

MINUTES
of
A Meeting of the Planning and Environment Committee
Held in the Assembly Rooms, Church Approach, New Romney
on 3rd January 2024
Commencing at 6.45pm

PRESENT:**Councillors:**

P Coe, J Rivers, P Carey, K Terry, S O'Hare, J Davies, and
L Phillips

In the Chair:

Councillor P Coe

In Attendance:

Town Clerk - Mrs C Newcombe

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APOLOGIES

None.

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DISPENSATION TO PARTICIPATE

No new applications for Dispensation to Participate had been received.

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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

@6.46PM Councillor Phillips joined the meeting. All Members present declared a Personal Interest in respect of planning application numbers 23/2056/FH/TCA and 23/2058/FH/TCA as they were New Romney Town Council applications. (Minute refs: 444/2023-24(ii) and 444/2023-24(iii) refer)

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ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

It was not necessary to adjourn the meeting as no questions had been received in writing.

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PUBLIC QUESTIONS

None received.

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RE-CONVENING OF MEETING

Not applicable.

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MINUTES**Minutes of the Meeting Held on 6th December 2023**

The Chairman presented the **Minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee Meeting Held on 6th December 2023**, a copy of which had been previously circulated to all Councillors.

Having duly considered the afore-mentioned minutes, it was:

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Rivers

SECONDED BY: Councillor Davies

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee Meeting held on 6th December 2023 be approved and signed as a true and correct record.

Councillor Terry abstained from voting as she had not been present at the afore-mentioned meeting.

443/2023-24 **PLANNING CLERK'S REPORT**

There was no Planning Clerk's report on this occasion.

444/2023-24 **SCHEDULE OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Terry
SECONDED BY: Councillor O'Hare

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY – that NRTC Planning and Environment Committee comments, including those comments relating to additional planning applications received after publication of the agenda for this meeting, be submitted to FHDC Planning Department:

Application No

Location and Description

(i) [23/1877/FH](#)

Sandcroft, Coast Road,
Littlestone, TN28 8QZ

Lawful Development Certificate (proposed) for the installation of a staircase between flat 4 & flat 5.

RECOMMENDATION

No Objection

Voting:

For Application:

7

Against Application:

0

Abstained:

0

(ii) [23/2056/FH/TCA](#)

Town Hall, High Street, New Romney, TN28 8BT

T1 Bay re-coppice close to ground level, T2 Ash height reduction by a maximum of 3 metres & laterally by a maximum of 2 metres & T3 Holly height reduction by a maximum of 1 metre all situated in a Conservation area.

RECOMMENDATION**Voting:****For Application:****Against Application:****Abstained:**(iii) [23/2058/FH/TCA](#)**NO COMMENT – NRTC application**

Recreation Ground, Fairfield Road, New Romney

T1 Norway Maple fell to ground, stump ground out and plant replacement tree, T2 London Plane reduce the length of all north and south facing lateral branches by a maximum of 3 metres & crown lift on the northern side to give 6 meters clearance above the adjacent highway (Rolfe Lane), T3 Norway Maple prune back all north facing lateral branches by a maximum of 2 metres to the fence line, T4 Sycamore fell to ground, stump ground out and plant replacement tree, T5 Sycamore remove dead branches at 3 metres above ground level & T6 Sycamore fell to ground, stump ground out and plant replacement tree.

RECOMMENDATION**Voting:****For Application:****Against Application:****Abstained:**(iv) [22/2100/FH](#)**NO COMMENT – NRTC application**

Coast Drive Car Park, Coast Drive, Greatstone.

This is a re-consultation following the submission of additional details or a change in circumstance.
These are detailed below:

New documents have been added dated 20/12/23.

RECOMMENDATION

Recommend Refusal – Not enough information to make a decision; concerns over lack of parking and recommendation to reduce beach huts to a single row to allow for more parking; residents’ comments have not been addressed; ecological and lighting issues have not been addressed; FHDC has a duty to consider impact on crime and anti-social behaviour – noting that recent break-ins have occurred in this area, there is a need for sympathetic lighting to mitigate issues.

Voting:

For Application:	0
Against Application:	7
Abstained:	0

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SCHEDULE OF LICENCE APPLICATIONS

There were no licence applications for consideration.

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FOLKESTONE & HYTHE DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORTS/ DECISIONS/MATTERS

A schedule of delegated decisions of Folkestone & Hythe District Council Planning Department for the period ending 21st December 2023 was duly received and noted.

447/2023-24

ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

The report regarding local air quality monitoring, which had previously been circulated to all Committee Members, was duly received and noted.

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REPORTS FROM WORKING PARTIES

Parish Highway Improvement Plan

The report of the Parish Highway Improvement Plan Working Party, which had previously been circulated to all Committee Members, was duly received and noted.

The Chairman thanked those present for their attendance and the meeting Concluded **at 7.13pm**

