

AYLESFORD PARISH COUNCIL

TUESDAY 4 NOVEMBER 2014

PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES

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

In attendance: Mr Harris, Clerk Mrs Collier, Deputy Clerk
Two Members of the Public

Apologies: Cllrs Ambrose, Balcombe, Base, Mrs Brooks, Fielder, Homewood

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

2. Apologies

Cllrs: Ambrose (ill wife); Balcombe (TMBC meeting); Base (holiday); Mrs Brooks (caring for elderly relative); Fielder (ill); Homewood (KCC business)

Apologies and reasons were noted and accepted.

3. Adjournment of Meeting

The Chairman sought the agreement of the Committee to adjourn the meeting to allow the members of the public present, Mr Brewood and one other, to address the Committee with their views on the Rochester Airport applications which were before the Committee this evening (see 8. and 19. below).

Agreed

Mr Brewood read a statement which is summarised below.

- Thank you for the opportunity to address the meeting.
- The current grass runway can take up to 30,000 movements per year. The proposed paved runway could take up to 100,000 movements per year.
- Medway Council have stated it will be 40,000 movements but this is flexible and renewable so there is no guarantee this amount will not be exceeded
- There is no protection built into the application for local residents
- There has been no Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) done
- He believes Medway Council have acted illegally in the way they have undertaken this application
- The drawings presented are not fully detailed
- This is a public project on which there has been no prior public consultation

- He would encourage Aylesford Parish Council to object to the proposals based on their being no powers included in the application to safeguard local residents, that use of the paved runway will be exploited, there has been no EIA, the adverse impact on the local community, Medway Council's dismissal of fatality figures, no public consultation and local property values will be affected.

The Clerk summarised the content of the applications received (see 8. and 19. below):

- New paved, lit runway which will enable aircraft to gain height quicker
- Closure of existing runway
- New office/café/viewing buildings
- New hangars and hangar type buildings
- New memorial garden and viewing area
- Land east of hangers left open for future development if/when required
- Limit of 40,000 movements per year
- Hours reduced from 24 hours to 12 hours weekdays/9 hours weekends and bank holidays apart from home based aircraft who can use it up to 2100, emergency and military aircraft and limited pre-arranged out of hours movements

In answer to Cllr Smith, Mr Brewood stated he was representing only himself at the meeting this evening. The other member of the public present stated that he co-ordinated the distribution of a newsletter on the subject of the airport to approximately 1400 interested people.

The Chairman thanked the Members of the Public for their attendance and participation and reopened the meeting.

3. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

1. TM/14/02616 **2 Warren Road, Blue Bell Hill**

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 plans and design and access statement.

Parish Council Comments: No objection (already sent to meet deadline)

2. TM/14/02801 **470 Maidstone Road, Blue Bell Hill**

Erection of 5 x 4 bedroom houses with garages and associated parking. Tree survey.

For information only – noted.

3. TM/14/02801 **470 Maidstone Road, Blue Bell Hill (2 applications)**

Erection of 5 x 4 bedroom houses with garages and associated parking. Additional information and noise assessment

Parish Council Comments: No objections (already sent to meet deadline)

4. TM/14/02801 **470 Maidstone Road, Blue Bell Hill**

Erection of 5 x 4 bedroom houses with garages and associated parking. Additional information

Parish Council Comments: No objection

5. TM/14/03069 **42 Holtwood Avenue, Aylesford South**
Fell one spruce tree and plant suitable replacement. Fell leylandii overhanging neighbours fence.
Amended proposal

Parish Council Comments: No objection (already sent to meet deadline)

6. TM/14/03136 **52 Holtwood Avenue, Aylesford South**
Single storey side extension to form annex for elderly parent. Amended plans showing bedroom window repositioned from north to east elevation

Parish Council Comments: No objection

7. TM/14/03290 **Land East of Hermitage Lane, Aylesford South**
Outline application – Development of up to 420 residential dwellings and associated services and works

Parish Council Comments: Objection. Hermitage Lane will not be able to cope with the additional traffic. Other developments are already planned in the area and the cumulative effect will be too much for the road layout.

