



**MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
TUESDAY 21ST JULY 2015 IN THE JOHN BANKS HALL, GOUDHURST ROAD,
MARDEN COMMENCING AT 7.30PM**

- 049/15 **PRESENT:** Cllrs Childs, Mannington, Newton, Reed (in the Chair) and Tippen. The Clerk, Assistant Clerk and four members of the public were also in attendance. Cllr Adam arrived during the course of the meeting.
- 050/15 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Cllrs Boswell, Brown, Turner and Weir had given their apologies. County Councillor Stockell also gave her apologies.
- 051/15 **(a) DECLARATION OF INTEREST:** There were no declarations of interest
(b) COUNCILLORS REGISTER OF INTEREST: There were no amendments to the registers of interest
(c) GRANTING OF DISPENSATION: There were no requests for granting of dispensation
- 052/15 **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**
Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14th July 2015 to be deferred until 11th August full council meeting.
- 053/15 **IDENTIFICATION OF ITEMS INVOLVING PUBLIC SPEAKING:** Several members of the public wished to speak on the application
- 054/15 **PLANNING APPLICATION**
(a) **15/505181/REM – Land off Maidstone Road, Marden**
Approval of Reserved Matters in relation to approved 14/501603/OUT for sports facilities including 2 artificial multi-use pitches and dugouts, 4 tennis courts, cricket pitch and practice nets, clubhouse, machinery store, parking, landscaping and community orchard (Appearance, Landscaping, Layout and Scale being sought)
7:43pm Cllr Adam arrived at the meeting
The Chairman adjourned the meeting and opened the floor for members of the public to speak – Appendix A
After hearing all the comments made Cllrs had no further questions or commences to make therefore the Chairman asked for it to go to the vote *Cllr Adam refrained from voting as he had arrived after the discussion had commenced.*
All other Cllrs in attendance were in favour of the application and therefore recommended approval.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.10pm

Signed:
Chairman, Marden Parish Council

Date: 11th August 2015

Planning Application: 15/505181/REM – Land off Maidstone Road, Marden

Points for information from Matthew Blythin (MB) of DHA Planning:

Clive Baxter (CB) has been leading design on behalf of the MCHC. Outline had been approved and DHA has been working with MBC/KCC with the reserved matters.

Pre application discussions were held with MBC

Overflow car parking would be provided for tournaments.

Points for information from Clive Baxter (CB) Chairman of Marden Hockey Club:

Scale of building is within the perimeters set in the outline permission

Permission was for 750sqm but has been scaled back due to costs and ground floor has been designed to meet Sports England requirements.

Advice taken from KCC Sports Officer.

1st floor is approximately twice the size of the existing club house.

Terrace leading out from first floor overlooking both cricket and hockey pitches.

Advice taken from other clubs regarding usage of the building

Car parking – 2 areas for overflow providing approximately 110/120 spaces

Use of coaches would be via a management programme and a travel plan needs to be produced as part of the conditions but it could be a drop off/pick up with coaches returning when required.

Cllrs asked whether there was sufficient room to turn a coach around once it had entered the site.

CB/MB took on board the issue of turning a coach around and this would be taken into consideration when producing the travel plan and layout.

Cllrs asked the question regarding pedestrian access:

It was part of the application that an extension to the existing footway would extend along Maidstone Road to just before Bumpers Hall with pedestrian access onto site, one access via PROW from Bridgehurst and DHA are currently in talks with Network Rail to provide access along the railway embankment adjacent to Highfield House

Other information:

Floodlighting – no changes to previous approved conditions

Community Orchard - CB was designing the Community Orchard and was using local Kent/village apple varieties

At least half of the orchard is already adopted following Saints and Sinners and looking to launch at Apple Day on 21st October. Hoping to have majority of orchard planted this Autumn with a grafting training day in Spring 2016.

It would be managed by the Club but using neighbouring farmer to assist and hoping that a lot of companies within the village will sponsor the management of it.

Sponsorship from two nurseries and a planting day arranged for all those who have bought/sponsored a tree. Fruit is there for the sponsor to pick if not the fruit will be picked, juiced and sold from the clubhouse. 200 trees in total would be planted.

Security of the site: MCHC was hopeful that neighbours, including the proposed change of use of the barn on the opposite side of the railway, will provide small scale security as overlooking the site. CCTV has been budgeted into costs and a 1.2m perimeter fence around the site was part of the planning application however this would not include the community orchard, hedging would then be planted to soften the scheme. The fencing would have 4 entry points around the ground (2 pedestrian and 2 vehicular).

Energy/Power: Possible PV panels could be placed on the maintenance shed as south facing and has been discussed to place on the west facing roof of the club house but this has not been budgeted. Ground source heat pumps backed up with gas provision will be used for heating the club house.

Member of the Public: does not feel the community orchard would be beneficial and could become neglected in the future and feels that the area could be better utilised with other tree and wild flower planting.

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CB responded and said that MCHC are looking to plant some sweet chestnuts within the landscaping plan, the Club would be managing the orchard and as it would be seen from the entrance and the site would not be allowed to become neglected. There was scope to incorporate all the points raised.

The meeting was then reconvened for Cllrs to comment.

Agreed 11th August 2015