

Folkestone Town Council

Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 17 February 2016 at the Town Council Offices, The Town Hall, 1-2 Guildhall Street, Folkestone.

PRESENT: Councillors Neil Jones, Mary Lawes (18:43), Richard Theobald, Richard Wallace (Chair) and Roger West.

OFFICERS PRESENT: Toni Brenchley (Corporate Support Officer)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Ann Berry, Martin Salmon, Richard Theobald and Sue Wallace
Councillor Brian Copping was absent.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING 28 January 2016

The Committee was asked to receive the Minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 28 January 2016 and to authorise the Chairman of the Committee to sign them as a correct record.

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 28 January 2016 be received and that the Chairman of the meeting be authorised to sign them as a correct record.

Proposed: Councillor Roger West

Seconded: Councillor Neil Jones

Voting: F:3, Ag:0, Ab: 0

4. APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING CONSENT, APPEALS, PLANS TO DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE AND LICENSING

Application	Y15/1012/SH
Location	81-83 Sandgate Road
Proposal	Change of use of first to fourth floors from office (class B1) to house of multiple occupation (class C4) (resubmission of planning application Y14/1366/SH)

Comment **No objection**

Application	Y15/1140/SH
Location	4 Wiltie Gardens
Proposal	Replacement of 5 single-glazed, timber frame sash windows with UPVC double-glazed sash windows

Comment **No objection**

Application	Y15/1197/SH
Location	98 Black Bull Road
Proposal	Change of use and conversion from existing A1/A2 use (retail/professional services) to a hot food takeaway (use class A5) including new doorway
Comment	No objection
Application	Y16/0024/SH
Location	11 Avereng Road
Proposal	Erection of replacement single storey side extension
Comment	No objection
Application	Y16/0026/SH
Location	180 Sandgate Road
Proposal	Section 73 application to vary condition 3 of planning permission Y14/1319/SH to enable alterations to design to improve access and circulation
Comment	No objection
Application	Y16/0038/SH
Location	Pier Head Lighthouse Folkestone Harbour Harbour Approach Road
Proposal	Change of use from Sui-Generis to shop (class A1) and bar (class A4)
Comment	No objection
Application	Y16/0072/SH
Location	17 Biggins Wood Road
Proposal	Erection of replacement garage
Comment	No objection
Application	Y16/0096/SH
Location	Risborough Barracks Pond Hill Road
Proposal	Listed building consent to make good and repair existing gate piers and gates
Comment	The Committee wishes to see these gates repaired and used again as this is a showpiece, particularly the pillars.
Application no	Y16/0101/SH
Location	134 Sandgate Road
Proposal	Listed building consent for the display of one internally illuminated fascia sign, one externally illuminated projecting sign and one internally illuminated ATM surround
Comment	No objection

Application Y16/0107/SH
 Location Risborough Barracks Pond Hill Road
 Proposal Listed building consent to make good and repair existing gate piers and gates
Comment The Committee wishes to see these gates repaired and used again as this is a showpiece, particularly the pillars.

Application no Y16/0121/SH
 Location 134 Sandgate Road
 Proposal Display of one internally illuminated fascia sign, one externally illuminated projecting sign and one internally illuminated ATM surround
Comment No objection

Application Y16/0127/SH
 Location Eastern Apron Folkestone Harbour Harbour Approach Road
 Proposal Section 73 application for the variation of condition 4 of Y15/0895/SH (erection of a 18 metre monopole column with head frame and 6 antennas and 2 microwave dishes, together with equipment cabinets ground ancillary equipment) to allow the retention of the temporary mast until the proposed new mast becomes operational (telecommunications development)
Comment No objection

Councillor Mary Lawes arrived at 18:43 hrs

Application Y16/0132/SH
 Location 35 Trinity Drive (Plot 72)
 Proposal Felling of a sycamore subject of tree preservation order no 10 of 2012
Comment The Committee regrets that the position of the house and tree were misjudged. It objects unless the mature tree is replaced by two saplings planted nearby.

Application no Y16/0166/SH
 Location Basement flat A 4 Albion Villas
 Proposal Retrospective listed building consent for the replacement of 2 lower ground floor windows to the front elevation
Comment No objection

Application no Y16/0167/SH
 Location Basement flat A 5 Albion Villas
 Proposal Retrospective application for the replacement of 2 lower ground floor windows to the front elevation
Comment No objection

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Application no Y16/0030/SH
Location 4a Church Street
Proposal Reinstatement of original stucco features, parapet and period shopfront

Comment Approved

Application Y14/1082/SH
Location The Two Bells, Canterbury Road
Proposal Erection of a three storey block of 12 flats, following demolition of existing building

Comment The Committee much appreciates the improvement in design and height of the development. Our only concern is the bin storage on the ground floor. There was no ground floor plan. If the storage is improved we see no problem.

Application Y15/1241/SH
Location Land adjoining the Cube & land opposite 100 Tontine Street
Proposal Multi-storey sports park to include boxing club, skate shop, offices, café, three levels of skate park, climbing wall, bouldering room, flexible function space, refuse facilities, cycle parking, car parking and hard landscaping

Comment The Committee supports the application strongly with the single caveat that the poorest children used to free facilities have the fullest opportunity. The structure is exceptional and facilities superb.

Application Y16/0040/SH
Location East Cliff Pavilion Wear Bay Road
Proposal The enlargement of existing first floor windows to the front elevation, the installation of a new door to the front elevation, the installation of three new windows and a door to the side elevation with retrospective consent for an additional six roof lights.

Comment Noted

The Shepway (land rear of Cross Keys Coaches, Casesars Way, Folkestone) Revocation Order No. 3 of 2016

Comment Noted

5. LOWER THAMES CROSSING ROUTE CONSULTATION

Highways England have launched their consultation on proposals for a Lower Thames Crossing, deadline for responses is 24th March 2016. Councillors were advised to view the proposals via www.lower-thames-crossing.co.uk

6. PRESENTATION

Guy Holloway, Architect commissioned by Sir Roger De Haan, presented to Councillors the plans for the world's first purpose built multi-storey sports park on the site of the former bingo hall on land adjoining The Cube (Y15/1241/SH).

The new building will include three levels of skate park, a climbing wall, bouldering room, skate shop, offices, café, first aid centre, a flexible function space on the top floor and also provide a purpose built boxing club providing a new home for the Folkestone Amateur Boxing Club who have outgrown their current base in Dover Road.

The three middle floors will be veiled in a metal mesh allowing maximum daylight and ventilation into the unheated space, while the ground and upper floors will be wrapped in glass and heated.

In order to control the use of the facilities, a nominal membership fee will be charged with local residents being offered a reduced rate.

The Committee supported the application strongly with the single caveat that the poorest children, used to having free facilities, would be given the maximum opportunity to utilise the facilities. The Committee also commented that the structure is exceptional and the facilities superb.

7. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

There were no additional Agenda Items for the next meeting.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 10th March 2016

.....Chairman
10th March 2016