

Folkestone Town Council

Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on Thursday 25th May 2023 at the Town Council Offices, The Town Hall, 1-2 Guildhall Street, Folkestone.

PRESENT: Councillors Nicola Keen, Christine Dickinson, Laura Davison and John Renshaw.

Absent:

OFFICER PRESENT: Georgina Wilson (Executive Assistant)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Councillor Charlie Bain Smith due to holiday and Cllr Jackie Meade due to attending a Ceremony.

RESOLVED: To accept Cllr Charlie Bain Smith and Jackie Meade's apologies.

Proposed: Councillor Nicola Keen
Seconded: Councillor Laura Davison
Voting: F:4, Ag:0, Ab:0

2. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED: That Councillor Nicola Keen be appointed as Chairman for the 2023/24 municipal year.

Proposed: Councillor Laura Davison
Seconded: Councillor Christine Dickinson
Voting: F:4, Ag:0, Ab:0

3. APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED: That Councillor John Renshaw be appointed as Vice Chairman for the 2023/24 municipal year.

Proposed: Councillor Nicola Keen
Seconded: Councillor Christine Dickinson
Voting: F:4, Ag:0, Ab:0

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Davison expressed a personal interest in 23/0701/FH.

5. PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING 27th April 2023

The Committee was asked to receive the Minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 27th April 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 27th April 2023 be received and that the Chairman of the meeting be authorised to sign them as a correct record.

Proposed: Councillor Nicola Keen
Seconded: Councillor Laura Davison
Voting: F:4, Ag:0, Ab:0

6. REVIEW OF TERMS OF REFERENCE

RESOLVED: To approve the Terms of Reference for Planning for the coming year.

Proposed: Councillor Nicola Keen
Seconded: Councillor Laura Davison
Voting: F:4, Ag:0, Ab:0

7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Application number: 23/0531/FH
Location: Redmans, 22 Turketel Road
Proposal: Single storey front and two storey side extensions
Closing date: 17.5.23
Comments: No objection

Application number: 23/0529/FH
Location: Land at the Former Silver Spring Site, Park Farm Road

Proposal: Application for Planning Permission for the demolition of existing buildings / structures and erection of a building for use as a builder's merchants (including storage and distribution, trade counter and showroom to include ancillary retail sales ('Sui Generis'), open storage yard, provision of car parking, internal servicing / access road, landscaping, and associated infrastructure and development.

Closing date: 18.5.23
Comments: Object – the Committee were concerned about the increase in traffic this would cause to an already busy area where schools are located and there is already other builder's merchants. This will also have an impact on local businesses as per the comments on the District Council website. The Committee requests this application is looked at in more detail as there are better uses for this site. The Committee supports the comments of the Kent Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

Application number: 22/1794/FH

Location: The Corner House, 19 Shorncliffe Road
 Proposal: Conversion of single storey garage into a single storey work studio annex. Erection of single storey extension to the rear of the garage. Addition of timber cladding to exterior of the garage.

Closing date: 19.5.23
 Comments: Closed - no comment was made.

Application number: 23/0639/FH
 Location: Leas Cliff Hall, The Leas
 Proposal: Listed building consent for the relocation of air conditioning unit.

Closing date: 25.5.23
 Comments: No objection subject to comments from the Listed Building Consultant.

Application number: 23/0651/FH
 Location: St Margarets Court, Grimston Avenue
 Proposal: Weeping Willow to reduce height & span to previous pruning points subject to Tree Preservation Order No 17 of 2001

Closing date: 30.5.23
 Comments: No objection subject to the views of the Tree Officer.

Application number: 23/0647/FH
 Location: Sainsburys, Petrol Station, Park Farm Road
 Proposal: Silver Birch tree limbs to be cut back by 1m on the sides up to 2.4m in height from ground level subject to Tree Preservation Order No 24 of 2001.

Closing date: 30.5.23
 Comments: No objection subject to the views of the Tree Officer.

Application number: 23/0668/FH
 Location: 43 Sandgate Road
 Proposal: Listed building consent for replacement lighting to LED energy efficient lighting

Closing date: 31.5.23
 Comments: No objection subject to the Listed Building Consultants comments.

Application number: 23/0616/FH
 Location: 7 The Old High Street
 Proposal: Variation of condition 1 (outbuilding/rear yard) & 2 (live/recorded music) of planning permission 21/2449/FH to allow revised opening times for the outbuilding and rear yard/outside to be open 0800 - 2200 on any day and live/recorded music in the yard to between 12.00 and 19.00

Closing date: 1.6.23
Comments: No objection subject to any neighbours' comments and provided there is no evidence of being any issues in the past year.

