

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EASTRY PARISH COUNCIL PLANNING  
COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 18<sup>th</sup> MAY 2009 AT THE PARISH ROOM AT 7.30pm**

**Present:** Councillor's Sam Shevde    Sandra Hooper    Andrew Barwick    Gavin Bury  
    Nick Kenton    Martin Kemp    Margret Pemble    Matt Bradshaw  
    Clerk to the Council Sarah Wells

**1) APOLOGIES**

Cllr Sheila Smith.

**2) PLANNING**

**a) Applications**

**i. DOV/09/00202**

**Proposal:** Retrospective application for the demolition of the Old Forge

**Location:** Eastry House, The Old Forge, High Street, Eastry

**ii. DOV/09/00214**

**Proposal:** Demolition of existing outbuilding

**Location:** Eastry House, The Old Forge, High Street, Eastry

The above were dealt with between meetings, no objections were raised, however concerns that this work had been completed in a conservation area without planning approval were raised.

**iii. DOV/09/00349**

**Proposal:** Erection of 81 houses and flats, conversion of existing buildings to offices (Use Class B1a), and community hall; open spaces, create of vehicular access and associated parking and landscaping.

**Location:** Former Eastry Hospital, Mill Lane, Eastry

**iv. DOV/09/00348**

**Proposal:** Listed building consent for conversion of existing buildings to B19(a) office space with associated alternations.

**Location:** Former Eastry Hospital, Mill Lane, Eastry

The details of the application were discussed, it was agreed that the Council would object to this application on the following grounds. Highways, the increase in traffic caused by an 81 house development and additional work units will cause severe problems in the village especially in Mill Lane, High Street, Lower Street. It was felt that the Transport Plan accompanying the application was factually incorrect; it made assumptions about the old hospital and took no account of the recent developments at The Copse and Heronden View or the redevelopment of Mill Green.

It was agreed that Cllr West would read this document in details and list the inconsistencies, the photographs included in the Transport Plan did not show the true nature of parking problems on Mill Lane. Cllr West to take some more current photographs to be included in the Parish Councils objections.

**Action Cllr West**

A visual impact statement had not been included with the application, it was felt that the view of the village from the Dover Road approach would be drastically changed if this application were to be allowed in its current form. The density of the properties combined with the topography of the site will have a detrimental impact on the Country side on this the main route into the village.

The inclusion of work units was of concern to the members, the need for these type of units had not been proven, and although the members would like to see them used by local people they felt it more likely that they would be used by people who would have to drive to them so creating even more traffic

in the village. There was also some concern that if they were not fully occupied as work units that some time in the future a further application would be submitted to convert them to residential use.

The village infrastructure was also discussed, the impact on the Drs Surgery and the School are of great concern, and as the current Drs Surgery can not expand as the site it is situated on is too small. It was felt that a better use of the proposed work units would be for a larger Drs Surgery or health centre.

It was agreed that the Committee would meet on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm to agree the final submission to DDC on this matter. The Clerk to call the meeting. **Action Sarah Wells**

**v. TC/09/00022**

**Proposal:** Works to trees

**Location:** Brook House, Brook Street, Eastry

The committee had no objections to this application.

**vi. DOV/09/00347**

**Proposal:** Erection of two storey rear extension

**Location:** 10 Boteler Cottages, Gore Lane, Eastry

The committee had no objections to this application.

**vii. DOV/09/00362**

**Proposal:** Erection of a detached dwelling and garage and construction of vehicular access (details pursuant to DOV/06/152

**Location:** Land R/O Alpha, Gore Road, Eastry

The committee had no objections to this application providing the access to the site allowed for safe entry.

**viii. DOV/09/00370**

**Proposal:** Erection of a single storey rear extension, associated alterations to provide 5 self-contained flats and provision of parking

**Location:** Part of Appledore Mill Lane Eastry

After some discussion it was agreed that the committee would object to this application on Highways grounds, this proposed development would use the same access to the site as the proposed Hospital development already discussed. It was felt this application should be viewed in conjunction with DOV/09/00348 & 00349.

**b) Decisions**

- i. DOV/09/00154 – Repollard trees – 11 Heronden View, Eastry - permission granted
- ii. DOV/08/01226 – Siting of mobile home for use as a agricultural dwelling and parking and turning area – Beech Tree Farm, Hay Lane, Ham

The above were noted by the members

**c) Other**

- i. Letters of Objection – DO/09/301 – Green Waste Composting application.
- ii. DOV/09/00201 – Erection of a detached agricultural storage building – Statenborough Farm – to committee on 07-05-09
- iii. DOV/09/00238 – Alterations to existing outbuilding – Statenborough Farmhouse – to committee on 07-05-09
- iv. DOV/09/00248 –Certificate of lawfulness (existing) for use as a single dwelling house – Bradley barn, Statenborough Farm – to committee on 07-05-09
- v. Copy of objections letters ref DOV/09/00348 & 00349.
- vi. dha planning consultants – training events

The meeting closed at 8.38pm.