

Folkestone Town Council

Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on Thursday 20th May 2021 at the Town Council Offices, The Town Hall, 1-2 Guildhall Street, Folkestone.

PRESENT: Councillors Paul Bingham, Jonathan Graham, Nicola Keen, Mary Lawes, Jackie Meade, Richard Wallace and Roger West.

Five members of the public were present.

OFFICERS PRESENT: Jennifer Childs (Town Clerk)
Georgina Wilson (Executive Assistant)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies were received.

2. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED: That Councillor Jonathan Graham be appointed as Chairman for the 2021/22 municipal year.

Proposed: Councillor Jackie Meade

Seconded: Councillor Nicola Keen

Voting: F:7, Ag:0, Ab:0

3. APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED: That Councillor Paul Bingham be appointed as Vice Chairman for the 2021/22 municipal year.

Proposed: Councillor Nicola Keen

Seconded: Councillor Jackie Meade

Voting: F:7, Ag:0, Ab:0

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

5. REVIEW OF THE TERMS OF REFERENCE

In line with Councils adopted standing orders the Town Clerk requested that members review the Terms of Reference for the Planning Committee. Any changes the Committee wish to make will need to be approved by Full Council at a future meeting.

RESOLVED: To accept the Terms of Reference with no changes.

Proposed: Councillor Jonathan Graham

Seconded: Councillor Jackie Meade

Voting: F:6, Ag:0, Ab:1

6. 21/0926/FH

After discussions between Councillors and members of the public it was agreed to change the Planning Committees comment to:

Object – The Committee now understand the important heritage of this building but also the state of disrepair it is in and felt that in the event this building could not be saved, as much of the original materials as possible should be used in rebuilding in the same footprint to a sympathetic design. Committee asked that a structural survey be carried out and expressed concern that no tree plan had been included in the application. Councillor Jonathan Graham maintained his comment of no objection.

7. APPLICATION PROCESS

RESOLVED: To continue with the current process of emailing out applications weekly, with any member of the Planning Committee being able to request that the Town Clerk calls for a Committee meeting to be held within the statutory timeframes if the majority of the Committee members agree it is needed.

Proposed: Councillor Richard Wallace
Seconded: Councillor Jonathan Graham
Voting: F;7, Ag:0, Ab:0

8. UPDATE ON PREVIOUS APPLICATIONS

The previous applications were noted.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

TBC

..... Chairman