

Folkestone Town Council

Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 16th April 2016 at the Town Council Offices, The Town Hall, 1-2 Guildhall Street, Folkestone.

PRESENT: Councillors Ann Berry, Neil Jones, Richard Theobald, Richard Wallace (Chair) Roger West.

OFFICERS PRESENT: Liz Timmins (Community Development Officer)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mary Lawes, and Martin Salmon.

Councillors Brian Copping and Sue Wallace were absent.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING 31st March 2016

The Committee was asked to receive the Minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 31st March 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 31st March 2016 be received and that the Chairman of the meeting be authorised to sign them as a correct record.

Proposed: Councillor Richard Theobald

Seconded: Councillor Neil Jones

Voting: F:5, Ag:0, Ab: 0

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

Application no	Y16/0243/SH
Location	Currys LTD Park Farm Road
Proposal	Construction of an extension to existing internal mezzanine floor together with staircase
Comment	No objection

Application no	Y16/0294/SH
Location	14 Wingate Road
Proposal	Erection of front porch
Comment	No objection

Application no	Y16/0311/SH
Location	29-33 Sandgate Road
Proposal	Proposed change of use and conversion of upper floors of building into 2 no. self contained 2 bedroom flats and 1 no. self contained 1 bedroom flat (resubmission of Y15/1262/SH)
Comment	No objection – subject to adequate refuse facilities.
Application no	Y16/0328/SH
Location	5 White Cliff Way
Proposal	Erection of a two storey side extension following removal of existing garage together with the erection of part single, part two storey rear extension
Comment	No objection
Application no	Y16/0346/SH
Location	Three Hills Sports Park Cheriton Road
Proposal	Enclosure of part of the existing south balcony to the main pavilion to form an extended seating area to the members bar and the provision of a single storey lean-to storage extension to the north side of the sports hall, together with other external and internal alterations
Comment	Support – The Committee appreciates the wind problems and supports the screen with toughened glass. Some concern was expressed as one pane of glass has been cracked.
Application no	Y16/0357/SH
Location	West Gate, 141 Shorncliffe Road (new dwelling rear of 147 Shorncliffe Road)
Proposal	Retrospective application for the erection of a single storey side extension
Comment	No objection
Application no	Y16/0358/SH
Location	291 Dover Road
Proposal	Erection of a detached two storey dwelling following the removal of a detached garage, together with the widening of the existing vehicular access (passed to officer)
Comment	No objection – The Committee feels that the site is very cramped. However in the absence of objections from the neighbours, it will make no objection.
Application no	Y16/0374/SH
Location	53 Earls Avenue
Proposal	Felling of a spruce and a cherry tree, both situated within a conservation area
Comment	No objection – The Committee would expect two felled trees in a conservation area to be replaced by at least one, preferably a cherry tree. Subject to the views of the Tree Officer.

Application no Y16/0318/SH
 Location 35 Wear Bay Road
 Proposal Erection of a garage extension, to create a three bay garage
 Comment **No objection**

Application no Y16/0362/SH
 Location Channel Tunnel Terminal, Ashford Road, Newington
 Proposal Request for approval for the replacement of existing of “flexi-plus” portacabin with “flexi-plus” terminal building and associated pet area, landscaping and street furniture
 Comment **No objection**

Application no Y16/0389/SH
 Location Westbourne Gardens Open Space Westbourne Gardens
 Proposal Works to trees situated within a conservation area comprising the cutting back to just behind boundary of all overhanging branches to create 2.5 metres clearance over adjacent footpaths
 Comment **No objection – subject to the views of the Tree Officer. The Committee feels that Westbourne Gardens needs to be tidied up urgently.**

Application no Y16/0394/SH
 Location 15 Wear Bay Road
 Proposal Alterations to existing rear projection following part removal of existing structure, together with formation of a front balcony
 Comment **No objection**

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Application no SH/14/711/RB
 Location Land at former Channel School, Park Farm Road
 Proposal Non Material Amendment for the siting of an additional workshop/storage hut for school site team
 Comment **Noted**

5. ASSETS OF COMMUNITY VALUE

Noted

6. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

None

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 13th May 2016