



HERNHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Hernhill Church on Friday 22nd December 2023 from 6pm to 7:20pm.

Present:

Cllr D Waters (Chair) Cllr K. Wakes,
Cllr. B Chipperton Cllr. E Bannock,
Cllr D Figgis

There were no members of the public

154 APOLOGIES

Apologies received and accepted, Cllr. B Heller, Cllr P Smith

155 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None

156 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- 1) 22/504863/FULL Location: Land At Plumpudding And Highstreet Road
Hernhill Kent ME13 9EL Proposal: Proposed development of the site to
provide 4,043 m2 of commercial floorspace in three buildings within
associated, car parking, loading, storage and landscaping areas, accessed from
Highstreet Road - Amended Plans

The Councillors discussed the amendments to the planning application and voted unanimously to continue to object to the application with the following comments:

Hernhill Parish Council note the amendments to the plans to increase the number of parking spaces. However, the number required is still not sufficient to alleviate concerns of overspill and the Council refer to comments provided in the Transport Statement that the worst case scenario is a requirement to 134 spaces and not the 110 provided for in order to potentially prevent overspill into the surrounding area.

The Council's original objection provided in December 2022 still stands and earlier comments and concerns especially with regards to the unsafe junction and traffic still exist. Whilst a footpath has been added to the plans, this shows an unsafe requirement to cross the road at a junction and that the local public bus transport service is only supported by a limited service that does not necessarily meet working hours requirements and will therefore add little by way of value to sustainable transport. The Council does not consider that the overarching objective of sustainable development under the NPPF is met by this proposed application. Should Swale Borough Council be mindful to grant the application approval, the Council request that a condition is added regarding that Plot 4 is condition to be utilised just for storage.

There being no further business, the Chair declared the Meeting closed.

CHAIR