

Minutes of a meeting of the **PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**
held on Monday 4th July 2022 at 6.00pm.

Present: Councillor R. Jones, Councillors T. Allen, Mrs M. Beach, Mrs A. Duncan, Mrs J. Jones, L. Laws, Mrs K. Manahan, Mrs K. Rye and Councillor M. Sweeney Ex-Officio.

In attendance:

Planning Clerk Mrs Diane Cavey

No members of the public present.

150. RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Planning Clerk read statement as follows:

Folkestone and Hythe District Council are the planning authority for this area and make decisions on Planning Applications. The County Council make decisions on some planning applications and these are usually concerning waste and minerals – for example gravel extraction

Planning committees are established by local planning authorities (FHDC) to determine applications for planning permission. However, the majority of applications are assessed against council planning policies and decided by the head of planning services, under delegated powers, with only a percentage of applications decided by District Council planning committees.

Town and Parish Councils are consultees in this process and are invited by the District Council to make comments, observations and /or objections in relation to any planning application on which this Council is consulted. Lydd Town Council are one of a number of organisations consulted in this way such as Highways, Internal Drainage Board, Environment Agency etc. These comments are considered by the Planning Department at the District Council when looking at the applications. Lydd Town Council does not have the authority or the power to decide on planning applications only to provide comments.

If Lydd Town Council wishes to object to an application, then this will trigger this being called into District Council Planning Committee to be determined by their Councillors on the Committee rather than being decided by delegated authority by Officers in the planning department.

It is important therefore that the objection to an application is valid under planning reasons and is backed up by sufficient comments and observations to provide the FHDC Planning Committee with evidence to consider the refusal. There is up to 3 minutes verbal representation time available to LTC at the Planning Committee meeting to present the objections fully.

Please remember that each application put on the agenda must be considered on its Own merit and not compared to other applications.

151. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Cllr R. Jones called for nominations.

Cllr M. Sweeney nominated Cllr A. Duncan and this was seconded by Cllr K. Manahan.

Cllr K. Rye nominated Cllr T. Allen and this was seconded by Cllr J. Jones.

The vote was taken by show of hands.

Cllr Mrs A Duncan : For : 4 (Cllr Mrs M. Beach, Cllr L. Laws, Cllr K. Manahan and Cllr A. Duncan)

Against : 3 (Cllr J. Jones, Cllr Mrs K. Rye and Cllr T. Allen)

Abstain: Cllr M. Sweeney

Cllr T Allen : For: 3 (Cllr Mrs K. Rye, Cllr Mrs J. Jones and Cllr T. Allen)

Against: 4 (Cllr Mrs M. Beach, Cllr L. Laws, Cllr K. Manahan and Cllr A. Duncan)

Abstain: Cllr M. Sweeney

RESOLVED: Cllr Mrs A Duncan was duly elected as Chairman of the Planning and Environment Committee.

Councillor R. Jones left the meeting and Councillor Mrs A. Duncan took the Chair.

152. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor D. Chapman – Work commitments

153. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors agreed to declare interests as and when they arose.

154. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

No members of the public present.

155. MINUTES

a) The minutes of the Planning meeting held on the 9th May 2022 were signed by the Chairman as a true record.

Proposed by Cllr Mrs A. Duncan and seconded by Cllr Mrs K. Rye

For: 4

Abstain: 4 (Cllrs L. Laws, Mrs M. Beach, Mrs K. Manahan and Councillor M Sweeney)

b) The minutes of the Planning meeting held on the 6th June 2022 were signed by the Chairman as a true record.

Proposed by Cllr M. Sweeney and seconded by Cllr Mrs K. Manahan.

For: 4

Abstain: 4 (Cllrs Mrs A. Duncan, Mrs K. Rye, L. Laws and Councillor T. Allen)

156. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(a) 22/0926/FH – 5 Eastern Road Lydd Romney Marsh Kent

Proposal: Erection of a single storey rear extension and new roof and internal alterations.

RESOLVED: To support the proposal for application 22/0926/FH

Proposed by Cllr T. Allen and seconded by Cllr Mrs K. Manahan

Voting in support of the proposal

For: 7

Abstain: 1 (Cllr M. Sweeney)

b) 22/0947/FH/TCA – 17 High Street Lydd Romney Marsh Kent

Proposal: Crown reduction back to previous pruning points of a Horse Chestnut tree situated within a conservation area.

**RESOLVED: To support the proposal for application 22/0947/FH/TCA
Proposed by Cllr Mrs K. Manahan and seconded by Cllr Mrs M. Beach
Voting in support of the proposal**

For: 6

Abstain: 2 (Cllr Mrs K. Rye and Cllr M. Sweeney)

c) 22/0948/FH/TCA – 15 High Street Lydd Romney Marsh Kent

Proposal: Crown reduction back to previous pruning points of a Horse Chestnut tree situated within a conservation area.

**RESOLVED: To support the proposal for application 22/0948/FH/TCA
Proposed by Cllr Mrs K. Manahan and seconded by Cllr Mrs M. Beach
Voting in support of the proposal**

For: 6

Abstain: 2 (Cllr Mrs K. Rye and Cllr M. Sweeney)

d) 22/0969/FH – 4 Taylor Road Lydd on Sea Kent

Proposal: Change of use of the ground floor community centre (class F (e)) to retail shop (class E (a)) re-submission of 21/1854/FH.

Cllr Mrs A. Duncan commented the unit was advertised as a Community Centre but the only interest was from retail shops. Cllr J. Jones commented the Community Centre was used a lot and Cllr L. Laws asked if any proof of use and interest in the unit. Cllr Mrs A. Duncan said that she could not see any other details on the planning portal. Cllr L. Laws said that the Coast should not be neglected.

Cllr M. Sweeney said he had seen two residents in a Mayors surgery and they have sent a petition to Folkestone and Hythe District Council to keep the unit as a Community Centre. Cllr L. Laws commented if a petition has been signed, then we should have been copied in. Cllr Sweeney said he did not have a copy of the petition. Cllr T. Allen said a retail shop would be more beneficial to the coast residents.

Cllr A. Duncan said any organisation using the unit as a Community Centre would have to pay a year's rent. Cllr M. Sweeney said the clubs that use the Community Centre did not want to pay the years rent.

RESOLVED: To support the proposal for application 22/0969/FH

Proposed by Cllr T. Allen and seconded by Cllr L. Laws

Voting in support of the proposal

For: 4

Abstain: 4 (Cllrs Mrs K. Rye, Mrs K. Manahan, Mrs J. Jones and Cllr M. Sweeney)

The meeting closed at 6.30pm

Chairman _____

Date _____