

## **FOUR MARKS PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee Held on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2015, commencing at 7.30pm At the Village Hall, Four Marks**

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**Members Present:** Cllrs T Brake (Chair), J Foster, J Hammond, A Hickman, and A Tomlinson  
**Attending:** S Goudie (Clerk), 2 members of the public  
**Apologies:** Cllr S Sensier

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#### **OPEN SESSION:**

Cllr Brake opened the meeting and apologised for the wrong notification that this was to be a Full Council meeting. He confirmed that the Chairman had not agreed to the request made at the previous planning meeting but confirmed that the issue with reference to the Co-Op purchase by EHDC would be an Agenda item at the Full Council meeting on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2015.

Mr Kidd wanted to express his concern over the “extremely surprising news of the purchase of the Co-Op by EHDC but the fact that the Parish Council were completely unaware of this news was nothing short of disgraceful”.

Cllr Hammond referred to the delayed circulation of the email from Mr Minter with reference to his planning application for 9 houses on his land, and felt it was worthy of comment. The Clerk confirmed that this would be discussed further under the Agenda item 6.

Cllr Foster raised the issue of the email sent by Cllr Thomas with reference to her withdrawing her participation from the Planning Committee and felt it worth noting that it was not only the Clerk that had mistakenly understood Cllr Thomas’ intentions. After discussion all members of the Committee had thought that although Cllr Thomas had advised that, as she was now a member of the EHDC Planning Committee it prohibited her from being a voting member of the Planning Committee, she would remain part of planning committee in an advisory capacity as a non-voting member. However Cllr Thomas has now clarified that she has resigned from the Committee, and would be removed from the members list but that she would attend some meetings if possible.

The Open Session concluded at 7.45pm, Standing Orders were applied.

#### **15.01 PC APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

An apology for absence had been received by Cllr Sensier.

#### **15.02 PC DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr Foster, declared an interest in Agenda Items 5.4 and 5.5, she confirmed she will stay in the room but would not comment.

Cllr Brake declared an interest in Agenda Item 5.1.

#### **15.03 PC COMMITTEE MINUTES**

- The minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2014 were proposed as a true record by Cllr Tomlinson, seconded by Cllr Foster, and signed by the Chairman.
- Matters Arising. Referring back to the request made at the previous meeting for an extraordinary Full Council meeting to discuss the issue with reference to the purchase of the Co-Op by EHDC, Cllr Brake referred to Standing Order 6(b), and ask that it be noted for the future that if 2 or more Councillors put a request, in writing, for an extraordinary Full Council meeting, if the Chairman does not agree or refuses to acknowledge the

request, then the Councillors do have the right to convene the meeting without the Chairman's agreement.

## 15.04 PC PLANNING MATTERS

### Decisions notified:

1. Reference: 55829  
Location: Land rear of 71 Lapwing Way, Four Marks  
Proposal: Ash Tree remove lowest lateral limb to the north, and remove dead and hanging branches  
Decision: WITHDRAWN
  
2. Reference No:49251/004  
Location: 8 Kingswood Rise, Four Marks, Alton, GU34 5BD  
Proposal: Prune one Hawthorn in the front garden of 8 Kingswood Rise where its branches overhang the garden of 6 Kingswood Rise up to a height of 6 metres (Amended height as detailed in email dated 2/11/14).  
Decision: CONSENT Decision Date: 8 December, 2014
  
3. Reference No:35807/010  
Location: Kingswood, Alton Lane, Four Marks, Alton, GU34 5AJ  
Proposal: Detached dwelling after demolition of existing (retrospective)  
Decision: PERMISSION Decision Date: 8 December, 2014
  
4. Reference No: 34324/008  
Location: 31 Yarnhams Close, Four Marks, Alton, GU34 5DH  
Proposal: Retention of pitched roof to side extension  
Decision: PERMISSION Decision Date: 17 December, 2014
  
5. Reference No: 30800/008  
Location: Land Rear of, 131 Winchester Road, Four Marks, Alton  
Proposal: Spruce trees adjacent on the northern boundary of the woodland adjacent to 1A Gloucester Close:  
Trees P1 to P4 - crown lift to 6 metres. 2 trees marked X on attached layout plan to be felled.  
Poplar trees on the eastern boundary of the woodland adjacent to 1 Gloucester Close:  
Trees P1 to P6 crown reduce laterals by 30% to leave a finished crown spread overhanging the boundary with 1 Gloucester Close of 5 metres.  
Decision: CONSENT Decision Date: 16 December, 2014
  
6. Reference No: 37932/004  
Location: The Walk, 55 Lymington Bottom, Four Marks, Alton, GU34 5AH  
Proposal: Horse Chestnut (T1 in the application, T4 in TPO (EH 90)1981) - reduce entire external canopy by 2 metres, leaving a finished crown spread of 8 metres and height of approximately 18 metres.  
Decision: REFUSAL Decision Date: 12 December, 2014
  
7. Reference: 53264/002  
Location: Land to the North of Whyte Gate, Two Oaks and Woodlands, The Shrave  
Proposal: Reserved matters; five detached and four semi detached dwellings  
Decision: PERMISSION Decision Date: 19 December, 2014
  
8. Reference No: 53661/001  
Location: 9 Gloucester Close, Four Marks, Alton, GU34 5HX  
Proposal: Single storey rear extension with front dormer window and velux roof window. Alterations to existing front windows  
Decision: PERMISSION Decision Date: 23 December, 2014
  
9. Reference No: 30605/004  
Location: Old Hawthorn Farm, Hawthorn Lane, Four Marks, Alton, GU34 5AU

Proposal: Side extension  
Decision: PERMISSION

Decision Date: 23 December, 2014

**New applications:**

1. Reference: 29950/021      Comment deadline: 2 Jan 2015  
Location: Belford House, 93 Lymington Bottom Road, Four Marks, GU34 5AH  
Proposal: Crown lift 3 x Beech, 1 x horse chestnut, 2 x spruce, and remove torn and hanging limbs  
No objection, and are happy to concur with the Arboriculturalist's decision.

