

Folkestone Town Council

Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on Thursday 27th April 2023 at the Town Council Offices, The Town Hall, 1-2 Guildhall Street, Folkestone.

PRESENT: Councillors Nicola Keen, Jackie Meade, Richard Wallace (Chair) and Roger West.

Absent: Councillor Jonathan Graham

OFFICERS PRESENT: Toni Brenchley (Assistant Clerk)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Councillor Paul Bingham.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

3. PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING 30th March 2023

The Committee was asked to receive the Minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 30th March 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 30th March 2023 be received and that the Chairman of the meeting be authorised to sign them as a correct record.

Proposed: Councillor Jackie Meade

Seconded: Councillor Roger West

Voting: F:4, Ag:0, Ab:0

4. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Application number: 23/0375/FH
Location: Leas Cliff Hall, The Leas
Proposal: Listed building consent for the replacement of two number doors and fixed side lights to south elevation.
Closing date: 4.45.23
Comment: No objection

Application number: 23/0437/FH
Location: 134 Sandgate Road
Proposal: Refurbishment of the ground/basement floors office accommodation, including formation of new external fire exit doorway, to enable relocation of Solicitors Office from upper floors (Amendment to Listed Building Consent No.20/0607/FH & Planning Consent No.20/0605/FH).
Closing date: 4.5.23

Comment No objection, but some concern was shown. The fire doors do not seem to affect the appearance of the main property but must be painted and have door furniture as appropriate as possible for a Victorian listed building.

Application number: 23/0439/FH
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Closing date: 4.5.23
Comment No objection but some concern was shown. The fire doors do not seem to affect the appearance of the main property but must be painted and have door furniture as appropriate as possible for a Victorian listed building.

Application number: 23/0457/FH
Location: The Grand, The Leas
Proposal: Listed building consent for essential re-roofing works to include replacement of existing roof covering & boarding, repairs to framework, replacement of downpipes, provision of additional downpipe to front elevation & stonework repairs.

Closing date: 4.5.23
Comment No objection. The Committee appreciates a lot of work is required to the building, but it must be monitored carefully to ensure it is in keeping.

Application number: 23/0485/FH
Location: 4 Grimston Avenue
Proposal: Removal in part of old timber gates, fence infill panels and brick wall and replacing with a new timber fence, pedestrian and sliding gate

Closing date: 4.5.23
Comment No objection

Application number: 23/0550/FH
Location: 46 Bournemouth Road
Proposal: Single storey side extension
Closing date: 5.5.23
Comment No objection subject to neighbours' views.

Application number: 23/0536/FH
Location: The Leas Lift, Lower Sandgate Road

Proposal: Restoration works to the Leas Lift (including lift cars and track), alterations to the upper and lower lift stations, the construction of an extension to the lower lift station to provide a café and associated landscaping and infrastructure works

Closing date: 18.5.23

Comment: No objection. The lift is one of the jewels of Folkestone and its practical significance in joining upper and lower Folkestone is considerable. The Committee supports the scheme providing ongoing alterations are monitored by English Heritage and the Council Conservation Consultant.

The overall feel must remain Victorian. Shifting the café to the West of the lift is a positive move.

Application number: 23/0565/FH

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Application number: 23/0562/FH

Location: 17 Birkdale Drive

Proposal: Flat roof rear extension and internal reorganisation

Closing date: 8.5.23

Comment: No objection

5. LATE PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Application number: 23/0582/FH

Location: Land Adjoining Unit 6, Barnfield Road

Proposal: Erection of 30 Industrial Units arranged in five blocks, comprising Industrial Processes (Class E (c) (i), E (c) (ii), E (c) (iii) E (d), E (e), E(f) and E (g) (i), E (g) (ii) and E (g) (iii), General Industry (B2) and Storage and Distribution (Class B8) together with associated parking and landscaping.

Closing date: 25.5.23

Comment No objection in view of the increased parking and lack of any permission for shops and fast food outlets. The Committee thanked Anthony Ralph for the detailed explanation.

Application number: 23/0595/FH
Location: The Crossways, 4 Coolinge Lane
Proposal: Felling of one Evergreen Oak, subject of TPO No. 22 of 1988
Closing date: 15.5.23
Comment: Object to the removal of a good native species without a specific reason and without mention of a replacement.

6. PREMISES LICENCE
None were received.

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING
Thursday 25th May 2023

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