

**MINUTES**  
of  
**A Meeting of the Planning and Environment Committee**  
**Held in the Assembly Rooms, Church Approach, New Romney**  
**on 17<sup>th</sup> April 2024**  
**Commencing at 6.45pm**

**PRESENT:**

**Councillors:**

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

**In the Chair:**

Councillor P Coe

**In Attendance:**

Planning Clerk - Mrs G Hall

Members of public x 1

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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**

None.

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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 27<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

The Chairman presented the **Minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee Meeting Held on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2024**, a copy of which had been previously circulated to all Councillors.

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

**PROPOSED BY:** Councillor Carey

**SECONDED BY:** Councillor O'Hare

**RESOLVED– that the Minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee Meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2024 be approved and signed as a true and correct record.**

**Councillor Davies abstained from voting as he was not present for the meeting.**

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### **PLANNING CLERK'S REPORT**

The Planning Clerk's report, which had been previously circulated to all Committee Members, was duly received and noted and read as under:

#### **(i) Cars parking too close to the junction – Spitalfield Lane.**

Emails from residents received with photographs of vehicles parking too close to the junction at Spitalfield Lane. The images were forwarded onto Kent Police and Folkestone and Hythe District Council's parking enforcement team who will send more enforcement officers to investigate.

The following message was also issued on social media by Kent Police:

*PARKING ISSUES!!*

*Hello all.*

*I've had some parking issues raised to me recently from yourselves and in particular both areas that keep coming up are in New Romney. I appreciate that there are parking issues in every village and town up and down the country but I will use New Romney as a good example.*

*The junction of Fairfield Road where it meets St Mary's Road regularly has vehicles being parked right up to the junction forcing drivers coming along Fairfield Road towards St Mary's Road into the lane of oncoming vehicles that turn into Fairfield from St Mary's Road and this can become hazardous if a vehicle is turning left into Fairfield due to both drivers not realising that each other are about to meet on the same side of the road. Obviously we have to drive to the conditions and adjust our driving to the hazards, nevertheless, it is also every motorists responsibility to park legally and safely which would then negate the above issue especially at this particular junction.*

*I have spoken with the landlord of The Plough PH who was very understanding and suggested that he put a post on his Facebook page and perhaps a couple of posters within the pub to remind his customers to park responsibly in case it is some of them who are parking irresponsibly.*

*The Highway Code Rule 250 states the following  
Cars, goods vehicles not exceeding 2500 kg laden weight, invalid carriages, motorcycles and pedal cycles may be parked without lights on a road (or lay-by) with a speed limit of 30 mph (48 km/h) or less if they are:*

- at least 10 metres (32 feet) away from any junction, close to the kerb and facing in the direction of the traffic flow*
- in a recognised parking place or lay-by.*

*There is a similar issue at the junction of Spitalfield Lane where it meets Lydd Road (A259) where some vehicles are parking too close to the junction making it difficult for drivers to pull out onto Lydd Road and also those drivers approaching Lydd Road from Spitalfield Lane are again forced into the opposite*

lane not knowing if a vehicle is turning left into Spitalfield Lane from the Lydd direction.

*I know that there are a million and one arguments to be had over the 'whys and wherefores' of parking issues but my request is quite simply, please park responsibly and legally to make it easier for all.*

*These Parking Lot Fails Will Make You Wish You Didn't Have a Car ...*

*Thank you.*

*Steve.*

**Message Sent By**

Steve Putland

(Kent Police, Police Constable, Folkestone Neighbourhood Beat Officer)

**(ii) Consultation on Revised Validation and Guidance Requirements for Planning Applications determined by Kent County Council**

I have responded to KCC on behalf of New Romney Town Councils Planning and Environment Committee advising 'no comment' and 'keep us updated' as per the Chairman's instructions.

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**SCHEDULE OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

It was

**PROPOSED BY:** Councillor Rivers  
**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) [24/0446/FH](#)

1 Lonbay Drive, New Romney,  
TN28 8AB

**Works to tree subject of TPO No2 of 2006 T1 Macrocarpa reduction by a max of 2.5 metres off height & 1 metre off lateral spread.**

**No Objection**

**RECOMMENDATION**

**Voting:**

<b>For Application:</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Against Application:</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Abstained:</b>	<b>0</b>

- (ii) [24/0385FH](#) 17 High Street, New Romney, TN28 8BN

Listed building consent for replacement of 1 x window and door and internal/external repair work to single storey extension.

**No Objection**

**RECOMMENDATION**

**Voting:**

**For Application:**

**8**

**Against Application:**

**0**

**Abstained:**

**0**

- (iii) [24/0451/FH](#)

16 Littlestone Road, Littlestone, New Romney, TN28 8LR

Works to trees the subject of TPO No.5 of 1975 T1 Oak crown reduction back to previous cuts max 1.5metres.

**No Objection**

**RECOMMENDATION**

**Voting:**

**For Application:**

**8**

**Against Application:**

**0**

**Abstained:**

**0**

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There were no licence applications for consideration.

651/2023-24 **FOLKESTONE & HYTHE DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORTS/ DECISIONS/MATTERS**

(i) A schedule of delegated decisions of Folkestone & Hythe District Council Planning Department for the periods ending 14<sup>th</sup> March 2024 and 18<sup>th</sup> March 2024 were duly received and noted.

(ii) The Delegated Decision Alignment Reports for 2021, 2022 & 2023 which had previously been circulated to all Committee Members, was duly received and noted.

652/2023-24 **ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

The Romney Marshes Area IDB Annual Newsletter, which had previously been circulated to all Committee Members, was duly received and noted.

653/2023-24 **REPORTS FROM WORKING PARTIES**

**Parish Highway Improvement Plan**

The Parish Highway Improvement Plan update regarding the installation of Unsuitable for HGV's signage, which had previously been circulated to all Committee Members and was duly received and noted.

The Chairman thanked those present for their attendance and the meeting Concluded **at 7.04pm**

*Minutes prepared by the Planning Clerk*

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