

Folkestone Town Council

Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on Thursday 16 July 2026 at the Town Council Offices, The Town Hall, 1-2 Guildhall Street, Folkestone.

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

OFFICERS PRESENT: Georgina Wilson (Corporate Support Officer)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs Liz McShane and Bridget Chapman.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Bain Smith declared an interest in application 26/1076/FH.

3. PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES

The Committee was asked to receive the Minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 4 July 2026 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 4 July 2026 be received and that the Chair of the meeting be authorised to sign them as a correct record.

Proposed: Councillor Christine Dickinson

Seconded: Councillor John Renshaw

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

4. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Application no	26/0949/FH
Location	Bannatynes Health Club, Shearway Road, Shearway Business Park
Proposal	Reconfiguration and expansion of existing EV charging points with existing feeder pillar to be removed and new feeder pillar to be installed.
Closing date	15/07/2026
Comment	No objection

Application no 26/0929/FH
Location Norrard, 8 Godwyn Road
Proposal Erection of 1.5 storey detached dwelling.
Closing date 30/07/2026
Comment Object, given that the proposed new dwelling occupies close to the full width of the plot with its Juliet balcony, this will have a detrimental effect on the amenities of the adjacent house and future occupants. There are a number of roof lights on the proposed new dwelling that overlook the living rooms of the adjacent dwelling which would present an unreasonable effect on amenities and privacy of the existing dwelling. The design of the fenestration is complexly alien to the existing pattern of traditional development in the area and the proposed bronzed aluminium windows would be an incongruent addition.

Application no 26/0993/FH
Location 19 Bathurst Road
Proposal Single storey side & rear extensions.
Closing date 20/07/2026
Comment No objection

Application no 26/0970/FH
Location Flat 2, 35 Augusta Gardens
Proposal Installation of rear balustrade (retrospective).
Closing date 21/07/2026
Comment Object, the original balustrades of the original balcony that was demolished without consent were appropriate to the ground floor of the building which are quite bulky and contribute to the conservation areas character. Iron balconies are really only traditional on the upper floors, and the proposal represents a departure from the historic character of the group of buildings.

Application no 26/1051/FH
Location 12 Cheriton Place
Proposal Listed Building Consent for provision of refuse storage, repair works to windows & external joinery, internal joinery, remedial works to render, front door & surround, structural works to floors, ceilings & window openings, installation of

stud partitions, drainage, ventilation & fire safety equipment.
Closing date 22/07/2026
Comment No objection

Application no 26/0834/FH
Location 12 Cheriton Place
Proposal Installation of automatically opening smoke vent (AOV) & fenestration alterations to rear elevation.
Closing date 23/07/2026
Comment No objection

Application no 26/1017/FH
Location Homebase, Park Farm Road
Proposal Variation of conditions 20 and 25 of planning permission Y04/1113/SH to enable subdivision of the unit to create two retail units and to amend the restriction on the range of goods that can be sold.
Closing date 23/07/2026
Comment No objection

Application no 26/1018/FH
Location Homebase, Park Farm Road
Proposal Demolition of the garden centre, removal of two storey staff block, creation of new entrances, partial reconfiguration of car park layout, provision of plant area, installation of new trolley bays and other associated works.
Closing date 24/07/2026
Comment No objection

Application no 26/1072/FH
Location 22a Bathurst Road
Proposal Single storey side extension.
Closing date 27/07/2026
Comment No objection

Application no 26/1043/FH
Location La Mer, 49a Wear Bay Road
Proposal Ground & first floor rear extensions.
Closing date 31/07/2026

Comment No objection

Application no 26/0702/FH
Location 103 Dover Road
Proposal Variation of conditions 2 (Approved Plans) and 3 (Materials) of planning permission 22/1035/FH to allow vertical cladding and alterations to rear terrace.
Closing date 29/07/2026
Comment No objection

5. LATE PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Application no 26/0984/FH
Location Unit 4, Inspire Industrial Estate, Casebourne Road
Proposal Change of use from class E(g) & B8 to class E - E (c) (i), E (c) (ii), E (c) (iii) E (d), E (e), E(f) and E (g) (i), E (g) (ii) and E (g) (iii) & B8.
Closing date 30/07/2026
Comment No objection

Application no 26/1047/FH
Location 7 Cherry Garden Avenue
Proposal Erection of a single storey extension with 3 lantern lights.
Closing date 30/07/2026
Comment No objection

Application no 26/0903/FH
Location N I C Instruments Ltd, Gladstone Road
Proposal Demolition of existing building and erection of 8 no. dwelling-houses with associated landscaping and parking.
Closing date 31/07/2026
Comment No objection

Application no 26/1110/FH/TCA
Location 10 Westbourne Gardens
Proposal Works to trees in a conservation area comprising of T1 Conifer fell to ground level.
Closing date 31/07/2026

Comment	Object, this tree is a fine specimen which makes a positive contribution to the conservation area.
Application no	26/1076/FH
Location	55 Broadmead Road
Proposal	Partial demolition of existing building and conversion into 1 residential dwelling.
Closing date	30/07/2026
Comment	No objection
Application no	26/0896/FH
Location	5-6 Shakespeare Terrace
Proposal	Creation of stepped access to lower ground floor and stepped bridge to ground floor, installation of automatic opening vent roof light, removal of lift overrun and erection of fence to rear boundary.
Closing date	31/07/2026
Comment	No objection
Application no	26/1104/FH
Location	Church & Dwight UK Ltd, Bowls Well Gardens
Proposal	Proposed installation of roof tether safety system
Closing date	31/07/26
Comment	No objection
Application no	26/1097/FH
Location	South Kent Christian Community Church, 32 Cheriton Road
Proposal	Variation of condition 2 (Approved Plans) of planning permission 25/1532/FH to allow for alterations to boundary treatment, windows and doors.
Closing date	31/07/26
Comment	Object, the existing Victorian railings make a positive contribution to the site and only requires refurbishing and painting, it would be detrimental to replace with a replica.

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, 6 August 2026 at 7pm.

The meeting concluded at 7.45pm.

..... Chair