Planning Updates

1. Mobile phone mast, Monks Gate

The Parish Council received notification on the 31 October 2016 that the mast was the subject of a "Prior Notification for the installation of a new column and the removal of a nearby column. The removal of a cabinet and the installation of two new equipment cabinets". Parish Councils are not permitted to comment on "Prior Notifications". HDC's decision letter of 7 December, 2016 said "Prior approval is not required and work can now commence in accordance with approved details". Issues relating to the phone mast will be on the agenda for the next Parish Council meeting.

2. Church Road, Mannings Heath

The Case Officer recommended to HDC's Planning Committee Meeting on 5 September, 2017 that the application for three houses be approved. (DC/17/0815). The Parish Council spoke at the meeting and urged district councillors to refuse permission. The Planning Committee overturned the officer's recommendation and refused permission on the grounds that it did not comply with policies 32 and 33 of the HDC's Planning Framework and policy 10 of the Nuthurst Parish Neighbourhood Plan. The applicant has appealed to the Planning Inspectorate against HDC's decision to refuse Planning Permission. The appeal will be dealt with by written representation. The Parish Council will be making a very full representation supporting HDC's refusal and asking for the appeal to be dismissed. When agreed by the Parish Council, this can be read on the Planning Inspectorate's portal. Members of the public can also make representations to the Planning Inspectorate before 15 November 2017.

3. The Dun Horse Inn, Mannings Heath

Two previous Planning Applications have not been decided or withdrawn (DC/16/2382 and DC/17/0301) and are thus still "live". DC/17/2293 was presented to HDC on 13 October by Patagonia Properties, a company set up by the previous applicant. The Planning application covers, "Refurbishment of the existing public house at ground floor with new toilets, kitchen and improved access to rear. Demolition of the outside toilet block enabling provision of a new external stair for independent access to two flats at first floor". The application site comprises the Dun Horse Inn and rear garden only. The application does not include a traffic, road safety and parking assessment. The planning application does not include the side garden and no new application for this piece of land has, as yet, been received. This planning application will be on the agenda of the next Parish Council meeting on Wednesday, 1 November.

A further planning application DC/17/2294 has now been made by Patagonia Properties for a 4bed/3bath detached house in the side garden of the Dun Horse Inn. The application does not include a report on traffic and road safety. The application will be on the agenda for the next Parish Council meeting on 1 November 2017.