

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF EASTRY PARISH COUNCIL PLANNING
COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY 21st APRIL 2005 AT EASTRY PARISH ROOM
AT 6.30pm**

Present: Councillors Sam Shevde (Committee Chairman) Iris Mollart
 Sheila Smith Margaret Pemble
 Sandra Hooper David Carr
 M Jones

Sarah Wells Clerk to the Parish Council

1. APOLOGIES

2. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

a) DOV/04/01517 (Amended)

Proposal: Outline application for the erection of one detached dwelling, and alterations to vehicular access

Location: Land R/O 1 Belmont Terrace, Gore Road, Eastry

Amendment – Was two dwellings now one.

After much discussion the committee agreed that to object to this application on the following grounds.

- i) The proposed development provides sight lines at the access of a sub-standard nature and, if permitted, would be likely to create additional hazards to traffic, contrary to Policy TR2 of the Dover District Plan.
- ii) Insufficient parking provision has been made for the exiting dwelling. One parking space for a dwelling of this size is inadequate in a Village with a limited public transport system where most households have two cars.

b) DOV/05/00093

Proposal: Change of use from post office (Use Class A1) to single dwelling house (Use Class 3) together with replacement of existing shop front with residential frontage.

Location: Post Office House, High Street, Eastry

After some debate the Committee wished to positively support this application, it was felt that the new frontage would be an improvement and would fit well in the conservation area. The Committee were however concerned that the Post Box is to be removed. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to Royal Mail asking that a replacement box should be sited before this one is removed as it is the only Box in the village that has a Sunday pick up. **Action Sarah Wells**

c) **DOV/05/00454**

Proposal: Erection of two 2no bedroom dwellings and construction of vehicular access with associated parking.

Location: 1 Wheelwrights Way, Eastry

The Committee positively support this application. It is felt that two smaller properties would be of benefit to the village as they would be in the price range of first time buyers. The fact that off street parking had been provided was felt advantageous.

The Committee also felt that the applicant had taken into account all the comments made by DDC when this application had been refused previously.

The Committee is however concerned about the history of this site, in the late 1970's the property built on this site fall down due to severe subsidence. A lot of work had been carried out to try and save the building with tones of concrete being pumped under the property to try and underpin it. At the time older residents of the parish said that the house had been built on the site of a pond or underground spring.

The Committee does not know what caused the subsidence, however they are concerned that any developer knows the history of the site and take appropriate measures to ensure that any new properties are built to the correct specification.

3. PLANNING DECISIONS

None

4. PLANNING CORRESPONDENCE

None