

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON
4TH JUNE 2008 AT 10.00a.m. AT HARTLEY LIBRARY, ASH ROAD**

Present: Cllr Mr L Abraham (Chairman)
Cllr Mrs P Cole
Cllr Mr M Harris
Cllr Mrs A Oxtoby
Cllr Mr B Ramsay

In attendance: Mrs H Gilder (Assistant Clerk)
3 members of the public

Before the start of the meeting, Members of the Committee inspected the application sites SE/08/01229/FUL, Orchard House, Manor Lane and SE/08/01350/FUL, Oak Lodge, Church Road.

1. Apologies

Apologies had been received from Cllr Mr C Alford, Cllr Mr J Gaywood and Cllr Mr J Minns.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting

RESOLVED: That, the minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 21st May 2008, be approved and signed as a correct record.
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4. Planning applications

Before the Committee considered the planning applications, members of the public were asked by the Chairman whether they wished to make representations about any of the applications to be considered by the Committee. If so, he would note their request and give them an opportunity to address the Committee at the appropriate time. One member of the public expressed a wish to make a representation and this was noted by the Chairman.

a) SE/08/01229/FUL, Orchard House, Manor Lane. Demolish existing house and garage and rebuild two storey house and garage.

The Committee noted that no letters of representation had been received from members of the public.

RESOLVED: That,
no objection be raised to application SE/08/01229/FUL, Orchard House, Manor Lane, to demolish the existing house and garage and rebuild two storey house and garage, provided that the existing house and garage are demolished prior to building works commencing on the proposed development, and that it complies with Green Belt guidelines

(b) SE/08/01350/FUL, Oak Lodge, Church Road. Retention of the sliding main gate. RETROSPECTIVE.

The Committee noted that no letters of representation had been received from members of the public.

At the Chairman's invitation, members of the public were invited to express their views on the application.

Mrs Roberts made a statement regarding the application.

RESOLVED: That,
no objection be raised to retrospective application SE/08/01350/FUL, Oak Lodge, Church Road for the retention of the sliding main gate.

5. Planning Decisions

RESOLVED: That, the following planning decisions be received and noted:

Application no	Site	Description and SDC decision	HPC comment
SE/08/00876/FUL	The Gables, Ash Road	Single storey side extension. GRANTED	No objection.
SE/08/00671/LDCPR	Cedars, Gorsewood Road	Single storey rear extension. GRANTED	N/A
SE/08/940	Milestone School, Ash Road	Retention of the current temporary gateway as a permanent emergency exit. GRANTED	No objection.

6. SE/07/02747/FUL, Top-O-The-Hill, Church Road. Extensions and internal alterations to form a new five bedroom house and attached garage property. RESUBMISSION

RESOLVED: That,
a letter dated 16th May 2008 from Sevenoaks District Council confirming that the above application has been treated as withdrawn and accordingly no further action will be taken on it, be noted.

7. Approval of Details

a) SE/08/01030/DETAIL

Site: Squirrels Haunt, Gorsewood Road

Development: Details pursuant to condition 5 (hard and soft landscape with parking) of SE/07/00282/FUL.

b) SE/08/01034/DETAIL

Site: Squirrels Haunt, Gorsewood Road

Development: Details pursuant to condition 9 (boundary treatment) of SE/07/00282/FUL.

c) SE/08/01033/DETAIL

Site: Squirrels Haunt, Gorsewood Road

Development: Details pursuant to condition 8 (foul water) of SE/07/00282/FUL.

RESOLVED: That,
Sevenoaks District Council's unconditional approval of the details described above, in accordance with the applications and plans submitted therewith, be noted.

8. Planning Appeals

Appeal Ref: APP/G2245/A/07/2058482/WF

Application no: SE/07/00880/FUL

Site: 5, Wellfield

Development: Erection of a new dwelling on land to the rear.

DECISION: The appeal is allowed.

RESOLVED: That,
the above planning appeal decision relating to 5, Wellfield, be received and noted.

9. International Rail Freight Facilities

The Committee considered an email dated 19th May 2008, from Paul Carter, Leader at Kent County Council regarding the Kent International Gateway (KIG) freight handling and warehouse development which is proposed for a 264 acre site adjacent to Bearsted village in Kent.

The Committee agreed that it strongly opposed the proposal.

RECOMMENDED: That,
the Clerk be requested to write a letter to the local MP, strongly opposing the proposed development at Bearsted.

10. Tree Preservation Orders

a) Tree Preservation Order Number (13 of 1977) land between Austrel Cottage and Hainault, Gorsewood Road.

RESOLVED: That,
a letter dated 15th May 2008 from Sevenoaks District Council, informing that the above Tree Preservation Order has been revoked because it is an old order which has been replaced by Tree Preservation Order 1 of 1981, land adjacent to Austrel Cottage, Hartley, be noted.

b) Tree Preservation Order Number (13A of 1978) land between Austrel Cottage and Hainault, Gorsewood Road.

RESOLVED: That,
a letter dated 16th May 2008 from Sevenoaks District Council, informing that the above Tree Preservation Order has been revoked because it is an old order which has been replaced by Tree Preservation Order 1 of 1981, land adjacent to Austrel Cottage, Hartley, be noted.

11. Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 18th June 2008 commencing at 10.00 a.m. Site inspections will commence at 9.15 a.m. or earlier depending on the number of visits required.

The meeting closed at 10.15 a.m.

Signed:
Chairman

Date:

