

Folkestone Town Council

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

PRESENT: Councillors Jackie Meade, Nicola Keen (Chair), Laura Davison, Christine Dickinson and John Renshaw.

ABSENT: Councillor Charlie Bain Smith

OFFICER PRESENT: Toni Brenchley (Deputy Town Clerk)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Laura Dickinson declared an interest in planning application 23/0687/FH.

3. PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING 25th May 2023

The Committee was asked to receive the Minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 25th May 2023 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 25th May 2023 be received and that the Chair of the meeting be authorised to sign them as a correct record.

Proposed: Councillor Nicola Keen

Seconded: Councillor John Renshaw

4. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Application no	23/0687/FH
Location	46 Alder Road
Proposal	Single storey rear extension with pitched tile covered roof & glazed gable, over Bi-fold patio doors.
Closing date	4.8.23
Comment	No objection

Application no	23/1082/FH
Location	1A St Michaels Street
Proposal	Change of use of ground floor to residential (Use Class C3) and first floor extension to provide 2 x one-bedroom flats.

Comment Objection: The application is incomplete as there is no letter from MOTIS attached to the Planning Statement. Therefore, there is no evidence that the property has been marketed for 12 months.

RECONSULTATION

Application no 22/1077
Location Cheriton Parc House, Cheriton High Street
Proposal Conversion of Cheriton Parc House to 31 x one- and two-bedroom apartments, and the development of 19 purpose built 1 and 2 bed affordable apartments, the redevelopment of land to the rear to create a total of 36 dwellings (comprising 20 x 3-bedroom two storey dwellings and 16 x 4 bedroom 3 storey height townhouses) with associated landscaping and parking.
Closing date 17.8.23
Comment Objection: Unacceptable loss of trees and biodiversity. Also, over intensive for the area with no information of CIL money for local schools, doctors, and infrastructure. Cllr R Wallace believed that the original tree cover was part of a jubilee donation scheme and requested a full tree planting schedule (28.7.22).
Objections raised in letters from KCC and Highways & Transport have not been addressed.
The number of units are incorrect in a number of the documents, as per the Highways letter.
It would appear under the new Ecological Assessment recommendations have been put forward and we would like to see these in any conditions attached.

5. PREMISES LICENCE

Application no PR202303-87894
Location The Goods Yard Bar, Harbour Approach Road, Harbour Arm
Licensable activities Alcohol OFF Sales
Closing date 1.8.23
Comment No objection.

Application no PR202306-91381
Location The London & Paris Hotel, 28-30 Harbour Street
Licensable activities Alcohol ON and OFF sales
Closing date 7.8.23

Comment No objection as long as OFF sales are to residents only, as per the application.

6. LATE PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Application no 23/0855/FH
Location Flat 4, 17 Grimston Gardens
Proposal Replacement windows
Closing Date 17.8.23
Comment No objection.

Application no 23/1079/FH
Location Car Park Folkestone West Railway Station
Proposal Retrospective application for the change of use of part of the station car park (Sui Generis use) to a farmers' market (Use Class E(a)) for a period of 3 years.
Closing date 9.8.23
Comment No objection.

Application no 23/0989/FH
Location 35 Bradstone Avenue
Proposal Change of use from a single dwelling to a self-contained lower ground/ground floor flat and upper-level maisonette flat, and lower ground floor rear extension.
Closing date 10.8.23
Comment No objection subject to neighbours' comments.

Application no 23/114/FH/TCA
Location Land Adjoining 24 Grimston Gardens
Proposal Works to trees in a Conservation area comprising of 2 x Holly (T1, T2) reduce height to bring in level with hedgerow, 1 x Hedgerow (H1) prune to 2 metres in height and by 0.5 metres laterally, pruned by 2 metres in section overhanging pathway, 1 x Lawson's Cypress (H2) prune 0.5 metres laterally & 1 x Sycamore (T3) crown life by 1 metre.
Closing Date 18.8.23
Comment No objection subject to Tree Officer's views.

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 24th August 2023

The meeting concluded at 8.15pm

..... Chair