

ALKHAM PARISH COUNCIL

PLANNING MEETING

MINUTES - THURSDAY 13<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2016

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1. Venue Alkham Village Hall, 6:30 pm
2. Present Parish Councillors: Neil Burrows, Den Barnard, Susan Lees, Fiona MacAskill and Anthony Barrier. Clerk: Angela Miller
3. Apologies and approval of absences Parish Councillor: Geoff Hillier
4. To receive declarations of interest and dispensations  
None
5. Approval of minutes (if any)  
None

6. Planning Applications :

**6.1 DOV 16/01053 Drellingore Farm, Stomers Lane, Drellingore, Alkham  
The erection of an agricultural storage building**

The Parish Council object to the planning application and concur with the opinion of Rural Planning Ltd that there is no need for an additional barn. The existing barns belonging to this property are already agricultural buildings but are not being used for agricultural use. The size of the building in an open AONB area is detrimental to the landscape and offers no economic benefit.

**6.2 DOV 16/01079 Flintwood Lodge, Slip Lane, Alkham  
Change of use and conversion to holiday let**

The Parish Council has no objections. Concerns were raised however over the visibility splay for vehicles emerging onto Slip Lane and these will be registered with DDC.

7. Any other business

- 7.1 Check with Highways that the new fencing around the woodland at Wolverton (adjacent to Alkham Valley Road) meets with their approval.
- 7.2 The Councillors would like Andrew Hutchinson to clarify his opinion on long-term seasonal closures for the closed byways. The Councillors agreed that the decision to undertake any immediate repairs lies with KCC PROW, and not with the Parish Council. The clerk will contact Mr Hutchinson accordingly.
- 7.3 The Councillors decided to send a letter to Charlie Elphicke requesting his support and assistance concerning the closed byways.
- 7.4 Kent PROW have asked the Parish Council to cover the shortfall of £475 in respect of funding available to repair Pimlico Way. KCC have received a private donation of £200, therefore the Parish Council agreed that the balance of £275 could be met by using, as yet, unspent money from a previous grant received from KCC for the purchase of the picnic benches and historic boards. The money remaining from this grant is £335.67 therefore it was agreed that the £275 could be allocated from this.

8. The meeting closed at 8:00pm

Signed (Chairman): .....

Date: .....