

Henstridge Parish Council

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Approved minutes of Henstridge Parish Council's Planning Committee held at
the Henstridge Village Hall Lounge on Monday 9th July 2007.

Present

Councillors: Mickey Vincent (Chair), Paul Brighten, Geoff Jarvis, Jean Oswick,
David Nichols, Adam Temperton, Jim Fitch, Pete Crocker & Malcolm Stobart.

Norman Symcox from 7.07pm.

James Day from 7.20pm.

Clerk: Mrs Watson.

Meeting commenced at 6.45 pm.

There were 2 members of the public in attendance one of whom was District and
County Councillor, William Wallace.

1. Apologies.

Apologies had been received from Chris Everill & Paul White.

2. Declarations of Interest.

Mrs Oswick declared a personal interest in 07/02859/FUL as the applicant is a
neighbour, Mr Brighten also declared a personal interest in this application as the
applicant lives opposite his home. Both considered their interest not to be prejudicial
and would remain for the consideration and vote.

Mr Temperton and Mr Fitch declared a personal interest in 07/02936/COU as the
applicant is a neighbour. Both considered their interest not to be prejudicial and would
remain for the consideration and vote.

Mr Jarvis declared a personal and prejudicial interest as the applicant of
07/02870/S73 & 07/02871/S73. He advised that 07/02871/S73 had been withdrawn
and that he would leave the meeting for consideration of 07/02870/S73 after
answering questions if required.

3. To approve as a correct record the minutes of the previous meeting held on 11/06/07 and 25/06/07 (Any amendments necessary to be received on the night).

Mr Stobart requested that his apologies for the meeting 25/06/07 be recorded as he
was attending a new Councillors meeting.

**RESOLVED: It was proposed and unanimously agreed to approve the minutes
with the inclusion of the above amendment.**

4. Items deferred from previous meetings:

Appeal in respect of Decision Reference:

07/00921/S73

Application to remove condition 5 (Private/Domestic Use of
workshop) of permission 98/01810/FUL dated 1st October 1988

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(GR 374715/120891), Bowbridge Farm, The Marsh, Camp
Road, Henstridge, Mr and Mrs J L Cook.

The Clerk advised that the previous recommendation of the application on 12/03/07 was refusal on the grounds that access is difficult and usage of the workshop should be limited to private domestic use. Therefore In accordance with S.O 36, as its is within a 6 month period the Committee is not in a position to reverse the previous recommendation and therefore can either send in the previous recommendation or send nothing.

Mr Jarvis queried the reason that members were unable to able to make representation in favour of the appeal and requested that an agenda item is raised at the August Council meeting to suspend S.O 36.

RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed not to make any further representation.

Mr Crocker requested that his abstention be recorded.

5. To consider the following planning applications:

07/02870/S73 Application to remove condition No 1 (i.e. use to allow permanent use of airfield for Gyrocopters) of decision notice 03/03310/FUL dated 2nd February 2004 (GR 375151/120769) Henstridge Airfield, The Marsh, Camp Road, Henstridge, Losan Limited.

Mr Jarvis left the meeting

When asked for comments it was suggested that in order to reduce noise members consider a condition that gyrocopter owners are given 2/3 years to convert to the new generation of gyrocopters, which are quieter in comparison to the older models. Whilst it was understood that gyrocopter circuit flights are supposed to be within the confines of the airfield, members considered that from a safety point of view it may be advisable to route cross country gyrocopter flights East over open farm land, rather than the currently popular route over the small industrial area. The number of flights were considered and the possibility of making comment on limiting flights via condition. It was understood that noise levels were dependant on flying area, wind direction and the type of gyrocopter. The Clerk confirmed the operational times and the current period of permitted use to 28/02/09. It was suggested that consideration be given to a recommendation for an extension to the temporary use.

Member's attention was drawn to the proposal to remove condition No 1 (i.e. use to allow permanent use of airfield for Gyrocopters)

RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed to recommend approval of the application.

Mr Fitch requested that his abstention be recorded.

Mr Jarvis returned to the meeting.

07/02871/S73 Application to remove condition no 10 (i.e. removing the prohibition on aircraft that can be used for aerobatic manoeuvres) of decision notice 03/03310/FUL dated 2nd Feb

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2004 (GR 375151/120769) Henstridge Airfield, The Marsh,
Camp Road, Henstridge, Losan Limited.

The application had been withdrawn.

07/02780/FUL Erection of a two storey extension to form mess room and
office accommodation (GR 375198/119974) Newton Steel,
Landshire Lane, Henstridge, BA8 0SD, Mr Anthony Harris.
The Chairman asked for member's comments. As part of an existing industrial unit
members were in favour of the application.

