

HERNE & BROOMFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of Herne & Broomfield Parish Council Planning & Highways Committee, held as a Virtual meeting via Zoom on **Thursday 7th January** 2020 at 7.30pm for the purpose of transacting the following business.

Present: Cllr Blatherwick, Cllr Harvey, Cllr Strong, Cllr Davison, Cllr Hill and Cllr Checksfield

- 1) Apologies for absence. None
- 2) To receive declarations of interest on items on the agenda. None
- 3) The Minutes of the planning meeting held on 3rd December 2020, were agreed as a correct record.
- 4) Matters arising. None

Public Adjournment

Three representatives for application 20/02712 the crematorium, spoke about the plans and answered questions from the committee. They confirmed crematoria have to be at least 200 yds from the nearest dwelling. Currently the nearest crematoriums used are in Thanet and Barham, having one locally will mean that residents don't have to travel so far which is better for the environment and the new building will provide employment for 7-8 people. There will be 85 parking spaces and there will be an opportunity to park on the entrance road if necessary. Highways issues were raised and it was stated that most cremations took place between 10.30am and 3.30pm, so not at peak times.

20/02753	30 Mount View Road	Detached garage, demolition of existing	08/01/21
Members approved this application.			
20/02787	44 Woodrow Chase	Single storey ext to front and dormer to rear	08/01/21
Members considered this over development. Infill of the part of the property that is set back will give the property a really heavy look and members felt this would unbalance the look of the property. They were concerned about the look of this proposed extension from the Cherry Orchard, which is in the Conservation area, and had concerns about the effect on the amenity of the neighbour. Members asked if this application could perhaps be amended taking into account the issues the parish council has raised.			
20/02756	19 Dove Close	Single storey rear ext conversions of side door to window and rear window to door	08/01/21
Members approved this application			
20/02793	12 Hunters Chase	Two storey side and one and a half storey rear extension	08/01/21
Members approved this application			
20/02712	Land off Bullockstone Road	Crematorium with parking internal access road and landscaping	22/01/21
Members supported this application but asked the clerk to view the Highways response before submitting the parish council's approval. Cllr Blatherwick said she supported the application but did have concerns as to access when BRIS was being carried out as Bullockstone Road would need to be closed for about a year.			
19/10345	SE Water Compound Canterbury Rd	Erection of mobile phone mast	27/01/21
Cllr Blatherwick reported that the only change she could see was that the mast was now a lattice design, the proposed 1.2mtr deep base was not considered suitable			

for a mast of this size and weight, larger foundations would kill the trees and make the mast even more visible.

Members considered little had changed and that previous reasons for objection stood.

'The proposed site is protected open space and in the conservation area, and is also at the entrance to the village. The top of the mast will be very visual. Concerns were raised over the large concrete pad which is required, as this will need piling and is likely to result in severe damage to the tree roots, which will then cause the death of the mature trees. The trees are also deciduous, which will not provide screening all year. It is not a densely wooded area. Members would not like to see any work carried out to the existing trees, if this application is to progress. Members wish to see increased tree planting in this area to help with the high pollution levels in the village. As these are the screening for this mast, that is a major concern. Two of the cabinets will be higher than the proposed fence and members suggest this fencing needs to be higher to ensure they are not visual, they should also be green to help them blend in with the surroundings. A close boarded fence is suggested, this is likely to be a target for graffiti, therefore members have suggested that a hawthorn hedge be plant on the outside of the fence, this will improve the area for wildlife and protect the fence.'

It is not understood why this site, which is at the lowest point in the village has been chosen or the fact that there is no evidence of any other sites being considered, surely the mast needs to be at a high point not the lowest point.

There was a question about the advertising banners on the slip road at Eddington, City Cllr Dekker said that they now had permission to remove these and it would be done soon.

Appeals None

Correspondence received. CCC has advised the applicant for the piece of land at the corner of Hunters Forstal Road and Arden Road that the fence that has been erected needs to be reduced to a metre in height.

Applications Approved by CCC: **20/02409 15 Hillbrow Ave Single storey rear ext.**

20/02163 20 Dean Croft First floor rear ext and infill front ext

20/01355 2 Selwood Cottage Single storey rear ext

CCC planning applications refused. None

Applications withdrawn None

To discuss any Highways Issues. A complaint had been received about overweight vehicles using Lower Herne Road, the person complaining was doing so on behalf of a 90 year old lady who had had her wall knocked down 3 times. The clerk explained that overweight vehicles are a matter for the police and all roads came under KCC, the response was that we were passing the buck as CCC had done. The clerk asked for the lady's address in order to speak with the Highways steward about the problem, no reply has been received to date.

Meeting closed at 9pm