

## Folkestone Town Council

**Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2023 at the Town Council Offices, The Town Hall, 1-2 Guildhall Street, Folkestone.**

**PRESENT:** Councillors Charlie Bain Smith, Jane Darling and John Renshaw.

**ABSENT:** Councillor Christine Dickinson.

**OFFICER PRESENT:** Liz Timmins (Grants and Communities Officer)

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from councillors Lucy McGirr and Laura Davison.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations.

**3. PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING 26<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

The Committee was asked to receive the Minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 26<sup>th</sup> October 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 26<sup>th</sup> October 2023 be received and that the Chair of the meeting be authorised to sign them as a correct record.

Proposed: Councillor John Renshaw

Seconded: Councillor Jane Darling

Voting: F:3, Ag:0, Ab:0

**4. REVIEW OF TERMS OF REFERENCE**

**RESOLVED:** The Committee accept the changes to the Planning Terms of Reference.

Proposed: Councillor Jane Darling

Seconded: Councillor John Renshaw

Voting: F:3, Ag:0, Ab:0

**5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Application no	23/1786/FH
Location	189 Shorncliffe Road
Proposal	Single storey rear extension replacing existing conservatory
Closing date	20.12.23
Comment	No Objection

Application no	23/1838/FH/TCA
Location	Augusta Gardens, Open Gardens, Fronting Sandgate Road

Proposal	Remedial work to be carried out on mature Beech tree (T1) remove two remaining branches either side of break and situated in a Conservation Area.
Closing date	20.12.23
Comment	No Objection
Application no	23/1704/FH
Location	1-40 & 42-88 Craufurd Green
Proposal	Installation of external insulation
Closing date	20.12.23
Comment	No Objection – Subject to a whole retrofit approach including ventilation.
Application no	23/1798/FH
Location	Lower Works, Cherry Garden Lane
Proposal	Change of use of existing workshop to office to include a two storey and single storey extension to the north and a single storey extension to the east side of the building. Demolition of White Lodge and associated works.
Closing date	21.12.23
Comment	Object – It would appear that the development results in the unnecessary loss of a dwelling.
Application no	23/1737/FH
Location	29 Westbourne Gardens
Proposal	Conversion of existing conservatory into a habitable space
Closing date	22.12.23
Comment	Object – to the loss of a Victorian conservatory as a feature and the introduction of UPVC does not enhance the character of the conservation area.
Application no	23/1703/FH
Location	Flat 3, 58 Earls Avenue
Proposal	Replacement of lower panes to ground floor front bay window, leaving the stained glass panes as they are and repair to stonework surround.
Closing date	4.1.24
Comment	No Objection
Application no	23/1330/FH
Location	2A St Michaels Street
Proposal	Conversion and alterations to existing garage unit (use class B2) to create 1no. 2 bedroom apartment with associated parking and external amenity space
Closing date	19.12.23

Comment                      Object – as per previous comment - *Object due to creating a dwelling with no natural light or ventilation in the main living spaces.*

Application no              23/1706/FH  
Location                      Flat 1, 20 Clifton Gardens  
Proposal                      Single storey rear extension including changes to fenestration, replacing a window with a door adjacent to the proposed works.  
Closing date                4.1.24  
Comment                      No Objection

Application no              23/1718/FH  
Location                      229 Dover Road  
Proposal                      Demolition of existing extension and erection of a single storey ground floor rear extension and outbuilding.  
Closing date                27.12.23  
Comment                      No Objection

Application no              23/1849/FH  
Location                      134A Sandgate Road  
Proposal                      Change of use & conversion of upper floor offices into three self-contained flats & associated alterations.  
Closing date                27.12.23  
Comment                      No Objection

Application no              23/1864/FH  
Location                      134A Sandgate Road  
Proposal                      Listed Building Consent for change of use & conversion of upper floor offices into three self-contained flats & associated alterations.  
Closing date                27.12.23  
Comment                      No Objection

**6.        PREMISES LICENCE**  
None were received.

**7.        LATE PLANNING APPLICATIONS**  
None were received.

**8.        KENT FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT STRATEGY 2024-2034**  
Councillors noted the closing date and will send individual comments on this strategy.

**9.        DATE OF NEXT MEETING**  
Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> January 2024

The meeting concluded at 9.15pm.

..... **Chair**