

Minutes of a meeting of the **PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**  
held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at 6.30pm.

**Present:** Chairman Councillor A. May and Councillors B. Jones, Mrs J. Jones, M. Beach, P. Harston and Mrs K. Rye.

In attendance:  
Planning Clerk Mrs Diane Cavey  
2 Members of the public

## 1. **STATEMENT FROM THE CHAIR OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE**

As the Chair of the Planning Committee, I would like to make a statement for the benefit of all Councillors present at this meeting and for members of the public.

The applications before you and indeed any applications in the future must be considered on Planning merits only. It is essential that Councillors adhere to this principle and ensure that their decisions are based on the papers before you and any information provided to you during this meeting.

I must stress this is not a forum to discuss any ancillary issues relating to the planning application or indeed any other matters. Councillors must not bring up or discuss any matters not included on the agenda issued to them.

## 2. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** **Councillor Darren Chapman - Holiday**

## 3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** None

## 4. **QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC** No questions from the members of public present.

## 5. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT** Chairman reported on the amendments to the wording of the Planning minutes of the 29<sup>th</sup> July 2024 (page 306 item b)

At the November Council meeting Cllr Mrs Duncan raised a query regarding the Planning Minutes of the 29<sup>th</sup> July 2024. As the Planning Clerk was not present at that meeting to discuss, the matter was deferred.

The Minutes relating to the agenda item for the Planning Application 24/0950/FH 2a Taylor Road are incorrectly worded and will require an amendment for clarification of the resolution to avoid confusion.

It is the wording that is incorrect and it is understood that the decision of the Committee is not affected by this. The wording in the minutes is presently as follows:

**RESOLVED: To support the proposal for application 24/0950/FH**  
**Proposed by Cllr S. Piper and seconded by Cllr A. May**

### **Voting in support of the proposal**

**For: 2**

**Against: 3 (Councillors Mrs J. Jones, K. Rye and B. Jones)**

**Abstain: 2 (Councillors M. Beach and P. Harston)**

**THE MAJORITY OF COUNCILLORS VOTED AGAINST THE PROPOSAL – Stating the number of resident objections should be taken into consideration.**

The Resolution was not to support the proposal and therefore the word **Resolved** should not have been used in context as the Proposal was lost.

The Committee may wish to consider to agree to the Chairman amending the wording as follows:

Cllr Piper proposed that the application be supported which was seconded by Cllr May

Voting For:2

Against: 3

Abstentions: 2

The motion was lost:

**RESOLVED: OBJECT TO THE APPLICATION**

The planning application 24/0950/FH was not supported by the Committee due to their taking into consideration the number of residents raising concerns about the parking arrangements.

However, for the future it should be noted that there should have also been a second proposal put forward to be voted on which may then have resulted in the resolution to object to the proposal due to the voting Committee. This did not happen but this action cannot be amended.

## **6. MINUTES**

a) To authorise the Chairman to sign amendments to the minutes held on the 29<sup>th</sup> July 2024 (page 306 item b)

**Proposed by Cllr Bob Jones and seconded by Cllr Maria Beach**

**For: 6**

**Unanimous**

b) The minutes of the Planning meeting held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2024 were signed by the Chairman as a true record.

**Proposed by Cllr Bob Jones and seconded by Cllr Jean Jones**

**For: 6**

**Unanimous**

## **7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

a) **KCC/SCO/FH/0183/2024**

**DUNGENESS BORROW PIT DUNGENESS KENT**

**REQUEST FOR A SCOPING OPINION UNDER THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) REGULATIONS 2017 (REGULATION 15)**  
**Request for a Scoping Opinion for continuation of the shingle recycling operations at Dungeness post 2026 at Dungeness Borrow Pit, Dungeness, Romney Marsh, Kent, TN29 9NA(REFERENCE NO: KCC/SCO/FH/0193/2024).**

EDF Energy Nuclear Generation Limited has requested the County Council to adopt a scoping opinion under Regulation 15 of the above regulations. I enclose a copy of a report/letter dated 10 December 2024 setting out the proposed contents of the Environmental Assessment.

The topics the applicant proposes to scope in and out of the EIA are outlined in Section 5 Table 5-1 (Page number 168 – 173 of the attached report).

**Received and noted by Councillors – There were no Councillor comments.**

The meeting closed at 6.45pm

**Chairman**\_\_\_\_\_

**Date**\_\_\_\_\_