



MEDSTEAD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 10th August 2022

PRESENT: Councillors Charles Clark (Chair), Georgy Fuzzard, Phil Quinlan and Mike(Ja) Smith.

Also present: Councillor Graham Bennell & Peter Baston (Parish Clerk).

22.54 OPEN SESSION

- i. Cllr Clark advised the Committee that a late planning application (**30947/002**) had been received from EHDC. This was considered by Committee and it was agreed that Medstead Parish Council had no objection.
- ii. The Clerk advised that confirmation of a Tree Protection Order (TPO) had been received from EHDC for two trees at Lymington Farm Industrial Estate - ref (EH1184)22.

22.55 APOLOGIES.

None

22.56 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

22.57 MINUTES

- i. The minutes of the meeting held on the **13th July 2022**, previously circulated were agreed as a true record, proposed by Cllr Mike (Ja) Smith, seconded by Cllr Phil Quinlan and signed by the Chair.
- ii. No matters arising.

22.58 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

In my last report I advised that on 12th July I would be attending the Planning Hearing at Penns Place in respect of the proposed Travellers site at Lower Park Farm, Abbey Road, Medstead (58352). This I did and spoke before the EHDC Planning Comm in support of the neighbouring Parishes in objecting to the application and asking for refusal. The legal representative for Wivelrod residents group spoke very well and was certainly more effective than council for the applicant. Originally, the hearing was scheduled to last two days, but the applicant through their legal representative were unable to provide details of the personal circumstances of travellers involved. Hence HMG's Inspector had little choice but to conclude the hearing after one day, with a further date in September to be arranged.

On 22 July I attended the site visit by EHDC Planning Comm members in respect of the 112 houses proposed to the west of Longbourn Way, as an observer (58788/1). I feel it was important that the visit was held as it gave the Committee members some first-hand knowledge of the site and the obvious difficulties that this planning application highlights. It was indeed fortunate that when the Councillors were in the field which constitutes the site, a deer popped out of a hedge and a Councillor was heard to remark ".....this is certainly countryside...".

Subsequently, on 27 July I attended the EHDC Planning Committee meeting in respect of the above application (58788/1) and addressed the Committee in support of the MPC original objection to this application last March. A representative from SMASH also spoke and I am pleased to report that after discussion amongst the Councillors, they unanimously voted 12 -0 to support the Planning Officer in refusing this application. This is in addition to the earlier EHDC decisions to refuse planning in respect of the "pig farm" (39009/008) and Lymington Barns (23291/029). One might expect appeals?

Cllr Clark further reported that the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group had submitted to EHDC a question on design codes for any new developments in Medstead & Four Marks, to ensure that they are consistent with the overall EHDC Design Code strategy. A response is awaited.

22.59 EHDC DECISION NOTICES

Reference No: 23233/003

Location: Castle Of Comfort, Castle Street, Medstead, Alton, GU34 5LU
Proposal: Retrospective application for the retention of a side extension following the demolition of a single storey lean, the retention of a detached toilet block containing two toilets and two sinks (temporary permission was granted under cover of decision note dated 9 August 2021 and expired on 10 December 2021 (LPA Ref: 23233/001)). **Decision: WITHDRAWN**

Reference No: 24297/004

Location: Hedges, South Town Road, Medstead, Alton, GU34 5PN
Proposal: Demolish existing lean-to and garage and rebuild as single storey extension, including reconfigure of existing internal floorspace. **Decision: PERMISSION**

Reference No: 25256/048

Location: Land to the rear of Brackenbury Gardens and, Boyneswood Close, Medstead, Alton
Proposal: Proposed construction of 45 dwellings on land east of Boyneswood Road.
Decision: REFUSAL

Reference No: 59602/001

Location: West Fields, 39 Lymington Bottom Road, Medstead, Alton, GU34 5EW
Proposal: Detached shed. **Decision: PERMISSION**

Reference No: 35421/004

Location: Chelstoke, 84 Lymington Bottom Road, Medstead, Alton, GU34 5EP
Proposal: Remove existing hedge and replace with established 2 metre Laurel hedge and 1.8m fence located behind the new hedge. **Decision: PERMISSION**

Reference No: 58482/006

Location: Land adjacent to Fir Tree House, Wield Road, Medstead, Alton
Proposal: Change of use of land from agricultural to recreational (additional and amended information received 12/04/22, 18/05/22, 14/06/22, and 20/06/22). **Decision: REFUSAL**

22.60 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- i. **23986/016**
Lawful development certificate proposed - single storey side extension.
Grove Farm Cottage, Bighton Road, Medstead, Alton, GU34 5NE.
Medstead Parish Council have reviewed the application and were unsure as to when the change of use had been approved from office to residential. The Clerk was asked to check the history of the site. Subject to the EHDC case officer being content, Medstead Parish Council have no objection.
- ii. **21395/003**
Demolition of the existing flat roof two storey rear extension and detached double garage. Replacement part 1, part 2 storey rear extension and detached garage, with office space in the roof.
Wentways, High Street, Medstead, Alton, GU34 5LW
Medstead Parish Council have reviewed the application and have no objection, as long as the Planning case officer is content with the extended footprint .

There were no further matters to discuss and the meeting was closed at 7.20pm.

Signed Chairman Date.....