



## HEADCORN PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Planning and Licensing Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at 7pm in Long Meadow, Village Hall, Headcorn.

Those present: Cllrs Davies, Pyman, Selby & Walker. Cllr Dungey arrived at 7:02pm.

Clerk: Caroline Carmichael

There was 1 member of the public present

1.
  - a. Apologies for absence were received from Cllr James.
  - b. To seek notification on whether anyone intends to film, photograph or record any items of this meeting. There were none recorded.
  - c. Declaration of changes to the register of interests: There were none recorded.
  - d. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest or other interests as defined by the Kent Code of Conduct and the Localism Act 2011 on any items on the Agenda: There were none recorded.
  - e. Requests for Dispensations: There were none recorded.
  - f. Declarations of Lobbying: There were none recorded.
2. Public session (minute book closed)
3. The minutes of the meeting held on January 22<sup>nd</sup> 2018 were duly approved and signed by the Chair.
4. Matters arising from the last meeting.
  - a. **Hammerstream** – All to maintain a watching brief and Clerk to continue to report any Intel received.
  - b. **Junction Wheeler Street/Oak Lane** – Safety at this junction is still in question. The Clerk will write again to Crest Nicholson on the matter of the safety survey completed after the works were done.
  - c. **17/500815/BOC Land West Of Mill Bank - Removal of hedges at site**  
The Clerk reported receipt of a letter from MBC stating that although a breach of planning control has occurred this breach is not considered so serious that enforcement action is necessary as replanting at the site has taken place. After some discussion the committee agreed to take no further action and we will observe the growth of the new planting and take action as maybe necessitated.
  - d. **Site Previously Occupied by Locks of Headcorn** - The Clerk was asked to ascertain the situation with the site and advise the committee. This matter is ongoing.



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- e. **18 Forge Meadows Headcorn** – MBC have advised that an appeal request was received by the planning inspectorate within the required time frame. The Clerk will follow up as there is still no news on the appeal.
- f. **17/505499/REM Land between Mill Bank, Ulcombe Road & Kings Road Headcorn TN27 9LD** – The Clerk advised that she had been informed that the landowner is now in contact with the agent and developers concerning access from the new housing development to the ANGSt land. The matter is being looked after by the R & B working group and updates will be reported as they arise.
- g. **17/500166 Pinkhorn Farm Tattlebury Lane Headcorn** - MBC have advised that in a letter dated 8<sup>th</sup> March 2018 that as landscaping cannot be taken into account as part of the decision making process for the prior notification change of use from agricultural building to residential no protection can be afforded to trees not already subject to a Tree Preservation Order by condition and as such no breach of planning control has occurred in this instance. The letter was noted by the Committee and agreed that the Clerk would check the MBC weekly planning list to monitor Prior Notification applications and subsequent sites would be viewed as early as possible by the Parish Council and any appropriate action taken.

### 5. Correspondence other than planning application.

#### 17/504963/FULL Shenley Farm Shenley Road Headcorn

Variation of condition 4 of MA/77/1559 (Continued use of land including buildings thereon for purposes of providing aerodrome use for general aviation including business club and leisure flying, charter service, crop spraying, flying school, parachuting and aerial tours) - to allow an increased weight of up to 12,500 pounds (max. all up weight) for one aircraft

#### **Previous comments stated**

Cllr Selby advised that this was discussed at the meeting of the Headcorn Aerodrome Consultative Committee (HACC) and the views of the council were expressed. Mr. Jamie Freeman advised that tests had been run at the time of the combined ops event that took noise levels of the Dakota aircraft. It was hoped that this report would help allay the concerns of the environmental officers. In his view there was less impact from the aircraft as it got off the ground more quickly. The aim is to use this aircraft in historical reenactment activities and would not be flown at weekends. It was clear then that these flights would be in addition to existing parachute flights.

The Committee had previously stated that they were unable to support the application without further detail/evidence and if the officer is minded to approve then referral to committee is required.





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### Correspondence now received from the Planning Officer at MBC stating

I have seen the chain of emails regarding the Parish's consideration of the application and noted that there was a concern about whether the proposal was supported by the Environmental Protection Team. I just wanted to advise you that on the basis of some additional noise measurements, and a site meeting, the Environmental Protection Team have raised no objection to the application, subject to the imposition of conditions so that the operating times of the aircraft be restricted to between 1st May and 30th of September each year, and that there be a restriction to ensure an average of 10 flights a month comprising 20 movements (take-off and landing).

I will continue to prepare a report to go to committee but please do let me know if the Parish wish to withdraw their request for it to be referred.

The Committee discussed the detail and agreed that they would agree to delegated powers and no referral to planning committee provided it was restricted to a maximum of 10 flights a month.

### 6. Planning Applications to be considered

#### **18/500766/FULL The Grange Southernden Road Headcorn Kent TN27 9LL**

Change of use land and construction of a riding arena with associated fencing and landscaping.

The application was reviewed by the committee and the Council wish to see the application approved.

Referral to the committee is not required.

#### **18/500928/FULL Old Mill House Black Mill Lane Headcorn Ashford Kent**

Conversion of outbuilding to one bedroom annexe accommodation for carer.

The application was reviewed by the committee and the Council wish to see the application approved.

Referral to the committee is not required.

#### **18/500841/FULL 1 Wheeler Street Headcorn TN27 9SH**

Erection of a single storey front and side extension with external alterations

The application was reviewed by the committee and the Council wish to see the application approved.

Referral to the committee is not required.



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### 18/500884/FULL Sunhill Farm Stonestile Road Headcorn Ashford Kent

Conversion and erection of a single storey extension to Old Milking Parlour to form a dwelling. Demolition of barn and outbuilding. New access track. Erection of utility/garden room. Change of use of land and building to residential.

The application was reviewed by the committee and the Council wish to see the application approved.

Referral to the committee is not required.

#### 7. Planning results

The Planning results were reviewed by the committee. No further action required.

#### 8. Matters for information, urgent matters at the discretion of the Chairman for noting only or any items for discussion at future meetings.

Cllr Dungey raised concerns that there may be a planning application required at the property known as the Barn Little Moatenden for the erection of flood lights. It was agreed that the Clerk would make contact with Sutton Valence PC to ask them to alert us to such application. This property is on the border of Headcorn and there could be significant impact if flood lights are erected.

The issue of the countless pot holes in the village was raised, the Clerk stressed the importance of reporting them. Cllrs were reminded they could use Country Eye to report the same.

There being no other matters for discussion the meeting closed at 7:50pm

Signed.....

Date.....

26-3-18