

# HAWKLEY PARISH COUNCIL

## PLANNING COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING OF HELD  
WEDNESDAY 14th NOVEMBER 2012 AT 6.30PM IN  
HAWKLEY PARISH HALL

PRESENT: John Scutt (Chairman); Geoff Brighton; Jilly Caesar; Peter Cregeen  
Sue Harwood (Clerk) was in attendance.

In addition 5 members of the public were present.

**1) Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**2) Minutes of last meeting held October 1st 2012**

These were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman

**3) Planning Applications**

**SDNP/12/02717 East of Langmead Copse, The Hollow, Hawkley**

*Application for Prior Notification*

General Purpose Farm Building.

The Chairman stated that the status of this application, being a 'prior notification' means that the applicant is effectively informing EHDC of his intentions, and as long as those intentions comply with section 6 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995, then he is entitled to do this. If EHDC's Principal Landscape Officer has no objection to the site, or to the design of the building, then there is nothing that the Parish Council can do to affect the outcome of this application.

Residents accepted the Chairman's comments but expressed several reservations.

These include the close proximity of several protected buildings, and the slope of the land necessitating excavation, both of which are prohibited under section 6. They also object to the site of the barn, feeling that a more acceptable location could be chosen which would not interrupt the precious views to the Hangers. It was proposed that this point should be made directly to the applicant as, unfortunately, it was not considered relevant to the outcome of the application. The Chairman encouraged the residents to raise their objections directly with the case officer. Councillors agreed that while they shared all the residents' frustrations, there were regrettably no planning grounds on which to object to the application.

Comment for submission: The Parish Council regrets that it can find no planning grounds on which to object formally to this application. Councillors feel that current planning rules are flawed, in so far as they may permit a non-farming landowner to erect a barn that has no agricultural justification.

**SDNP/12/02645/Goose Green Cottage, Eames Lane Hawkley GU33 6NW**

*Crown reduce one Yew tree to leave finished height of 24 feet and crown spread of 18 feet.*

No objection subject to the approval of EHDC's arboricultural officer.

**4) The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.05pm.**

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Chairman

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Date