

3. Reference No: 55810
Location: Land South of, Chaffinch Road, Four Marks, Alton
Proposal: Ash tree (T29) on green between 11 and 17 Chaffinch Road - crown lift to 3.5 metres and reduce longest lower lateral to the east and west by up to 3 metres to a suitable growth point. Finished branch lengths of approximately 5m.
Decision: CONSENT Decision Date: 21 January, 2015

4. Reference No: 55907
Location: Land between, 9-15 Goldcrest Way, Four Marks, Alton
Proposal: Ash tree (T22 of TPO) - Reduce the lowest over extended lateral to the north by approximately 8 metres to first growth point. Also reduce lowest lateral to the south by up to 2 metres to a suitable growth point, leaving finished branch length of approximately 6 metres.
Decision: CONSENT Decision Date: 21 January, 2015

5. Reference No: 55924 PARISH: Four Marks
Location: Land on the West Side of, Handyside Place, Four Marks, Alton
Proposal: Sweet Chestnut at entrance to estate (T1 in Tree Preservation Order (EH 727) 2007)- crown lift to 5 metres without removing any branch with a basal diameter greater than 75mm.
Decision: CONSENT Decision Date: 23 January, 2015

6. Reference No: 55490/001 PARISH: Four Marks
Location: 75a Winchester Road, Four Marks, Alton, GU34 5HR
Proposal: Carport and store to side
Decision: PERMISSION Decision Date: 23 January, 2015

7. Reference No: 55807 PARISH: Four Marks
Location: Land West of, 56 Pheasant Close, Four Marks, Alton
Proposal: Oak tree (T26) - reduce the lowest 4 lateral branches to the west by up to 3 metres to a suitable growing point bringing the branches in line with the crown and leaving finished branch endings of approximately 7m.
Ash tree (T25) - Remove 4 large suckers extending north from the base and the lowest lateral branch extending to the east.
Douglas Fir tree (T24) - Reduce the over extended lateral branch at approx. 8 metres by 3 metres to suitable growth point, leaving a branch length of approximately 5m.
Decision: CONSENT Decision Date: 23 January, 2015

8. Reference No: 55808 PARISH: Four Marks
Location: Land at, Goldcrest Way, Four Marks, Alton
Proposal: Oak (T19) - Reduce and reshape the tree to a finished height of approx.13 metres. Finished crown spread (radius) of approximately 6.5m
Oak (T30) - Reduce longest 2 lateral branches to the west by approx. 2 metres. Finished branch length of approximately 5.5m
Ash (T31) - Reduce the lowest limb to the north by 2 metres to suitable growth point. Finished branch length of approximately 5.5m.
Decision: CONSENT Decision Date: 23 January, 2015

9. Reference No: 55809 PARISH: Four Marks
Location: Land West of, Lapwing Way, Four Marks, Alton
Proposal: 3 Field Maple in front of 85 Lapwing Way - Reduce and reshape clump of three by approx. 2 metres on the top and 1 metre on the sides to give a spread of 6 metres east to west and 8 metres north to south and a finished height of 8 metres.
Decision: CONSENT Decision Date: 26 January, 2015

10. Reference No: 39497/003 PARISH: Four Marks
Location: Teazles, Alton Lane, Four Marks, Alton, GU34 5AJ

Proposal: Oak-framed, barn-style garden store
Decision: PERMISSION Decision Date: 26 January, 2015

11. Reference No: 29950/021 PARISH: Four Marks
Location: Belford House, 93 Lymington Bottom, Four Marks, Alton, GU34 5AH
Proposal: 2 Beech and 1 Horse Chestnut within Group 2 of TPO (EH 236) 1990 crown lift to 5m.
1 Beech (T3 in TPO (EH 236) 1990) - crown lift to 5m.
2 Spruce (T1 and T2 in TPO (EH 236) 1990) - crown lift to 5m and remove torn and hanging limbs.
Decision: CONSENT Decision Date: 29 January, 2015
12. Reference No: 55925 PARISH: Four Marks
Location: Land West of, 1 Penrose Way, Four Marks, Alton
Proposal: Fell one Silver Birch (1 on map)
Reduce height of twisted Beech (2 on map) by 2 metres leaving a finished height of 6.10 metres.
Decision: WITHDRAWN Decision Date: 28 January, 2015
13. Reference No: 55766 PARISH: Four Marks
Location: Maytrees, 71 Lymington Bottom, Four Marks GU34 5AH
Proposal: 5 dwellings following demolition of bungalow and associated buildings
Decision: PERMISSION Decision Date: 30 January 2015

New applications:

1. Reference No: 54485 (Medstead Parish)
Location: Sunnysdene, Stoney Lane, Medstead, Alton
Proposal: Lawful development certificate for a proposed development, single storey sides and rear extension

No objection, providing the proposals comply with regulations. However whilst the location of this property is directly adjacent to the Four Marks Parish's boundary, it is actually in the Parish of Medstead and their Parish Council may have a different view and should be invited to comment.