**RESOLVED: It was proposed and unanimously agreed to recommend approval
of the application.**

07/01398/FUL The erection of a building and the use of land as a concrete
batching plant including the storage of aggregates and parking
of associated vehicles. (GR374826/120742) Lower Marsh farm,
The Marsh Camp road, Henstridge, Templecombe, Somerset.
Amended plans.

The Clerk confirmed that the plans have been amended to allow the existing vehicular
access into the adjacent Sensible transport site to be used as access for the batching
plant. The existing gates on this access are set back 30m from the road edge facilitate
long vehicles entering the site. A solid boundary will be provided along the northern
boundary to address the neighbours concerns with regard to airborne dust.

Mr Symcox arrived at the meeting and stated that he had no interests to declare.

An e-mail in opposition to the application had been received from John Sneddon of
Tetlow – King (acting on behalf of Hopkins Brothers). With an attachment (Chapter
12 of the South Somerset Local Plan Inspector's Report (June 2003) ref KS/Hens/1.

Members considered the possible motives for objection. Some members felt that they
were now able to support the application as by moving the access, setting the gates
back and providing a solid boundary fence to deal with windborne dust, the applicant
has addressed all the issues previously raised by the Committee. However others
raised concerns with regard to the possibility of increased traffic movements,
particularly on the A30 and Camp Road and the potential health hazard. The current
use of the site was clarified as part of the Sensible Transport complex, used for
storage and delivery of vehicles. It was noted that the current use of HGV traffic on
the site is unrestricted and some members considered it positive point that this
application gives an opportunity for traffic restriction.

**RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed to recommend approval of the
amended application.**

Mr Temperton requested that his abstention be recorded.

07/02859/FUL The erection of a single storey rear extension (GR
372696/119354) Townsend Cottage, Townsend, Stalbridge,

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Henstridge, Templecombe, Somerset BA8 0RQ. Mrs & Mrs
Brown.

The Chair outlined the application for a small single storey extension at the rear of the rear of the property and asked for members comments. The Clerk had omitted the word road after Stalbridge and members queried whether the address should read Towend Cottage, Townsend and that Stalbridge Road should be omitted. It was pointed out that unless you went into the property you would not know that the proposed extension was there and members were in favour of the application.

RESOLVED: It was proposed and unanimously agreed to recommend approval of the application.

07/02936/COU Use of land as a site for a mobile home to provide temporary accommodation for a key worker (in accordance with annex A of planning policy Statement 7) (GR 373684/120109)
Parklands fish Farm, Marsh Lane, Henstridge, Templecombe,
Somerset BA8 0TQ. MR Andrew Parker.

The Clerk outlined the proposal for change of use to provide a 260sqm footprint for siting of a temporary mobile home, termed to be an agricultural dwelling and 2 car parking spaces. With regard to PPS7 (special justification for an isolated new dwelling relates to the essential need for a worker to live permanently at or near the their place of work) .The appraisal provided with the application states that the accommodation is for the applicant to allow him to undertake the necessary on site supervision and management of all fish in the interests of fish welfare and security of stock, as the applicant's current residence is 10 miles away on site accommodation allows a swifter response to emergencies. Further in depth detail in support of this in terms of keeping carp and the possible future construction of a fish hatchery is included in the appraisal.

Some members had no objection to the proposal in principal and felt that as PPS 7 is a complex document it should be left to the District Council to assess the application with regard to policy compliance.

Mr Day arrived at the meeting.

Others opposed the application and made reference to the original consent 05/03155/FUL with conditions, feeling that this application contradicts information offered by the applicant at that time, in terms of need for a single working location. Member's attention was drawn to the fact that the diverted footpath on the site is impassable and it was noted that the caravan was in an open area and would be seen from the village.

Members were encouraged to consider the application in hand rather than assessing compliance with conditions of a previous application. A proposal was made that the Committee support the application in principal providing that the District Council assess the application with regard to policy compliance.

The proposal failed in voting and a second proposal was made

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RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed to recommend refusal of the application.

Mr Brighten & Mr Jarvis requested that their votes against be recorded.

6. Recent SSDC AE Decisions.

There were no decisions to report.

7. Area East and Regulation Committee Agenda items.

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Amended plans

Is to be considered at the AE meeting Wed 11th July @ Churchfields, Wincaton, commencing 9.30am.

8. Appeals and matters of report from previous applications as listed:-

There were no appeals or matters to report.

The next meeting of Henstridge Parish Council's Planning Committee will be held at Henstridge Village Hall Lounge on Monday 23rd July 2007 at 7.30pm.

The Meeting closed at 7.27 pm.