

Ditton Parish Council

PLANNING, HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLANNING, HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER AT DITTON COMMUNITY CENTRE ON MONDAY 20TH OCTOBER 2008

Committee Members Present :- Councillor RGW Baker
Councillor J Beadle
Councillor Mrs A Beadle
Councillor A R Mulcuck (Chairman)
Councillor D H Nunn
Councillor M J Porter
Councillor B Stone
Councillor Mrs J Thwaites

Also in Attendance :- Borough Cllr Mrs Carol Grant
Nicola Greenaway (Administrative Assistant)

290. OPENING OF MEETING

The meeting was opened by the Chairman at 7.30pm.

291. APOLOGIES

Apologies were RECEIVED from Cllrs Angel, Brine, Cordwell, Lander and Mrs Throssell. The previously notified reasons for absence were recorded in the absence book ref. 003 and ACCEPTED and APPROVED.

292. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

All members present declared a personal interest in item 293 Plans Received for Comment as they are all acquainted with Mr and Mrs Day who have submitted a letter of objection to plan TM/08/02940/FL.

Borough & Parish Cllr Stone declared a personal interest in item 293, Plans Received for Comment, and requested it be NOTED that his comments and decisions on planning applications at this meeting are a preliminary view and, in accordance with the Code of Conduct, he will look at all applications afresh at Borough Council level.

293. PLANS RECEIVED FOR COMMENT

The Chairman moved that as there were members of the public present wishing to speak about an application, the meeting be adjourned. Members acceded to this request.

ADJOURNMENT

Six residents living in close proximity to 24 St Peter's Close attended to express their objections to the proposed development at this property. Four of these residents had previously submitted letters of objection to the Parish Council and Borough Council. It was thought that the proposed extensions would lead to overintensification of the site and would not be in keeping with other properties in the Close. They were also concerned that only three properties in the road had received details of the proposed extensions. Members of the Council thanked everyone for attending and bringing their concerns to the Council's attention.

293.- 1 **TM/08/02449/FL** Plot Ref :- Type :- FULL
Applicant Name :- **Duval Mrs G** Date Received :- 02/10/2008
Location :- 42 Acorn Grove Date Returned :- 21/10/2008
Ditton
Aylesford
ME20 6EW
Proposal : Two storey side extension including demolition of existing garage

Observations : RESOLVED THIS COUNCIL WOULD LIKE TO SEE A REAR ACCESS TO THE PROPERTY OTHER THAN THROUGH THE GARAGE AND WOULD LIKE THE UPSTAIRS LANDING WINDOW TO BE OPAQUE SO AS NOT TO INTRUDE ON THE NEIGHBOURING PROPERTY.

293.- 2 TM/08/02728/FL

Plot Ref :-

Type :- FULL

Applicant Name :- **Rice Mr A**

Date Received :- 03/10/2008

Location :- 5 Ditton Place
Ditton
Aylesford
ME20 6SX

Date Returned :- 21/10/2008

Proposal : Retrospective application for conversion of garage to habitable room and erection of single storey side extension

Observations : RESOLVED THIS COUNCIL OBJECTS TO THIS APPLICATION AS IT IS NOT IN KEEPING WITH NEIGHBOURING PROPERTIES AND LOOKS LIKE A TEMPORARY SHELTER.

293.- 3 TM/08/02740/FL

Plot Ref :-

Type :- FULL

Applicant Name :- **Mr W McCready**

Date Received :- 08/10/2008

Location :- 553 London Road
Ditton
Aylesford
ME20 6DL

Date Returned :- 21/10/2008

Proposal : Two storey side extension and single storey rear extension.

Observations : RESOLVED THIS COUNCIL WOULD LIKE CONFIRMATION THAT THE UPSTAIRS SIDE WINDOW WILL NOT INTRUDE ON THE NEIGHBOURING PROPERTY AND IF NECESSARY OPAQUE GLASS SHOULD BE USED.