2. Reference No: 54841/002
Location: Beverley, 165 Winchester Road, Four Marks, GU34 5HY
Proposal: Raise and restructure roof to create accommodation at first floor level, two storey side extension, and a single storey rear extension

Four Marks Parish Council have no objection to the proposals in principle, however did feel that the extended dwelling is substantially larger than the existing dwelling and appears rather overbearing in comparison.

There were, however, two areas of concern arising from this application. The first is that the boundary line as detailed in this proposal appears to incorporate the pavement, and ask that Highways check this. The second, more worryingly, is the other boundary line drawn in blue on the Location Plan, which appears to give the impression that the plot could be split and the back garden earmarked for future development. Four Marks Parish Council would like it noted that any application for additional dwellings to the rear of this property would be an excessive over development of the plot and not be looked upon favourably as this would go against all recommendations in the Village Design Statement.

3. Reference No: 21566/033
Location: Churchills, Brislands Lane, Four Marks, GU34 5AD
Proposal: Proposed extension to rear
No objection.

4. Reference No: 29085/002
Location: Blue Anchor, 28 Telegraph Lane, Four Marks, GU34 5AX
Proposal: Velux window to single storey garage
No objection.
5. Reference No: 52167/001
Location: 2 Penrose Way, Four Marks, GU34 5BG
Proposal: T1 Salix Caprea – re pollard back to old pollard points
No objection, and are happy to concur with the Arboriculturist's decision.

LATE PLANNING APPLICATION:

6. Reference: 23761/012
Location: 139 Winchester Road, Four Marks, GU34 5HY
Proposal: Fence and gates to front boundary – resubmission
No objection.

Appeals notified:

1. Reference No: 36394/003
Location: Hawthorn Lodge, 14 Kingswood Rise, Four Marks, GU34 5BD
Proposal: Fell on Oak tree

15.12 PC

EDHC PURCHASE OF THE COOP

The District Councillor had passed on the Parish Council's questions to Tom Horwood at East Hampshire District Council, the questions and his reply are detailed as follows:

1. When did negotiations begin with the Fund Management Company to purchase the former Windmill Inn pub?

The Windmill Inn closed in June 2013. A 15-year lease was granted to the Co-op in December 2013. We became aware from our agents in mid-January 2014 that the property to due to be marketed at auction the following month. We started direct negotiations with the seller (FUKP (Four Marks) LLP) on 30 January 2014 and exchanged contracts on 31 January, completing on 28 February.

2. Were there any potential conflict of interests with any of the planning or change of use applications granted?

No. The planning matters were resolved prior to the Council becoming aware that the property might be marketed. In any case, the Planning service is separate from the Property service and both abide by the relevant professional codes of conduct and the law.

3. What is the position on the sale and ownership of the flats?

The Council owns the freehold. The seller took back a long lease of the upper floor.

4. Why was the Parish Council not informed at any time prior to the press release being issued of the acquisition, when the District were more than aware of the concerns of the loss of the public house?

As you can see from the dates under (1) above, the District Council was not involved in property when it was a pub or when it became a Co-op store. Unless a Parish Council had a particular financial interest in a property being considered for acquisition, we would not undertake communication before a purchase because (a) the timescale may mean losing the acquisition, and (b) the price may rise if the Council's interest became known more widely. If your question is about why we didn't inform the Parish Council after acquisition:

as this was a purely commercial transaction with no impact on the community or on either Councils' services to the community, we would not have normally considered that such a communication was necessary. In hindsight, given the strength of feeling around the property's former use, I can understand why you would wish to have been informed to help you understand and explain the situation, and I regret not sending you a note on this after the sale to us was completed.

It was suggested that a summary of this response should be published in the next edition of the Four Marks News.

The Committee were of the opinion that the main questions had been answered, and acknowledged Mr Horwood's regret over not having informed the Parish Council that the transaction had taken place. However, as the District Councillor had still not attended a meeting since this issue arose, it was felt that there were still questions that the Parish Council would like put to her personally and it was agreed that this would be made an Agenda item until she was in attendance and able to respond.

15.13 PC NEXT MEETING

Full Council – Wednesday 18th February 2015, 7.30pm, Village Hall
Planning Committee - Wednesday 4th March 2015, 7.30pm, venue tbc

15.14 PC The Chairman closed the meeting at 20.25 pm

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Chairman