.

Parish Clerk: Mr MJ Westwood

APOLOGIES: Councillor Smith.

APPROVAL OF PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES: Minute Pages 1307P-1309P of 20th March 2017 were approved with the following amendment: on page 1308P, lines 3-5, delete "Councillors felt that the application did not meet this criterion and for this reason RESOLVED to recommend REFUSAL to the MBC Planning Officer" and insert "Councillors RESOLVED to REFER the objection to the MBC Planning Officer for her consideration". The amended minutes were 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 – Councillor Buller declared she had been lobbied about 16/505966.
2. Declarations of Changes to the Register of Interests – Councillor Burnham declared a change to his registered interests that was not material to any agenda item.
3. Declarations of Interest in Items on the Agenda – none declared.
4. Requests for Dispensation – none requested.

FULL PLANNING APPLICATIONS: (for recommendation)

17/501187 **59 Bell Lane TN12 0BB** – Alterations to existing workshop and store to create annexe accommodation (resubmission of application 14/0630) SPC had recommended Approval (Min 1161P, 1166P). Councillors RESOLVED to recommend to the MBC Planning Officer APPROVAL with a condition that the annexe be tied to the main house.

REVISED/ADDITIONAL DETAILS: (for comment)

16/505966 **Railway Tavern Station Road TN12 0QH** – Change of use and conversion of The Railway Tavern to one dwelling; and the erection of a new detached dwelling with parking and landscaping. SPC Refused (Min 1273P, 1284P, 1291P). Councillors RESOLVED to comment that the additional details did NOT change their previous recommendation of REFUSAL or their request that the application be reported to MBC Planning Committee. At a time of planned housing growth in the village they felt it was important to have more facilities rather than fewer.

REPORTED DECISIONS: (for noting)

16/508400 **Little Couchman Green Farm Couchman Green Lane TN12 0RT** – Erection of a stable, tack rooms and store in addition to a proposed hay straw barn and the conversion of existing stables to garages with rearrangement to the yardage area to include 4 no. parking bays to serve existing dwellings. MBC GRANTED with 5 conditions. SPC had recommended Approval (Min 1299P). NOTED by Councillors.

Chairman.....

PUBLIC FORUM – Before the meeting a resident spoke against application 16/505966 and questioned the information it contained about pubs in the locality.