

## Folkestone Town Council

**Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on Thursday 27 August 2026  
at the Town Council Offices, The Town Hall, 1-2 Guildhall Street, Folkestone.**

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

**APOLOGIES:** Councillor Liz McShane.

**OFFICERS PRESENT:** Liz Timmins (Communities & Grants Officer)

### **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillor Liz McShane.

### **2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **3. PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES**

The Committee was asked to receive the Minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 6 August 2026 and to authorise the Chair of the Meeting to sign them as a correct record.

**RESOLVED:** That the Minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 6 August 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 Bridget Chapman

Voting: F: 5, Ag: ; Ab:

### **4. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

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| Application no | 26/1258/FH                                                                             |
| Location       | 50-52 Folkestone Care Centre & 56 Shorncliffe Road                                     |
| Proposal       | Change of use of 3no. parking spaces to the rear of Care Centre to secure garden area. |
| Closing date   | 27/08/2026                                                                             |
| Comment        | No Objection                                                                           |

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| Application no | 26/1232/FH                                                                                                                             |
| Location       | Nationwide, 77-79, Sandgate Road                                                                                                       |
| Proposal       | Installation of solar powered defibrillator and a bleed kit stand.                                                                     |
| Closing date   | 31/08/2026                                                                                                                             |
| Comment        | Withdrawn                                                                                                                              |
| Application no | 26/1293/FH                                                                                                                             |
| Location       | Turnbull Place, Ingles Road                                                                                                            |
| Proposal       | Works to trees subject to TPO No 11 of 1995 comprising of T1-2 Holm Oak crown reduction of 4 metres vertically and 4 metres laterally. |
| Closing date   | 01/09/2026                                                                                                                             |
| Comment        | No objection                                                                                                                           |
| Application no | 26/1159/FH                                                                                                                             |
| Location       | St Andrews, The Durlocks                                                                                                               |
| Proposal       | Works to trees subject to TPO No 11 of 1988 comprising of T2 Prunus, T5 Sycamore, and T7 Prunus crown lift to 3.5 metres.              |
| Closing date   | 02/09/2026                                                                                                                             |
| Comment        | No objection                                                                                                                           |
| Application no | 26/1261/FH                                                                                                                             |
| Location       | Adjacent to 31 & 33 Guildhall Street                                                                                                   |
| Proposal       | Installation of two permanent public art flag sculptures.                                                                              |
| Closing date   | 03/09/2026                                                                                                                             |
| Comment        | No objection                                                                                                                           |
| Application no | 26/1265/FH                                                                                                                             |
| Location       | Verge between Foresters Way & Shellons Street                                                                                          |
| Proposal       | Installation of three permanent public art flag sculptures.                                                                            |
| Closing date   | 03/09/2026                                                                                                                             |
| Comment        | No objection                                                                                                                           |
| Application no | 26/1267/FH                                                                                                                             |
| Location       | Public Hardstanding, The Stade                                                                                                         |
| Proposal       | Installation of a single permanent public art flag sculpture.                                                                          |
| Closing date   | 03/09/2026                                                                                                                             |

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| Comment        | No objection                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Application no | 26/1330/FH/TCA                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Location       | St Andrews, The Durlocks                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Proposal       | Works to trees in a conservation area comprising of T1 Holly crown reduction of 2 metres vertically and laterally and re-shape, T2, T5, T9-10, T14 Hawthorn crown lift to 3.5 metres above ground level, T3 Conifer crown lift to 3.5 metres above ground level, T4 and T13 Pine crown lift to 3.5 metres above ground level, T6 Sycamore crown lift to 3.5 metres above ground level, and T7 Ash crown lift to 3.5 metres above ground level. |
| Closing date   | 04/09/2026                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Comment        | No objection                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Application no | 26/1339/FH                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Location       | 39 Woodfield Close                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Proposal       | Works to trees subject to TPO No 15 of 2002 comprising of T1 Sycamore crown reduction by 2 metres laterally.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Closing date   | 07/09/2026                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Comment        | No objection                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Application no | 26/1176/FH                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Location       | Folkestone Sports Centre, Radnor Park Avenue, Folkestone, CT19 5HX                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Proposal       | Relocation of main entrance together with carpark expansion to accommodate 26 No. spaces.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Closing date   | 08/09/2026                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Comment        | Unable to view the application                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

## 5. LATE PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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| Application no | 26/1312/FH                                               |
| Location       | Castle House, Castle Hill Avenue                         |
| Proposal       | New security fencing & gates to existing front car park. |
| Closing date   | 10/09/2026                                               |
| Comment        | No objection                                             |

Application no 26/1250/FH  
 Location Eton Suite, The Grand, The Leas  
 Proposal Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) & removal of condition 4 (flue details) of planning permission 25/1713/FH to allow for the removal of the flue.  
 FTC Comment *"No Objection"*  
 Closing date 14/09/2026  
 Comment No objection

Application no 26/1311/FH  
 Location 20 Clifton Gardens  
 Proposal Replacement of the existing roof coverings to the main roof and associated re-covering works to the existing dormer and bay window roofs.  
 Closing date 15/09/2026  
 Comment Object – Not to the principle but real slate would be far preferable and suitable in a conservation area and does not degrade in the strong UV levels we get in Folkestone.

## RE-CONSULTATION

Application no 26/1205/FH  
 Location Rhodesia House, 2, Clifton Crescent  
 Proposal Listed Building Consent for the internal and external refurbishment of the building, including changes to the internal layout including the removal of existing and erection of new partition walls at ground floor level; removal of existing floor structures to parts of the first, second and third floors and replacement with raised floor structures; removal of existing plaster from external walls and replacement throughout all floors; removal and replacement of existing coving, ceiling roses and skirtings at first and second floor level; replacement of existing windows with double-glazed units; new replacement roof including the installation of an Automatic Opening Vent (AOV) to the north elevation, and repair of existing dormers.  
 Amendment Additional information and description change.  
 FTC Comment *"No Objection"*  
 Closing date 04/09/2026  
 Comment Object – it is now apparent that the works already undertaken exceed those granted consent. We understand

this is a difficult site and we supported the principle of the original application. We note that condition 3 of the consent has not been approved prior to the works being undertaken and the applicant claims that emergency works were necessary. We don't see any evidence of a notice being submitted prior to the works. The evidence submitted for very substantial removal of historic features is not yet convincing. We note for e.g. that the dormer windows installed differ from those approved and lack the historic swept heads of the originals, but no justification has been made for this. We would need to see a very convincing heritage argument in order to support these changes.

### **PREMISES LICENSE**

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| Application no | PR202607-137207                                                      |
| Location       | Courtside Kitchen & Bar, Motis business Centre, Cheriton High Street |
| Proposal       | Recorded Music, Alcohol ON & OFF Sales.                              |
| Closing date   | 07/09/2026                                                           |
| Comment        | No objection                                                         |

### **6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Thursday, 10 September 2026 at 7pm.

The meeting concluded at 7.22pm.

..... **Chair**