Application number: 23/0576/FH
Location: Change of use to two self-contained flats to include replacement of windows.

Proposal: 30 Cheriton Road
Closing date: 2.6.23
Comments: No objection subject to neighbours' comments.

Application number: 23/0667/FH
Location: 70 - 72 Sandgate Road
Proposal: Listed building consent for replacement lighting to LED energy efficient lighting.

Closing date: 2.6.23
Comments: No objection subject to Listed Building Consultants comments.

Application number: 23/0701/FH/TCA
Location: The Toll House, Lower Sandgate Road
Proposal: Works to trees situated in a conservation area comprising of T 1, 2, 3 - Poplars re pollard to previous pollard points, T4 Cherry reduce to previous points, T5 Pine reduce by 1.5m, T6 Pine very minimal crown raise removal of 2 x lower most branches to create clean lower crown line.

Closing date: 6.6.23
Comments: No objection subject to the views of the Tree Officer, concern was expressed to ensure any works are done outside of nesting season to protect any nesting birds etc.

9. LATE PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Application number: 23/0038/FH
Location: 27 Postling Road
Proposal: Single storey side extension.
Closing date: 7.6.23
Comment: No objection subject to neighbours comments.

Application number: 23/0345/FH
Location: Flats A and B, 43 Earl's Avenue
Proposal: Conversion of Flat A into 3 No. separate flats, erection of a rear extension. Conversion of Flat B into 2 No. separate flats. Removal/replacement of a number of existing doors and windows on the ground floor and a conservation-style roof light, 1 window to be added on the first floor and 1 window

Closing date: 15.6.23
Comment: to be added on the Ground Floor. Division of rear garden and provision of bin/bike stores and sheds
Object due to no off-road parking being provided in an already busy area, it being over intensive and subject to any neighbours' comments.

Application number: 23/0571/FH
Location: 23 Pelham Gardens
Proposal: Two storey front & side extensions & loft conversion
Closing date: 8.6.23
Comment: No objection subject to neighbour's comments.

Application number: 23/0696/FH
Location: Flat 4, 30 Earls Avenue
Proposal: Installation of 4 rooflights and 2 uPVC replacement dormer windows
Closing date: 20.6.23
Comment: No objection subject to it being in keeping with conservation area with appropriate materials etc.

Application number: 23/0738/FH
Location: 6 Martha Close
Proposal: Single storey rear extension
Closing date: 9.6.23
Comment: No objection subject to neighbours' comments.

Application number: 23/0574/FH
Location: 22-24 Cheriton Gardens
Proposal: Erection of a purpose-built apartment building to contain 10no. dwellings following the demolition of the existing office building
Closing date: 22.6.23
Comment: Object due to no parking being provided in an already busy area, the design is not in-keeping with the local area and is over intensive for the area.

Application number: 23/0736/FH
Location: Flat E, 16 Clifton Crescent
Proposal: Proposed balcony with new railings and 1.8m translucent glass privacy screen
Closing date: 20.6.23
Comment: No objection subject to it being in-keeping with the heritage of the building, not overlooking and subject to neighbours' comments.

Application number: 23/0753/FH
Location: Flat E, 16 Clifton Crescent

Proposal: Listed Building Consent for proposed balcony with new railings and 1.8m translucent glass privacy screen.

Closing date: 20.6.23

Comment: No objection subject to it being in-keeping with the heritage of the building, not overlooking and subject to neighbours' comments.

Application number: 23/0686/FH

Location: Aspen House, West Terrace

Proposal: Replacement windows to rear elevation of three flats.

Closing date: 12.6.23

Comment: No objection

Application number: 23/0694/FH

Location: Flat 1, 32 Westbourne Gardens

Proposal: Replace single glazed timber framed windows with double glazed.

Closing date: 12.6.23

Comment: No objection subject to neighbours' comments and it being in-keeping with the building.

Application number: 23/0710/FH

Location: Arc House, St Eanswythe Way

Proposal: Variation of conditions 3 (operating hours) & 4 (amplified/live music) of planning permission 21/0860/FH to allow for extended operating times and allow live music.

Closing date: 13.6.23

Comment: No objection subject to neighbours' comments.

10. PREMISES LICENCE

None were received.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 29th June 2023

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