

**Minutes of a Meeting of Boughton Malherbe Parish Council Planning Committee
on Thursday 25th June 2015, 7pm, in Grafty Green Village Hall.**

Present: Cllrs R Galton; T. King; B Pearce; R. Turner.

Clerk: Mrs C King

1. Apologies: Cllr M. Hitchins whose apologies were approved and noted

2. Declarations: (i) Declarations of Interest in items on the Agenda - None
(ii) Declarations of Lobbying - None

3. Election of Chair and vice Chair

Cllr Pearce Proposed Cllr Galton continue as Chairman; Cllr King seconded, all in favour.
Cllr Turner proposed Cllr King as vice Chair; Cllr Galton seconded, all in favour.

4. Approval and Adoption of Planning Committee Terms of Reference

Cllr Galton proposed approving the Planning Committee Terms of Reference; Cllr Turner seconded, all in favour.

5. Approval of Minutes of the Planning Meeting on 8th June: having been previously circulated the Minutes were approved and signed as a correct record.

6. Planning:
Consider the following Applications:

(i)

APPLICATION REF: 15/503978/FULL

PROPOSAL:

Demolition of existing conservatory, two storey rear and side extensions to include internal and external alterations.

ADDRESS:

Liverton Hill Farm Liverton Hill Grafty Green Kent ME17 2AL

APPLICATION TYPE:

Householder

COMMENTS

26 June 2015

DUE BY:

Boughton Malherbe Parish Council response:

The pond, (not shown on the plan) is close to the conservatory and supports a well-documented colony of Great Crested Newts. An ecological survey with mitigation proposals should be submitted before consideration of this application.

The front (west) elevation is seen clearly from the road.

Boughton Malherbe Parish Council has no further comment at this stage.

(ii) APPLICATION REF: 15/504313/FULL
PROPOSAL: Proposed storage buildings
ADDRESS: Thornden Farmhouse Lenham Road Headcorn Kent TN27
9LH
APPLICATION TYPE: Minor Gen.Ind Storage/Warehousing
COMMENTS DUE BY: 30th June 2015

Boughton Malherbe Parish Council response:

The drawing number 7017 is not clear and can be misinterpreted as it does not correspond with item 18 of the Application which is, clearly, answered wrongly. The existing ground floor space to be demolished could be scaled as either 370 or 432 sq m, depending upon whether dotted or solid lines are measured. Either way there appears to be an addition of gross floor space. This matter should be clarified before a decision by MBC.

The ponds to the rear are approximately 50m from the site and there are the remains of the moat close by. Consideration should be given to the need for an ecological survey.

Subject to the satisfactory resolution of the above items, Boughton Malherbe Parish Council has no objection to the application.

7. Further Information.

The Clerk explained, briefly, the impending Transparency Code and its implications for Boughton Malherbe Parish Council, and gave all Councillors a copy of the 'Transparency Code for Smaller Authorities'.

The Meeting closed 7.45pm