

Folkestone Town Council

Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on Thursday 23rd February 2023 at the Town Council Offices, The Town Hall, 1-2 Guildhall Street, Folkestone.

PRESENT: Councillors Paul Bingham, Nicola Keen, Richard Wallace and Roger West.

Absent: Councillor Jonathan Graham

OFFICERS PRESENT: Georgina Wilson (Executive Assistant)

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Councillors were asked to receive apologies from Cllr Jackie Meade (emergency vet appointment).

RESOLVED: To accept Cllr Jackie Meade's apologies.

Proposed: Councillor Nicola Keen
Seconded: Councillor Roger West
Voting: F:4, Ag:0, Ab:0

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations.

3. **PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING 26th January 2023**

The Committee was asked to receive the Minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 26th January 2023 and to authorise the Chairman of the Committee to sign them as a correct record.

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 26th January 2023 be received and that the Chairman of the meeting be authorised to sign them as a correct record.

Proposed: Councillor Roger West
Seconded: Councillor Nicola Keen
Voting: F:4, Ag:0, Ab:0

4. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Application number: 23/0006/FH
Location: Flat 1, 26 Castle Hill Avenue
Proposal: Replacement of existing wooden sliding sash windows to UPVC double glazed sliding sash windows
Closing date: 23.2.23
Comment: No objection

Application number: 23/0119/FH
Location: 8 East Cliff

Proposal:	Change of use of basement to self contained flat including the erection of an external stairway re-submission of 22/2026/FH.
Closing date:	23.2.23
Comment	No objection
Application number:	23/0152/FH/PA
Location:	Biggins Wood Road, Cheriton
Proposal:	Determination as to whether the prior approval of the Local Planning Authority is required under Schedule 2, Part 16, Class A of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 for the installation of 18m pole inc. antennas, ground based apparatus and ancillary development.
Closing date:	24.2.23
Comment	No objection subject to neighbours' comments, however the Committee were concerned over how close this is to a residential area and feels that these installations should be away from residential areas.
Application number:	23/0154/FH
Location:	5 Searle Grove
Proposal:	T1 - Silver Birch - Fell to ground level one dead tree, T2 - Sweet Chestnut - Re-pollard back to previous points at approximately five metres above ground level, T3 - Sweet Chestnut - Re-pollard back to previous points at approximately five metres above ground level, T4 - Sweet Chestnut - Re-pollard back to previous points at approximately five metres above ground level, T5 - Sweet Chestnut - Re-pollard back to previous points at approximately five metres above ground level and T6 - Oak - Reduce length of east facing lateral branches by a maximum of three metres , all subject of TPO No. 8 of 2016
Closing date:	27.2.23
Comment	No objection subject to the views of the Tree Officer and a replacement tree for T1, Silver Birch.
Application number:	23/0153/FH/PA
Location:	Hill Road
Proposal:	Determination as to whether the prior approval of the Local Planning Authority is required under Schedule 2, Part 16, Class A of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 for the installation of 17m pole inc. antennas, ground based apparatus and ancillary development.

Closing date:	27.2.23
Comment	Object – the Committee felt that this location is too close to an area used as a playground for a local nursery and community space. It was felt that a more suitable location should be sought away from the playground due to concerns over health implications.
Application number:	23/121/FH
Location:	7 Webb Close
Proposal:	Change of use of the garage for a home dog grooming service.
Closing date:	27.2.23
Comment	No objection
Application number:	22/2163/FH
Location:	Basement Flat, 18 Shorncliffe Road
Proposal:	Installation of dropped kerb for access onto classified road with hardstanding
Closing date:	28.2.23
Comment	No objection
Application number:	23/0178/FH
Location:	Footpath Outside 20 Cherry Garden Avenue
Proposal:	Determination as to whether the prior approval of the Local Planning Authority is required under Schedule 2, Part 16, Class A of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 for the installation of a 17 metre high slim-line monopole, supporting 6 no. antennas with 1 no. wraparound equipment cabinet at the base, 2 no. equipment cabinets, 1 no. electric meter cabinet, and ancillary development thereto, including the installation of a GPS module.
Closing date:	1.3.23
Comment	No objection subject to neighbours' comments, however the Committee believes that neighbours have objected to this application but no comments are showing on the District Council website, in this case the Committee would agree with neighbours comments and object. The Committee feels that these kinds of installations should be as far away from residential areas as possible.
Application number:	23/0196/FH
Location:	36 Cherry Garden Avenue
Proposal:	Erection of first floor extension to front of property
Closing date:	8.3.23
Comment	No objection

Application number: 23/0186/FH
 Location: Flat 1, 96 Black Bull Road
 Proposal: Proposed ground floor rear infill extension.
 Closing date: 6.3.23
 Comment: No objection subject to neighbours' comments.

Application number: 23/0187/FH
 Location: Flat 2, 96 Black Bull Road
 Proposal: Proposed first floor rear infill extension and alterations to roof dormer with new dormer at the back addition.
 Closing date: 6.3.23
 Comment: No objection

Application number: 23/0206/FH
 Location: 5 Kunwar Avenue
 Proposal: Erection of two single storey rear extensions at ground floor
 Closing date: 8.3.23
 Comment: No objection

Application number: 23/0203/FH
 Location: 31 Elventon Close
 Proposal: Proposed Single Garage & Secure Store
 Closing date: 8.3.23
 Comment: No objection

Application number: 23/0139/FH
 Location: Playbox Nursery, Harcourt Primary School, Biggins Wood Road
 Proposal: Section 73 application for the removal of condition 1 (The building shall be removed and the land restored to its former condition on or before 1st March 2024) of planning permission Y13/1040/SH (Siting of a modular building for use as a children's day nursery) to allow for the continued use as childrens nursery.
 Closing date: 8.3.23
 Comment: No objection

Application number: 23/0148/FH
 Location: Flat 4, 22 Clifton Crescent
 Proposal: Listed building consent for the refurbishment of six window box frames and replacement of windows with double glazed, wood vertical sliding sash windows
 Closing date: 23.3.23
 Comment: No objection subject to the views of Historic England.

5. LATE PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Application number: 23/0232/FH/TCA
Location: 14 Augusta Gardens
Proposal: Works to trees in a Conservation area comprising of Holm Oak crown reduction of up to 3m and Twisted Willow to be removed

Closing date: 11.3.23
Comment: No objection however the Committee felt that a new tree should be planted to replace the twisted willow that is to be removed.

Application number: 23/0204/FH
Location: 38 Cheriton Road
Proposal: Erection of two storey extension to rear of 38 Cheriton Road to provide two one-bedroom flats.

Closing date: 15.3.23
Comment: No objection

6. PREMISES LICENCE

None were received.

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 30th March 2023

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