

# EAST HOATHLY WITH HALLAND PARISH COUNCIL

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## PLANNING COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, 7 April 2010,  
at 7 pm in the Village Hall, Church Marks Lane, East Hoathly.

Present: Susan Cole (Chairman), David Vaughan, Pete French, John Graham and Roger More.  
Also in attendance: Jenny Vaughan and Marion Wilson.  
Public: 3 members of the public.

### 1. Apologies.

There were none.

### 2. Declarations of Interest.

There were none.

### 3. Minutes of the Last Meeting for Approval.

It was agreed that the minutes of the previous meeting should be adopted as read (15 March 2010) (DV/RM).

### 4. Planning applications for consideration - (comments denoted in italics and underlined)

- **WD/2009/0881/MAJ – Proposed hotel extension by erecting two separate blocks as follows: 8 unit block of 1-bed rooms over two floors, layout and appearance as existing hotel. 27 unit block over two floors comprising 17 no. 1-bd suites and 10 no. 1-bed rooms, ground floor main reception, ground and first floor seating area, within roof space – 3 no. conference rooms, staff room, office, meeting room, male and female WCs, lift to all floors.  
Halland Forge Hotel & Restaurant, Halland.**

*The Parish Council strongly objects to the application for the following reasons:*

- *The proposals are inappropriately large for the area. The scale, bulk and mass of the proposals are out of keeping and do not respect the character of the village. This would create an imbalance between the hotel and the village.*
- *The PC has concerns over the authenticity of the 'hotel' application as the units within the buildings mainly have kitchens and are denoted as 'flats'. The units appear to be designed and built for long term residential occupation and not for bona fide overnight guests.*
- *There would be no benefit to the community. Indeed, the scale of the development would be detrimental to the area.*
- *There is great concern over the Ancient Woodland behind the rear of the site and how this will be affected by the large development just over the boundary.*
- *We are aware of strong local objections to proposals by residents of Halland. A number attended the PC Planning meeting this week to make their views known. They were only made aware of the proposals because it appeared on the PC agenda for this meeting. The residents of Heath Close - which abuts the site - have not been notified by Wealden District Council of these proposals. In addition, the yellow planning notices, that would ordinarily be prominently positioned outside the subject site, appear to have been removed some weeks ago.*

*In the event that WDC deem these proposals for long term residential use acceptable, we are concerned to note that no provision appears to have been made for any 106 Agreement.*

## **5. For Information.**

### WDC Approvals:

- WD/2009/2496/F – Two storey extension on the south east end of the house.  
Vine House, Knowle Lane, Halland
- WD/2010/0213/F – Convert and extend existing stables into a dwelling. Amendment to approval WD/2007/1029/F.  
31 Mill Lane, East Hoathly.

### Withdrawn Items:

- WD/2010/0064/F – Change of use of redundant barn to tourist accommodation.  
Pipers Farm, East Hoathly.

## **6. Any Other Business at the Discretion of the Chair.**

- Long Pond – it was agreed that John Graham would meet with the ecological survey consultants – letter from Mrs James, South Team Leader, was passed around the meeting and discussed.
- Church Marks Lane development discussed (MW).
- Halland Forge application – note that no provision for S106 conditions has been made.

## **7. Next Planning Committee Meeting: Wednesday, 26 April 2010 at 6.45 prior to the full PC meeting.**

*AEN/22 April 2010*

*Circulation: All Parish Councillors/Councillor Barby Dashwood-Hall (WDC)/Website.*