

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EASTRY PARISH COUNCIL PLANNING COMMITTEE
HELD ON THURSDAY 17th APRIL 2014 AT THE PARISH ROOM AT 7.30pm**

Present: Councillor's M Kemp (Chair) B Read N Wickham
M Pemble N Kenton A Barwick

Clerk to the Council Sarah Wells 6 Members of the Public

1. APOLOGIES

Cllrs S Mitchell, S Hooper

The meeting was closed so that members of the public could speak; a statement in support for DOV/14/00169 was made.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

None received

3. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

a) Applications

To discuss and make comment on planning application received from DDC for consultation

i) DOV/14/00169

Proposal: Retrospective application for the use of land as a caravan site for the stationing of up to four static caravans with associated landscaping and car parking

Location: Land at Hay Hill, Ham, Eastry, CT14 0ED

As agreed at the last meeting a consultation exercise had been undertaken, the Clerk reported that 1050 flyers had been distributed to local residents, one per household. 242 (23%) of these had been returned. The question on the flyer was "Do you support this planning application?" the responses were Yes 27 and No 215.

RESOLVED by 5 votes to 1 that this application should be objected to on the following grounds, the members were very concerned that the proposal by reason of its appearance, design and siting, is visually isolated and forms a dominant and incongruous feature within the open countryside, it is out of keeping with and detrimental to the visual quality of the street scene and the rural character of the wider countryside within which it is located.

The proposal constitutes an unsustainable form of development in a rural location, poorly connected to necessary services and facilities and will increase travel demand, particularly by the private car.

The member were aware that national Planning Policy on traveller sites can make exceptions to the above material planning concerns and would like to ask that should DDC be of a mind to grant this application that the following conditions are imposed.

That a maximum of 4 static caravans be allowed on the site. That sympathetic planting take place to screen the caravans from the wider view so reducing the impact on the open countryside. That the access points be reduced to minimise the impact on the street scene.

Cllr Wickham wished it noted that she did not support this resolution.

ii) DOV/14/00241

Proposal: Demolition of later wings and refurbishment /conversion of the Old Workhouse to provide 10 flats; alterations and conversion of Tewkesbury House to provide two dwellings; alteration and conversion of the former chapel for commercial use and the demolition of the remains of the former Range buildings.

Location: Eastry Hospital, Mill Lane, Eastry, CT13 0JU

The members examined the plans and discussed the application, there were concerned that the main application for the site had not yet been validated and felt that the two applications should be discussed together. They had major concerns about the traffic implications of the provision of 100 residential dwellings on the old hospital site covered by two planning applications and have requested that DDC commission a full independent traffic survey before these applications is considered, as they believe the one included in the document pack is fundamentally flawed in its assumptions. The members did not feel able to comment on this application separately from the main application for the rest of the site.

RESOLVED DDC should be asked to hold this application in abeyance until it could be discussed in conjunction with the main application.

iii) DOV/14/00306

Proposal: Erection of a two storey side extension (existing conservatory to be demolished)

Location: Sunnybank, Mill Lane, Eastry, Sandwich, CT13 0JX

RESOLVED no objections should be raised to this application.

Cllr Barwick returned to the meeting.

iv) DOV/13/01092

Proposal: Outline application for the erection of a detached dwelling and garage and construction of a vehicular access

Location: Land adjacent to Sagana Lodge, Gore Lane, Eastry, CT13 0ED

RESOLVED the application should be positively supported, it was felt the new layout would be beneficial to the neighbouring properties.

v) TC/14/00032

Proposal: Reduce a holly tree to half its height

Location: Gordon Lodge, Sandwich Road, Eastry

Unfortunately due to a reorganisation of responsibilities, DDC had not forwarded the plans with this application, the Clerk had spoken to the planning officer and the tree is located in the back garden of the property. The member did not feel in a position to make a decision without the site plan, it was agreed that Cllr Kemp should inspect the tree and inform the members if he felt any objections were necessary.

b) Decisions

None received.

c) Consultation

None received.

d) Correspondence

None received.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm