

Folkestone Town Council

Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on Thursday 28 November 2024 at the Town Council Offices, The Town Hall, 1-2 Guildhall Street, Folkestone.

PRESENT: Councillors Charles Bain Smith, Bridget Chapman, Laura Davison, John Renshaw.

OFFICERS PRESENT: Jennifer Griffin (Administration Officer)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs Jane Darling and Christine Dickinson.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

The Committee was asked to receive the Minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 31 October 2024 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 31 October 2024 be received and that the Chair of the meeting be authorised to sign them as a correct record.

Proposed: Councillor John Renshaw

Seconded: Councillor Bridget Chapman

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

4. WEEKLY LIST

The Committee noted the comments sent to Folkestone & Hythe District Council via the Weekly List dated 30 October 2024.

5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Application no	24/1611/FH
Location	132 Dolphins Road
Proposal	Retrospective application for a new driveway and to extend the existing dropped kerb for access onto an unclassified road.
Closing date	02/12/2024
Comment	Object. This puts a considerable amount of storm water into the storm water system without sustainable drainage.

Application no	24/0867/FH
Location	15 Marine Parade
Proposal	Listed Building Consent for vinyl mural on side of building.
Closing date	10/12/2024

Comment	Comment. We support the application in this instance due to the public benefit such artwork lends to the town.
Application no	24/1768/FH
Location	Folkestone Library, 2 Grace Hill
Proposal	Listed Building Consent for improvements to rainwater drainage capacity.
Closing date	04/12/2024
Comment	No Objection.
Application no	24/1795/FH
Location	37 Buttermere Close
Proposal	Single storey side and rear extension
Closing date	09/12/2024
Comment	The previous comment of the Planning Committee stands. Object. As in the Building Safety Act this should be designed in accordance with the building regulations. This design has created an inner room with no means of escape should there be a fire. You are less able to ventilate a room through a sky light.
Application no	24/1805/FH
Location	3 Cheriton Court Road
Proposal	Loft conversion, erection of rear dormer, installation of roof windows to front roof slope and windows to side elevations.
Closing date	09/12/2024
Comment	Object. This will compromise the privacy and amenities of the neighbouring property to the east.

PREMISES LICENCSE

There were no Premises Licenses.

7. LATE PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Application no	24/1779/FH
Location	Royal Victoria Hospital, Radnor Park Avenue
Proposal	Erection of a retaining wall
Closing date	12/12/2024
Comment	Object. Had the original application highlighted the need to put in a retaining wall in that position, a landscaping condition would have been applied to protect the amenities of the area for the public to the north outside of the retaining wall. The amenity would be protected by replacing trees lost in that location with suitable species.

Application no	24/1830/FH
Location	1 Birkdale Drive
Proposal	Single storey side extension following reduction in garage length
Closing date	18/12/2024
Comment	No Objection.

Application no	24/0748/TCA
Location	49 Earls Avenue
Proposal	Situated in a Conservation area- Reduce the crown of Magnolia tree by 2 metres
Closing date	18/12/2024
Comment	Object. There is no reason for the works given, it is a particularly fine specimen and such a heavy pruning of the tree, given its species sensitivity, could affect its vitality.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING
TUESDAY, 17 December 2024

The meeting concluded at 8:43 pm.

..... **Chair**