293.- 4 TM/08/02758/TPOC

Plot Ref :-

Type :- TPO

Applicant Name :- **Stephens Mr Douglas**

Date Received :- 02/10/2008

Location :- 85 Primrose Drive
Ditton
Aylesford
ME20 6EQ

Date Returned :- 21/10/2008

Proposal : Trim branches to boundary of Chestnut tree at end of rear garden that overhangs driveway of no. 40 Birch Crescent (TPO ref.12-02-46)

Observations : RESOLVED THIS COUNCIL HAS NO OBJECTION SUBJECT TO THE TMBC TREE OFFICER'S APPROVAL.

293.- 5 TM/08/02940/FL

Plot Ref :-

Type :- FULL

Applicant Name :- **Mr Clive Daniels**

Date Received :- 29/10/2008

Location :- 24 St Peter's Road
Ditton
Aylesford
ME20 6PG

Date Returned :- 21/10/2008

Proposal : Demolition of existing detached garage and erection of new single storey side extension plus loft conversion.

Observations : RESOLVED THIS COUNCIL OBJECTS TO THIS APPLICATION AS IT IS OVER INTENSIFICATION OF THE SITE AND OUT OF KEEPING WITH OTHER PROPERTIES IN THE STREET. PART OF THE PROPERTY WILL BE TOO CLOSE

TO THE BOUNDARY WITH THE NEIGHBOURING PROPERTY CAUSING AN INVASION OF PRIVACY AND RESTRICTION OF NATURAL LIGHT. THIS COUNCIL SUPPORTS THE OBJECTIONS MADE BY THE RESIDENTS OF 26 AND 28 ST PETER'S CLOSE AND WOULD REQUEST THAT A SITE MEETING BE HELD AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO ENABLE ALL INTERESTED PARTIES TO ATTEND.

294. PLANS DEALT WITH BY T & M AREA SUB-COMMITTEE 3

The following plan dealt with by TMBC was READ and NOTED:-

TM/08/02318/FL	Construction of mezzanine floor
Unit 9 Access	GRANTED SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS
420 New Hythe Lane	

295. AGENDA, MINUTES & NOTES FROM AREA 3 COMMITTEE

It was NOTED that there was no agenda, minutes or notes available.

296. AGENDA & MINUTES FROM THE JOINT TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

It was NOTED that there was no agenda or notes available.

297. KENT HIGHWAY SERVICES

Cllr John Beadle REPORTED that he and Cllr Mrs Beadle had attended a highways seminar the previous week at Sessions House and it was most informative and he will produce a report of the key points of the seminar. One item of interest is that laptops may be available for access to highway fault reporting.

298. CORRESPONDENCE

(A) SOUTHERN GAS NETWORKS - ESSENTIAL GAS MAINTENANCE, NEW ROAD, DITTON

It was NOTED that maintenance works are to be carried out in New Road for a period of 10 weeks commencing between 03/11/08 and 12/11/08.

(B) TMBC - PLANNING ENFORCEMENT INVESTIGATION 74 PRIMROSE DRIVE

It was NOTED that a breach of planning had occurred and that the height of the fence has now been reduced.

(C) ENVIRONMENT AGENCY - DRILLING OF ADDITIONAL WELLS NR KILNBARN ROAD

READ and NOTED.

(D) JULIE LANGHAM - GRASS VERGES & PARKING PROBLEMS, FERNLEIGH RISE

The problems experienced by a resident living in Fernleigh Rise as a result of bad parking and congestion caused by the fish and chip shop in Bell Lane were NOTED. It was NOTED that the verges are the responsibility of Kent Highways and parking enforcement is TMBC.

RESOLVED TO FORWARD DETAILS OF THIS PROBLEM ON TO THE TMBC PARKING ENFORCEMENT OFFICER.

The Chairman moved that in view a confidential issue to be discussed, the press and public will be temporarily excluded from the meeting and instructed to withdraw in accordance with Standing Orders 27 & 50.

Cllr Barry Stone REPORTED that he had spoken with Sgt Tony Thomas regarding the shooting incident in Ditton early last Friday morning. Sgt Thomas confirmed that a man had been shot but it was believed this it was an isolated incident no-one else in Ditton would be at risk.

299. CLOSURE

The meeting closed at 8.20pm.

Chairman
3rd November 2008

