

Minutes of a meeting of the PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE held on Monday 3rd August 2026 at 6.00pm in the Parlour

Present: Chairman Cllr A. May and Ex-Officio Mayor Councillor Bob Jones and Councillors: Mrs S. Crump, P. Harston, T. Hills and D. Lewis.

In attendance:

Planning Clerk Mrs Diane Cavey

0 Members of the public

192. 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

193. ABSCENT

Cllr K. Rye

194. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

195. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

No members of the public present.

196. MINUTES

The minutes of the Planning meeting held on the 6th July were signed by the Chairman as a true record.

Proposed by Cllr D. Lewis and seconded by Cllr S. Crump

For: 3

Abstain: 3 (Cllr T. Hills, Cllr P. Harston and Cllr B. Jones)

197. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

a) 26/1134/FH 21 THE PARADE GREATSTONE TN28 8NP

Proposal: Single storey side and rear extension.

Cllr T. May commented the build is at an angle, and it backs onto the conservation area.

RESOLVED: To support the proposal for application 26/1134/FH

Proposed by Cllr S. Crump and seconded by Cllr P. Harston

Voting in support of the proposal

For: 6

Unanimous

**b) 26/1008/FH LAND ADJOINING HOLME VIEW FARM DENGEMARSH ROAD
LYDD**

Proposal: Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) removal of condition 14 (gorse planting) of planning permission Y18/0948/FH to allow for removal of cleft fencing, removal of gorse ecological mitigation area and creation of additional hardstanding for open storage.

Cllr T. Hills commented the area desperately needs business, and they need all the help they can get.

RESOLVED: To support the proposal for application 26/1008/FH

Proposed by Cllr T. Hills and seconded by Cllr B. Jones

Voting in support of the proposal

For: 5

Abstain: 1 (Cllr D. Lewis)

c) 26/1066/FH 6 SEAVIEW ROAD GREATSTONE TN28 8RH

Proposal: Replacement dwelling.

Cllr T. May commented the replacement dwelling is for the house that was destroyed by fire.

RESOLVED: To support the proposal for application 26/1066/FH

Proposed by Cllr B. Jones and seconded by Cllr T. Hills

Voting in support of the proposal

For: 6

Unanimous

d) 26/1174/FH/TCA 62 HIGH STREET LYDD TN29 9AN

Proposal: Works to trees in a conservation area comprising of T27 Maple fell to ground level, T35 Acer fell to ground level, T36 tree of Heaven fell to ground level.

Cllr P. Harston commented I agree with the work as the trees are very big and will impact the road which has recently been resurfaced.

Cllr T. Hills commented if a tree is taken down then new trees should be planted.

RESOLVED: To support the proposal for application 26/1174/FH

Proposed by Cllr P. Harston and seconded by Cllr T. Hills

Voting in support of the proposal

For: 6

Unanimous

e) 26/1119/FH/NSIP SOUTH BROOKS SOLAR FARM LYDD

Proposal: Statutory consultation under S42 of the Planning Act 2008 for a 500MW solar farm comprising PV arrays, onsite substation(s), Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) units, power conversion stations, grid connection infrastructure (including underground grid connection cabling to the Point of Connection (PoC) and underground interconnecting cable routes), access tracks, landscape and ecological mitigation and enhancement areas.

Received pre-application and noted by Councillors present.

Councillors voted to add file notes to the minutes for future reference.

Proposed by Cllr T. Hills and seconded by Cllr D. Lewis

For: 6

Unanimous

Agenda item 6e - Notes for file

- Cllr A. May To clarify this is not up for a vote – I have read through a number of times. The Planning Inspectorate will now oversee the statutory consultation and we can minute our thoughts.
- Cllr B. Jones As a Committee we cannot say yes or no as the proposal will eventually go to FULL COUNCIL when all the information is collated.
- Cllr T. Hills There are three – four companies in the offing and by 2090 possibly the marsh will be under water, anything south of the A259. We are working on a plan to keep the Marsh afloat.
The panels have a 60-year lifespan, and it looks like by 2040 the marsh will have a freshwater shortage and the heat in the sea could possibly create hurricanes. The marsh is flat and windy so building on the coast is rash. The panels stand 4.5 meters high so will catch the wind. It is ecological vandalism. The build is proposed to take two years so how are the farmers not in the scheme able to farm. The traffic and road closures will impact both farming and visitors to the coast.

198. ADDITIONAL APPLICATION
a) 26/0884/FH HIGHFIELD (121 STATION ROAD) 129 STATION ROAD LYDD
TN29 9LL

Proposal: Conversion of existing dwelling into two dwellings, with associated parking and amenity space (retrospective).

Cllr B. Jones commented the build is going up instead of out.
 Cllr T. Hills commented local housing is needed.

RESOLVED: To support the proposal for application 26/0884/FH
Proposed by Cllr B. Jones and seconded by Cllr P. Harston
Voting in support of the proposal
For: 6
Unanimous

Meeting closed at 18.34pm

Chairman _____

Date _____