

AYLESFORD PARISH COUNCIL

TUESDAY 3 FEBRUARY 2015

PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Present: Cllrs Wright (Chairman), Ambrose, Base, Elvy, Mrs Gadd, Gledhill, Rillie, Tiller, Winnett

Others: 2 Residents of Mill Hall, Aylesford) - (speaking to item 3.1)

In attendance: Mr Harris, Clerk Mrs Collier, Deputy Clerk

Apologies: Cllrs Balcombe, Mrs Brooks, Fielder, Smith

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1. **Declarations of Interest** – There were no declarations additional to those contained in the Register of Members' Interests.

2. Apologies

Apologies from Cllrs Balcombe (TMBC meeting), Mrs Brooks (care of elderly relative), Fielder (prior engagement), Smith (holiday) were noted and accepted.

The Chairman sought the agreement of the Committee to allow Mill Hall residents to address Members in relation to item 3.1 – TM/14/02455 – Unit 12, Yew Tree Industrial Estate.
This was **agreed**.

3. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

1. TM/14/02455 **Unit 12 Yew Tree Industrial Estate, Mill Hall, Aylesford South**
Change of use to the display and supply of specialist hydroponics equipment. Amended description. Original description – Vary planning condition (iv) of TM/84/883/FL to allow working until 6pm on Saturdays.

A resident of Mill Hall stated that the original planning conditions of this industrial unit in 1984 included 'no retail sales or plant hire' and 'no amalgamation or enlargement of units' without prior permission of the Borough Planning Authority. Both these conditions have gradually been invalidated over the years to the detriment of local residents. This unit owner has two units on the site and regularly operates outside its agreed opening hours. There is a compressor regularly working outside of the building creating a noise nuisance to residents and affecting family life. This application is yet another concern to local residents who have lobbied TMBC and Tracy Crouch MP for several years to bring all Yew Tree Industrial Estate unit owners into line with their planning

conditions in order that local residents can comfortably live alongside this small industrial area. With the increased amount of residential building taking place around Mill Hall this is only going to become more and more of an issue.

Cllr Wright thanked the residents for their attendance and report. He clarified that the Parish Council can only respond to the planning application before them tonight. Infringement of existing planning conditions must be taken up with TMBC Enforcement Officers.

Parish Council Comment: Deferred to seek further information regarding the application as the Council is unsure what is being sought by the applicant. Clerk to obtain this information and application to be reconsidered at the next meeting.

2. TM/14/04008 **40 Sycamore Drive, Aylesford South (2 applications)**

Single storey side and rear extension (and internal alterations).
Superseded drawing. Additional details of parking provision

Parish Council Comment: No objections

3. TM/14/04228 **Hengist, 7 – 9 High Street, Aylesford North**

Replacement of air conditioning and air handling units, and the installation of lighting, CCTV and speakers to the external facades

Parish Council Comment: No objection as the Council is not aware of any ongoing issues with the external speakers which are already in place.

4. TM/14/04277 **Meadowside, 2 Warren Road, Blue Bell Hill (2 applications)**

Details of landscaping and boundary treatment pursuant to condition 10 of TM/14/02616 (Two storey rear extension, first floor side extension and alterations to roof, front porch, pitched roof over existing flat roof dormer, conversion of garage to living accommodation, detached double garage and revised vehicular access). Revised landscaping schedule, superseded drawing and additional information

Parish Council Comment: No objections

5. TM/14/04285 **Building East of Heart of Kent Hospice, London Road, Aylesford South**

New part single and part two storey administration and training building on the side of an old vacant single storey administrative building

Parish Council Comment: No objection

6. TM/15/00017 **33 Hill Chase, Walderslade**

Erection of a single storey rear extension and installation of pitched roofs over existing front and rear dormer windows

Parish Council Comment: No objection

7. TM/15/00018 **St Peters Church of England Primary School, Aylesford North**

Erection of a covered play area/canopy. No change of use

Parish Council Comment: No objection

8. TM/15/00019 **21 Catkin Close, Walderslade**
Sweet chestnut x 4 – remove encroaching lateral branches up to 6m above base

Parish Council Comment: No objection

9. TM/15/00045 **Land Adjacent to 36 Forstal Road, Aylesford North**
Installation of a freestanding non illuminated village entrance sign

Parish Council Comment: No objection

10. TM/15/00076 **25 Papion Grove, Walderslade**
Conversion of garage

Objection. Insufficient parking space on site

11. TM/15/00155 **490 Station Road, Aylesford North**
Remove two large conifers (too large for situation)

Parish Council Comment: No objection subject to opinion of the Tree Officer

12. TM/15/00212 **65 Woodbury Road, Walderslade**
Multi stemmed sweet chestnut – remove one stem, crown lift remaining and reduced by approx. 20%

Parish Council Comment: No objection

4. DETERMINATIONS

TM/13/03097 **Hermitage Lane, Aylesford South**
Outline application for erection of residential development with access.
TMBC approved. Parish Council objection based on traffic implications

TM/14/01105 **7 Rowan Close, Aylesford South**
Demolition of existing double garage and construction of 3 bed detached dwelling
TMBC refused. Parish Council no objection

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS/CORRESPONDENCE

1. Road naming – 10 new roads in Preston Hall development. See attached **Appendix A**

Following research by the Clerk into names connected with the history of the Preston Hall site the following tens names were agreed for suggestion to TMBC.

Milner
Edward Betts
Thomas
Brassey
Sauber
St Andrews
Catherine Howard
Culpepper
Butters
Empress

2. Little Gem – Cllr Rillie reported that he has written to TMBC regarding the poor condition of the Little Gem in Aylesford High Street and asked for the Parish Council's support. It was agreed that the Clerk discuss this matter with Cllr Balcombe and update Cllr Rillie on progress.

3. Rochester Airport – Cllr Tiller reported that he attended the public meeting at Rochester Airport on Sat 31 January regarding the proposed expansion of the airport. 150 attended so there were some organisational issues. Cllr Tiller advised Members of the Airport Manager's report of the meeting as follows:

'Medway Council Planning Committee (MCPC) held a site visit at Rochester Airport, so the committee members could hear comments from the public on the Airport development application and familiarise themselves with the present and planned facilities.

Cllr Diane Chambers and her officers conducted the meeting at the entrance to hangar 4 where approximately 150 attended. Once the comments had been made the officers walked around hangar 3 and then into the control tower where they were able to see the entire runway with the lights on.

The next MCPC meeting is scheduled for Wed 4th February where we should hopefully know the outcome.'

These comments were noted and Cllr Tiller was thanked for attending.

There being no further business, meeting closed at 8.05pm.