

## Folkestone Town Council

**Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at the Town Council Offices, The Town Hall, 1-2 Guildhall Street, Folkestone.**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Charlie Bain Smith (arrived 19:15), Jane Darling, Laura Davison, Lucy McGirr, Christine Dickinson and John Renshaw.

**ABSENT:**

**OFFICER PRESENT:** Liz Timmins (Communities & Grants Officer) and Jennifer Griffin (Administration Officer)

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

No apologies were received.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**3. PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING 29<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

The Committee was asked to receive the Minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 29<sup>th</sup> February 2024 and to authorise the Chair of the Committee to sign them as a correct record.

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 29<sup>th</sup> February 2024 be received and that the Chair of the meeting be authorised to sign them as a correct record.

Proposed: Councillor John Renshaw

Seconded: Councillor Christine Dickinson

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

**4. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Application no	24/0027/FH
Location	20-22 Rendezvous Street
Proposal	Subdivision of existing shop space into 6 smaller units including new entrances.

Closing date	11.4.24
Comment	No Objection – provided suitable arrangements are made for delivery access and the management of trade waste.

Application no	24/0380/FH/PA
Location	31 Black Bull Road
Proposal	Determination as to whether the prior approval of the Local Planning Authority is required under Class MA of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended) for the conversion of

	the ground floor flat business premises and first floor flat to a single dwelling house
Closing date	3.4.24
Comment	Unable to access application. However, it was felt that approval should be required.
Application no	24/0186/FH
Location	46 Cherry Garden Avenue
Proposal	Erection of partial single/two storey side extension, single storey rear extension following partial demolition of existing garage. Replacement of existing porch, and erection of 1.5 metre timber fence to front boundary.
Closing date	8.4.24
Comment	No Objection
Application no	24/0227/FH
Location	60 Wear Bay Road
Proposal	Single storey front extension with balcony, first floor side extension, two storey rear extension and external alterations to fenestration and materials.
Closing date	8.4.24
Comment	No Objection - In principle, however, the colour scheme is incongruous with the street scene and needs to be revised.
Application no	24/0299/FH
Location	McDonalds Restaurant Ltd, Cheriton High Street
Proposal	Installation of four rapid electric vehicle charging stations and ancillary equipment within the car park. Six existing parking spaces will become EV charging bays.
Closing date	9.4.24
Comment	No Objection
Application no	24/0213/FH
Location	31 Tontine Street
Proposal	Conversion of 1No. existing apartment on upper floors to 3No. 1-bedroom/1-person apartments (1No. unit per floor) with internal alterations on all levels and changes to ground floor building frontage
Closing date	9.4.24
Comment	No Objection
Application no	24/0059/FH
Location	Ground Floor Flat, 15 Copthall Gardens

Proposal	Retrospective installation of a replacement staircase to reinstate access from ground floor flat to the roof garden.
Closing date	9.4.24
Comment	Object – The neighbour has raised some valid objections. The drawings are insufficient to judge whether the objection should be sustained.

**5. PREMISES LICENCE**

None were received.

**6. LATE PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Application number	24/0345/FH
Location	84 Star Lane
Proposal	Works to trees subject of TPO No.06 of 1995 - T1 Robinia fell to ground
Closing Date	12/04/2024
Comment	Objection: Subject to the views of the Tree Officer and a replacement tree.

Application number	24/0314/FH
Location	153 Shorncliffe Road
Proposal	Pitched roof first floor extension
Closing Date	11/04/2024
Comment	No Objection

Application number	24/0226/FH
Location	Land adjoining, 6 West Cliff Gardens
Proposal	Erection of a 5-storey block of residential flats, consisting of 1 no. 1 bed, 2 no. 2 bed and 1 no. 3 bed self-contained units under use class C3.
Closing Date	15/04/2024
Comment	Objection – The scale is overbearing and out of character with the adjacent buildings. It would also have an adverse effect on the character of the adjacent conservation area and the setting of the Grade II* listed church.

**7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> April 2024

The meeting concluded at pm.

..... **Chair**