2. Reference: 55921      Comment deadline: 5 Jan 2015  
Location: The Cones, 3 Thorn Lane, Four Marks, GU34 5BT  
Proposal: Single storey rear and side elevation following demolition of garage and lobby  
No objection.

3. Reference: 55925      Comment deadline: 12 Jan 2015  
Location: Land West of 1 Penrose Way, Four Marks, Alton  
Proposal: Fell one silver birch to allow remaining trees to flourish, reduce height of twisted beech, by 2 metres, leaving a finished height of 6.1 metres

Four Marks Parish Council have no objections to the felling of the Silver Birch as detailed, however do have reservations over the proposed reduction of the *Fagus sylvatica purpurea* Dawyck (detailed as twisted Beech), and have been advised that this ideally should only be reduced by no more than 60cms and the removal of the laurel beneath its canopy would ensure that the beech's growth would no longer be inhibited, and would ask that the Arboriculturalist take this into consideration.

4. Reference: 55490/001      Comment deadline: 16 Jan 2015  
Location: 75a Winchester Road, Four Marks, Alton  
Proposal: Carport and store to side  
Four Marks Parish Council have no objections to this application as such, however do have concerns over the removal of the hedge and the apparent proximity to the boundary of the adjacent property.

5. Reference: 20272/010      Comment deadline: 19 Jan 2015  
Location: The Flints, Lymington Bottom, Four Marks  
Proposal: T1 Sycamore - Reduce outer stem to 5th branch from ground level, leaving finished height of 18m, reduce internal stem to 7th branch from ground level, leaving finished height of 18m.  
T2 Sycamore - Reduce entire canopy by 4m, leaving finished radius of 9m and finished height of 15m.  
T3 Sycamore - Reduce lower North Easterly canopy over neighbouring property (roof/drive) by 3m, leaving finished length of 4m, comprising approx. 10 branches.  
T4 Sycamore - Reduce lowest 4 branches over neighbouring flat roof (garage) by 3m, leaving finished length of 5m.  
T5 Ash - Remove entire secondary stem over neighbouring garden back to main fork union at 5m from ground level.

No objection, and are happy to concur with the Arboriculturalist's decision.

6. Reference: 39497/003      Comment deadline: 20 Jan 2015  
Location: Teazles, Alton Lane, Four Marks, Alton  
Proposal: Oak-framed barn-style garden store

No objection.

7. Reference: 26791/005                      Comment deadline:28 Jan 2015  
Location: Ravenswood, Hawthorn Lane, Four Marks, Alton  
Proposal: Prior notification – change of use of agricultural building to dwelling house

Objection. Four Marks Parish Council are very concerned about this application and the possibility that, should this be granted permission, further applications would be submitted for the other agricultural buildings in the same location, thus creating a small development within a location situated outside the Settlement Policy Boundary, in a very rural area of Four Marks. Whilst acknowledging that this is a different situation as there is a structure in situ, a strong stance was recently taken on an additional dwelling on a similar plot in the same area, and was refused and the refusal upheld at Appeal.

**LATE PLANNING APPLICATION RECEIVED:**

8. Reference: 55949                      Comment deadline: 21 January 2014  
Location: Land West of The Haven, Boyneswood Road, Medstead  
Proposal: Notification of EIA Screening Opinion application

This application was received earlier in the evening, however as the comment deadline was before the next meeting, the Chairman felt it should be discussed as a late application. It was noted that Four Marks Parish Council were not on the official Consultee list and the Clerk confirmed she would advise the Planning Officer accordingly.

Four Marks Parish Council, in the light of the cumulative effect of all the proposed surrounding development, including permission granted, applications in and potential applications to be submitted, which could exceed 600 houses, it was felt that a EIA Screening Opinion should be requested in this instance.

**15.05 PC**

**EHDC PLANNING UPDATE**

Cllr Foster attended the Planning Committee 18<sup>th</sup> December 2014 at Penns Place. She advised of the withdrawal of the application on the land to the rear of 131 Winchester Road, this time by EHDC.

She then confirmed that outline permission had been granted, unanimously, for the application for 9 dwellings at Glenmore, Lymington Bottom, but expressed concern over the inaccuracies in the presentation by the Planning Officer and confirmed that she had written to the Mr Holmes following the meeting to raise these oversights. No response had been received. It was noted that the District Councillors's support of the application had not been well received by the Objectors. However, Cllr Brake reminded the Committee that this was outline permission only and that the Planning Committee would be able to make further comment once Reserved Matters were received. The email received from the Applicant, Mr Minter, would also be taken into consideration once this matter was brought back to the Committee for discussion. The Clerk would acknowledge receipt of the email and advise accordingly.

**15.06 PC**

**NEXT MEETING**

**Full Council** – Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2015, 7.30pm, Village Hall  
**Planning Committee** - Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2015, 7.30pm, venue tbc

**15.07 PC**

**The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.40 pm**

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Chairman