

Folkestone Town Council

Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on Thursday 14 August 2025 at the Town Council Offices, The Town Hall, 1-2 Guildhall Street, Folkestone.

PRESENT: Councillors Charles Bain Smith, Laura Davison, John Renshaw, Jane Darling and Christine Dickinson.

OFFICERS PRESENT: Georgina Wilson (Corporate Support Officer)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Bridget Chapman.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Laura Davidson declared an interest in 25/1026/FH.

3. PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

The Committee was asked to receive the Minutes of the meetings of the Planning Committee held on 10 July 2025 and 31 July 2025 and to authorise the Chair of the Committee to sign them as a correct record.

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meetings of the Planning Committee held on 10 July 2025 and 31 July 2025 be received and that the Chair of the meeting be authorised to sign them as a correct record.

Proposed: Councillor Christine Dickinson

Seconded: Councillor Jane Darling

Voting: F: 5, Ag: 0; Ab: 0

7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Application no	25/1391/FH
Location	65 to 67 Sandgate Road
Proposal	Installation of two air conditioning condenser units and four extract grilles to the rear elevation.
Closing date	19/08/2025
Comment	No objection

Application no	25/1329/FH
Location	28 Holywell Avenue
Proposal	Two storey rear extension.
Closing date	20/08/2025
Comment	Object, the Committee were concerned that the natural light to adjacent dwellings and gardens, which are there only private outdoor area, would be significantly compromised by the proposal affecting their amenities.

Application no	25/1401/FH
Location	104 Bouverie Road West

Proposal	Single storey extension on the east side and a two-storey extension on the west side following demolition of garage, conservatory and office.
Closing date	28/07/2025
Comment	No objection
Application no	25/1407/FH
Location	Flat 1, 19 Grimston Gardens
Proposal	Variation of condition 3 (approved plans) of planning permission 22/0555/FH to allow for the amendment to the layout to make better use of the space.
Closing date	25/08/2025
Comment	The Committee do not object to the principal of the proposal but object to UPVC windows as they are not an appropriate material as it is not recyclable, nor does UPVC preserve or enhance the character of the conservation area. UPVC is not necessary to use when there are timber alternatives available.
Application no	25/1406/FH
Location	Flat 2, 19 Grimston Gardens
Proposal	Single storey rear extension.
Closing date	25/08/2025
Comment	The Committee do not object to the principal of the proposal but object to UPVC windows as they are not an appropriate material as it is not recyclable, nor does UPVC preserve or enhance the character of the conservation area. UPVC is not necessary to use when there are timber alternatives available.
Application no	25/1417/FH
Location	Sailbox, Folkestone Harbour, Harbour Approach Road
Proposal	Temporary approval for additional unit to existing restaurant as approved under planning permission 22/0298/FH.
Closing date	27/08/2025
Comment	No objection
Application no	25/1415/FH
Location	162 Dolphins Road
Proposal	Single storey rear extension and a two-storey side extension.
Closing date	26/08/2025
Comment	No objection

Application no	25/1427/FH
Location	Tesco Stores Ltd, Cheriton High Street
Proposal	Two compressor installed at ground level. Two gas cooler installed on steel deck at high level with open mesh walkway, access steps and handrails. 2.2m timber fence and access gate with 1.1m high armco barrier on 2 sides installed at ground level and new door.
Closing date	28/08/2025
Comment	No objection

8. RE CONSULTATIONS

Application no	25/1026/FH
Location	The Manor Office, 43 Castle Hill Avenue
Proposal	Erection of two new detached dwellings.
Amendment	Revised plans
Closing date	27/08/2025
Comment	No objection

Application no	25/0971/FH
Location	Ground Floor Business, 30 Rendezvous Street
Proposal	Variation of condition 5 (opening hours) of planning permission Y14/0122/SH to vary hours of operation.
Closing date	26/08/2025
Comment	The Committee maintains their previous objection: Object. The Committee feels the opening hours should remain the current hours (07:30 to 23:00) during the weekdays. On a Friday, Saturday and bank/public holidays the Committee have no objection to the premises remaining open till 1am in line with other licenced establishments in the town

8. PREMISES LICENCES

Application no	PR202507-121106
Location	Salty Cup, 8 Church Street
Proposal	Alcohol OFF Sales ONLY
Closing date	01/09/2025
Comment	No objection

Application no	PR202507-121235
Location	Cheriton Food & Wine, 135 Cheriton High Street
Proposal	Variation Premise Licence - Alcohol OFF Sales ONLY
Closing date	01/09/2025

Comment Object as the amenity to neighbouring properties would be negatively affected by the 24-hour nature of alcohol sales.

9. LATE PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Application no 25/1446/FH
Location Flat 27, St Andrews, The Durlocks
Proposal Temporary removal of a window and reinstatement with a new sill. As well as replacement lanterns to the roof.
Closing date 01/09/2025
Comment No objection

Application no 25/1461/FH
Location Flat 27, St Andrews, The Durlocks
Proposal Listed Building Consent for the temporary removal of a window and reinstatement with a new sill. As well as replacement lanterns to the roof.
Closing date 01/09/2025
Comment No objection

Application no 25/1390/FH
Location 47 Broadfield Road
Proposal Two storey side extension and part single storey and part two storey rear extension.
Closing date 02/09/2025
Comment No objection

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING Thursday, 11 September at 7pm.

The meeting concluded at 8.15pm.

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