

Folkestone Town Council

Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on Thursday 10 September 2026 at the Town Council Offices, The Town Hall, 1-2 Guildhall Street, Folkestone.

PRESENT: Councillors John Renshaw, Bridget Chapman and Christine Dickinson.

OFFICERS PRESENT: Georgina Wilson (Corporate Support Officer)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs Charles Bain Smith, Jane Darling and 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 27 August 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 27 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: 3, Ag: 0; Ab: 0

4. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Application no	26/1355/FH
Location	5 Blenheim Place
Proposal	Garage conversion and single storey rear extension to form an annexe together with a single storey side extension to form a garage.
Closing date	17/09/2026
Comment	No objection

Application no 26/1338/FH
 Location 12 Wellfield Road
 Proposal Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) of planning permission 26/0913/FH to allow for the installation of window.
 Closing date 18/09/2026
 Comment No objection

Application no 26/0803/FH
 Location Land Adjoining Princess Royal Inn, South Street
 Proposal Installation of 1 bronze life size (plus 10%) statue of Noel Redding, on a Portland stone plinth, cemented into the soil with foundations.
 Closing date 18/09/2026
 Comment No objection

Application no 26/1394/FH
 Location 2 Church Street
 Proposal Installation of a commercial kitchen extract flue to rear of property (Retrospective).
 Closing date 01/10/2026
 Comment Maintain previous objection made on 23rd April 2026 as proposed alterations are not substantial enough to change the Committees comment:
Object. No details are provided of how odour and noise is mitigated as set out in the two reports provided. The Committee also disagree with the Planning Statement that the building has no historical value at all, consideration should be given to how that is addressed.

Application no 26/1410/FH/TCA
 Location Clifton Gardens Open Space, Clifton Gardens
 Proposal Works to trees in a conservation area comprising of T2 Laburnum fell to ground level and grind out stump. T4 Sycamore remove epicormic growth by a maximum of 1 metres. G6 Holm Oak crown lift to 3 metres above ground level.
 Closing date 21/09/2026
 Comment No objection

Application no 26/1395/FH
Location 19 Bathurst Road
Proposal Single-storey side and rear extension.
Closing date 18/09/2026
Comment No objection

Application no 26/1416/FH/TCA
Location Augusta Gardens, Sandgate Road
Proposal Works to trees in a conservation area comprising of G1 Mixed Species remove epicormic growth to a height of 4 metres. G3 Mixed Species prune to clear branches away from road sign to allow for at least 3 metres clearance. T4 Weeping Ash pollard to a height of 10 metres. T5 and T10 Holly remove deadwood. T6 Holly remove deadwood and epicormic growth to a height of 3 metres. G8 Holly remove deadwood. T9 Lime remove epicormic growth to a height of 4 metres.
Closing date 25/09/2026
Comment No objection

Application no 26/1411/FH/TCA
Location Trinity Gardens Open Space, Bouverie Road West
Proposal Works to trees in a conservation area comprising of T2 Lime crown pollard to 10 metres, T4 Ash remove deadwood, and G6 Sycamore crown lift to a maximum of 4 metres above ground level.
Closing date 25/09/2026
Comment No objection

5. LATE PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Application no 26/1413/FH
Location Balfour Gardens, The Leas
Proposal Works to trees subject to TPO No 03 of 1983 comprising of G1 Holm Oak remove 0.2 metre diameter deadwood overhanging public footway at a height of 3 metres. T2 Holm Oak remove 0.15 metres diameter branch at a height of 2 metres.

Closing date 24/09/2026
Comment No objection

Application no 26/1414/FH/TCA

Location Terlingham Gardens, The Leas

Proposal Works to trees in a conservation area comprising of G1 Cypress remove deadwood from lower crowns. T2 Sycamore remove dead branch ascending over footway. T4 Sycamore remove deadwood from lower crowns. G6 Mixed Species prune to clear branches away from air conditioning unit to allow for 1 metre clearance. T7 Lime remove hanging branch over footway. G8 Ash remove deadwood and epicormic growth by 4 metres. G9 Mixed Species crown lift to 3 metres above ground level.

Closing date 25/09/2026
Comment No objection

Application no 26/1412/FH/TCA

Location Grimston Gardens Open Space, Grimston Gardens

Proposal Works to trees in a conservation area comprising of T1 Horse Chestnut pollard to 6 metres. T2 Horse Chestnut pollard to 12 metres. T4 Ash fell to ground level. T5 Ash remove 0.2 metres diameter deadwood overhanging road. T6 Lime remove dead branch overhanging road. T8 Bay crown lift to 3 metres above ground level.

Closing date 25/09/2026
Comment No objection

Application no 26/1430/FH

Location The Shamrock, 44, East Cliff

Proposal Change of use from 6 bedroom 6 person HMO (Use Class C4) to 7 bedroom 7 person HMO (Sui-Generis).

Closing date 25/09/2026
Comment Object, the Committee feel there is insufficient information to make a decision, this should be resubmitted with more detail.

Application no 26/1453/FH

Location Folca, 48-66 Sandgate Road

Proposal Alterations to the existing shop front including 3 new entrances to the front & five new entrances with associated

	ramps and stairs to the rear, the installation of new shopfronts & building signage & replacement of rooftop plant and associated screening.
Closing date	28/09/2026
Comment	No objection, the Committee are very pleased to see the history and heritage of the Folca building being treated in a sensitive manner.

Application no	26/1409/FH
Location	36 Radnor Park Road
Proposal	Variation of condition 4 (restricted use) of planning permission 20/1264/FH to allow for intermittent use as short term holiday let.
Closing date	28/09/2026
Comment	No objection

Application no	26/1444/FH
Location	Land Adjacent to 160 Wear Bay Road
Proposal	Erection of a detached dwelling together with the provision of a new vehicular access and dropped kerb to serve 160 Wear Bay Road.
Closing date	28/09/2026
Comment	No objection

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, 24 September 2026 at 7pm.

The meeting concluded at 7.16pm.

..... Chair