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Minutes of Horam Parish Council's Planning and Highways Committee held in the Horam Centre on MONDAY 24th FEBRUARY 2025 at 7.00 pm until 7.20pm

In Attendance: Councillors Andy Billings, Michael Cousins, Graham Knight, Virginia Roberts and Ann Sadler

Also in Attendance: 1 member of the public
The Clerk

PUBLIC SESSION: None.

295/02/25 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
Cllr Sue Lane – family commitment

296/02/25 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
None

297/02/25 MINUTES

Of the meeting held on 12th February 2025 were confirmed and signed as a true record

298/02/25 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

WD/2025/0205/F - DISMANTLE EXISTING TRACTOR SHED / FEED STORE AND RELOCATE TO FARM PADDOCK TO THE SOUTH - VINES CROSS FARM, NETTLESWORTH LANE, VINES CROSS, HORAM, TN21 9AT

The application was unanimously recommended for REFUSAL.

The Council's observations in respect of this application are as follows: -

The farm and field in question is in the AONB. The shed / feed store if approved should be located in a less visible position – in the corner of the same field nearer to the main farm. This would offer access from their own land rather than a narrow lane. This particular lane is heavily used and suffers from lots of parked cars due to its close proximity to the pub and local car garage. The alternative position much nearer to the main farm offers greater security for the machinery, especially in light of the recent thefts in the area.

If approved the shed / feed store should remain ancillary to the main dwelling.

This is an agricultural shed / feed store. If approved there should be no change of use in the future to a residential dwelling.

If approved there should be no hard standing around it – as stated in the application.

It appears in the application that the relocated shed / feed store has increased in size with no corresponding explanation.

If approved the trees planted should be mature saplings between 2-5 years old. This would increase survival chances. If the shed / feed store is located nearer to the main farm it would make watering of the trees an easier process.

299/02/25 TPO APPLICATIONS - NONE

300/02/25 PLANNING APPEAL NOTIFICATIONS / UPDATES - NONE

301/02/25 PLANNING APPLICATIONS APPROVED BY WEALDEN DISTRICT COUNCIL

WD/2024/1620/FR - RETROSPECTIVE APPLICATION FOR CONVERSION OF AGRICULTURAL BARN TO SINGLE DWELLING FOR FARM PARTNERS - FOORDS FARM, FOORDS LANE, VINES CROSS, HORAM, TN21 9EX - **Approved**

302/02/25 PLANNING APPLICATIONS REFUSED OR WITHDRAWN BY COUNCIL WEALDEN DISTRICT - NONE

303/02/25 TO SUBMIT A RESPONSE TO WDC LETS TALK PLANNING HUB SURVEY

Members submitted an online response. All the questions were displayed using the overhead projector.

304/02/25 CONSIDER A RESPONSE TO THE ESCC PROPOSED TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER FOR HOREBEECH LANE

Members **RESOLVED** to submit the following response:

The Horam Parish Council Planning Committee were in support of the amended plan. They also added that they recommended the purple line (existing national speed limit) is reduced to 40mph all the way to Vines Cross, the Ballssocks junction.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

12th March 2025 at 6.45 pm

TO: MEMBERS OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE: Councillors Billings, Cousins, Knight, Roberts, Sadler and Sue Lane

REMAINING MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL (for information): Councillors Brockhurst, Howells, Lee, Webb and Trott

DISTRICT WARD MEMBERS COLLINS & USBORNE.