MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EASTRY PARISH COUNCIL PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 3rd OCTOBER 2005 AT EASTRY PARISH ROOM AT 6.30pm

Present: Councillors Sam Shevde (Committee Chairman) Iris Mollart
Sheila Smith Margaret Pemble
Sandra Hooper D Carr
Ann Wiles (part)

Sarah Wells Clerk to the Parish Council

1. APOLOGIES

Cllrs Jones

2. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

a) DOV/05/01057

Proposal: Erection of fist floor extension (with vehicle access under)

Location: Forge House, High Street, Eastry

After close examination of the plans it was agreed that the following objections should be raised:-

- The proposal, by virtue of its size, siting and design would appear incongruous and unsympathetic, detracting from the character of the existing building and the visual character of the surrounding conservation area.

- No parking provision is shown; the current parking provision will become the vehicle access.

- No plans have been provided of the road access or provision made to improve the site lines on to a very congested road. The Council are concerned that this property is next to the start of a footpath that is a main route for school children. Although a zebra crossing is situated a few yards up the road, most people take the direct route and cross the road at the entrance to the footpath if they are to continue or started there joining in the bottom half of the village.

- Additional traffic accessing this extremely busy road would have a detrimental effect on the area. Currently cars leaving the Village Hall, Eastry House and this property all join the High Street within 100 meters of each other. Also in the section is the access to the bakery where large delivery vehicles stop most days.

- There is currently a storage building on the site, this does not appear on the proposed plans, however no mention of its demolition is made in the application.

The Committee would also like to know if these buildings are to be used for residential care or staff accommodation.

b) DOV/05/01060

Proposal: Installation of radio base station comprising 20m high conifer tree design telecommunications tower, 3 x antennas, 1 x dish antenna and radio equipment

Location: Land at Redlands, Thornton Lane, Eastry

After examination of the plans and some discussion it was agreed that the following objections should be raised.

1. There are already two mobile phone masts on this site. One of which is clearly visible about the tree line on a site that is on the boundary of a Special Landscape area. The proposal is that this new mast will be even higher this will have an adverse effect on the visual impact of this area.

2. The perceived health risks of one mobile phone mast are bad enough; this application will increase this perception three fold. Regardless of the assurances that this will produce low level emissions, public perception is that the any level of emissions from the site will be harmful. Installations such as this should not be allowed in residential area's especially in an area such as this were a number of families have young children who are perceived to be at greater risk from mobile phone emissions that adults. This in its self increase stress levels and is harmful to the health of local residents.

c) TC/05/00058/TC – Tree work in a conservation area

Proposal: Pruning of Fig tree and reduction of lateral branches to approx 8ft and removal of lower branches from Yew tree

Location: Jocelyn, High Street, Eastry

After examination of the Plans it was agreed that no objections should be raised.

3. PLANNING DESCISIONS

a) DOV/05/00950 – Granted full planning permission, erection of two storey rear and single storey front extension – 2 Gore Terrace, Eastry
b) DOV/05/00906 – Granted full planning permission – erection of single storey rear conservatory extension – 42 Orchard Road
c) DOV/05/00567 – Granted full planning permission – erection of pitched roof over existing flat roof building – The Cross, High Street, Eastry
d) DOV/05/00947 – Granted full planning permission – Erection Single storey rear and front extensions – Ink-Pen House, Lower Street.
e) DOV/05/00953 – refused full planning permission – erection of rear roof extension – Cresseners, Gore Lane
f) TPO No 11 – Land South of Alpha, Belmont Terrace, Eastry
g) DOV/04/01520 – Granted full planning permission – Siting of mobile home for use as an agricultural dwelling and parking and turning area – Site opposite Ham Manor, Ham.

a to f were discussed and noted by the Council.

4. PLANNING CORRESPONDENCE

a) LDF – Workshop Photo Report - noted
b) Consultation on South East Plan – Employment Housing and Infrastructure in KENT - Consultation Document response by 17th October

Cllr Shevde had attended a meeting at DDC to discus the plan, he gave brief report. The Clerk to draft a response based on the comments made at the meeting. **Action Sarah Wells**

c) Proposed Changes to regional Planning Guidance for the SE (RPG9) _ Waste and Minerals – response by 11-11-05

To be discussed next month. **Action Sarah Wells**

d) Kent and Medway Structure Plan – Consultation on Proposed Modifications – by 27-10-05
e) Issues and Options – Kent Minerals and Waste Development Framework – by 21-10-05

To be discussed at a meeting to be called w/c 17th October. **Action Sarah Wells**

f) DOV/05/04/01520 – Site Mobile Home for use as agricultural dwelling and parking and turning area – Site opposite Ham Manor – To committee 22-9-05

Noted by the Council

The meeting closed at 7.00pm