8. TM/14/03341 **Rochester Airport, Maidstone Road, Chatham (Blue Bell Hill)**
3 applications
Lit paved runway and grass runway, grassed bund, helipads, two hangars, hub building with control tower and associated building, fencing and gates, car parking, fuel tank enclosure, family viewing area and memorial garden, plus demolition of structures and removal of portable structures and identification of future development sites

Parish Council Comments: No objection

Additional plan giving details of bund

Parish Council Comments: No objection

Additional information regarding fencing

Parish Council Comments: No objection

9. TM/14/03372 **36 Forstal Road, Aylesford North**
Creation of new vehicular access

Parish Council Comments: No objection

10. TM/14/03406 **101 Rochester Road, Aylesford North**
Relocation of existing entrance driveway, new boundary walls and associated work to parking area

Parish Council Comments: No objection

11. TM/14/03463 **401 London Road, Aylesford South**
Sweet chestnut – monolith to level of neighbours guttering (7-8 m) and maintain as pollard. Cherry laurel – reduce height of laurel reduced previously

Parish Council Comments: No objection

12. TM/14/03472 **Land at 203 London Road and 2-16 Hermitage Lane, Aylesford South**
2 no. signage towers with 3 no signs on each

Parish Council Comments: No objection

13. TM/14/03498 **Shell Service Station, Blue Bell Hill**
Installation of replacement underground fuel tanks, pipework, petrol pumps and above ground fills and vents, and alterations to canopy

Parish Council Comments: No objection

14. TM/14/03522 **24 Holtwood Avenue, Aylesford South**
Silver birch – fell. Sweet chestnut – coppice. Goat willow – monolith.

Parish Council Comments: No objection

15. TM/14/03543 **61 Holtwood Avenue, Aylesford South**
Fell 2 sweet chestnut stems. Fell 4 sweet chestnut stems (dying back at top)

Parish Council Comments: No objection

16. TM/14/03555 **20 Walsham Road, Walderslade**
Remove 2 hornbeams from front garden (fear about safety and subsidence problems)

Parish Council Comments: No objection

17. TM/14/03580 **97 Hallsfield Road, Blue Bell Hill**
Birch – reduce crown by 25%

Parish Council Comments: No objection

18. TM/14/03590 **56 Kit Hill Avenue, Walderslade**
Conversion of existing integral garage to living space. Erection of a single storey side extension and two storey rear extension, including enlargement of dormer window to side elevation

Parish Council Comments: No objection

19. TM/14/03594 **Rochester Airport, Maidstone Road, Blue Bell Hill**
Lit paved runway and grass runway, grassed bund, helipads, two hangars, hub building with control tower and associated building, fencing and gates, car parking, fuel tank enclosure, family viewing area and memorial garden, plus demolition of structures and removal of portable structures and identification of future development sites

Parish Council Comments: No objection

4. DETERMINATIONS

TM/13/03275 – **Land East of Hermitage Lane** - 500 dwellings – TMBC refused. PC Objection.

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS/CORRESPONDENCE

5.1 – TMBC – Street Naming and Numbering – New streets. Land at 60 Mill Hall, Aylesford. One road and two apartment blocks to be named. Kings Crescent (Derek Kings), Riverview House and Riverside Court have been accepted by TMBC and developer.

5.2 – TMBC – TM/13/03147 – **Land East of Hermitage Lane** – Development of up to 500 dwellings refused by TMBC – Appeal lodged. Also application received TM/14/03290 for development of up to 420 dwellings (see 7. Above)

5.3 – TMBC – TM/14/00910 – **133 Hermitage Lane** – Demolition of existing two bed property and erection of new four bed property with two bed annex refused by TMBC. Appeal lodged

5.4 – TMBC – TPO on tree at **133 Hermitage Lane**.

There being no further business, meeting closed at 7.57pm.