

MINUTES
of
A Meeting of the Planning and Environment Committee
Held in the Assembly Rooms, Church Approach, New Romney
on 8th May 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 3

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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 17th April 2024**

The Chairman presented the **Minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee Meeting Held on 17th April 2024**, a copy of which had been previously circulated to all Councillors.

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

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Houston

SECONDED BY: Councillor Davies

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY – that the Minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee Meeting held on 17th April 2024 be approved and signed as a true and correct record.

674/2023-24 **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:

- **Change of venue for all Planning & Environment Committee Meetings**

Please note that from our next meeting date 29th May 2024, all future Planning and Environment Committee Meetings will be held in The Council Chamber, Town Hall, New Romney, TN28 8BT.

- **Footpath between Mountfield Industrial Estate – Church Lane**

The original footpath that ran between Mountfield Industrial Estate and Church Lane has now been reinstated by the developer. The new plans for an engineered/lit footpath have been abandoned due to cost and road adoption issues. New Romney Town Council's Parish Caretakers have gone and strimmed away the overgrown brambles to make the footpath passable.

- **Planning Enforcement: 23/2017/FH – 3 The Churchlands, New Romney.**

3 The Churchlands, Planning application: [23/2017/FH](#). Folkestone and Hythe District Council Planning Enforcement have recently visited the property and the owners have been advised that the single storey garden annexe has not been constructed according to the approved plans, as it is not in the location shown. Planning enforcement officers have instructed the owners to resolve this matter, they can either rebuild the structure in the correct position or make an application to amend the approved plans (although there is no guarantee that permission would be granted).

675/2023-24 **SCHEDULE OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Houston

SECONDED BY: Councillor Davies

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:

(iv) [24/0312/FH](#)

Governors House,
Cannon Street,
New Romney, TN28 8BH

Listed Building Consent for the
replacement of windows to the
front elevation.

RECOMMENDATION**Voting:****For Application:****8****Against Application:****0****Abstained:****0****No Objection**(v) [24/0555/FH](#)

Homeleigh, Rolfe Lane,
New Romney,
TN28 8JL

Works to trees the subject of
TPO No 02 of 2006 T1 Oak
crown reductions by a max of
3 metres in height & 2 metres
laterally & T2 Pine remove 'hung
up' branch and deadwood.

RECOMMENDATION**Voting:****For Application:****8****Against Application:****0****Abstained:****0****No Objection**(vi) [24/0397/FH](#)

2 Cherry Gardens, Littlestone,
New Romney, TN28 8QR

Single storey side extension, first
floor cladding and off road
parking.

RECOMMENDATION**Voting:****For Application:****8****Against Application:****0****Abstained:****0****No Objection subject to
minimum clearance
maintained to neighbouring
property/boundary.**

(vii) [24/0575/FH](#)

Land Adj 1-2 West Lawn Cottages, Lydd Road, New Romney

New self-catering tourist accommodation, on land previously occupied by an old garage.

RECOMMENDATION

No Objection – Would still recommend bike storage as public transport links in New Romney aren't excellent as previously stated on appeal.

Voting:

For Application:

8

Against Application:

0

Abstained:

0

(viii) [23/1789/FH](#)

73 Coast Drive, Greatstone, New Romney, TN28 8NR

Folkestone & Hythe District Council write to inform you that the following case has been appealed under ref: [AP-6632](#)

Appeal against refusal of planning application [23/1789/FH](#) - Retrospective planning application for the conversion of an outbuilding to provide a 1 bedroom dwelling house.

Planning Inspectorate Number - APP/L2250/W/24/3339000

FHDC Decision: Recommended Refusal Reasons (2)

1 - The proposed new dwelling, by virtue of its scale, design, layout and size, would result in a form of development that would not sit comfortably in its plot, appearing cramped and out of keeping with the pattern and form of development in the surrounding area, resulting in visual harm to character and appearance of the area.

The proposal would therefore be contrary to policies HB1 and HB10 of the Places and Policies Local Plan 2020.

2- The proposed development would provide inadequately sized garden area for the proposed dwelling that would fail to comply with the minimum external space standards which would be detrimental to the future residential amenities of the new dwelling. The proposal would therefore be contrary to policies HB3 and HB10 of the Places and Policies Local Plan.

NRTC previous comments:

Recommend refusal, not enough information. Clarification is needed on drainage as identified by KCC Highways & Environment Agency.

Recommend Refusal – Previous comments still apply – fully support FHDC decision and reasonings for refusal.

RECOMMENDATION

Voting:

For Application:	0
Against Application:	8
Abstained:	0

676/2023-24 **SCHEDULE OF LICENCE APPLICATIONS**
There were no licence applications for consideration.

678/2023-24 **FOLKESTONE & HYTHE DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORTS/ DECISIONS/MATTERS**
(i) A schedule of delegated decisions of Folkestone & Hythe District Council Planning Department for the periods ending 18th April 2024, 25th April 2024 and 28th April 2024 were duly received and noted.

679/2023-24 **ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**
The Kent & Medway Air Quality Forecast for Monday 29th April 2024 which had previously been circulated to all Committee Members, was duly received and noted

680/2023-24 **REPORTS FROM WORKING PARTIES****Parish Highway Improvement Plan**

Details regarding New Romney Community Speed Watch Scheme & Changes to High Street Parking a copy of which had previously been circulated to all Committee Members, was duly received and noted.

681/2023-24 **ROMNEY MARSH FORUM – LOCAL PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICE**

Having duly considered questions for the representative from Stage Coach at the next Romney Marsh Forum

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Terry
SECONDED BY: Councillor Davies

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY – that the following questions be put forward to the Stage Coach Representative at the next Romney Marsh Forum on behalf of New Romney Town Council:

Q1) As a part of New Romney Town Council's Parish Highway Improvement plan one of the proposals is to change the layout of the Parking in New Romney High Street. The proposed changes will stop parking down one side of the High Street which in turn will allow for free flow of traffic and stop/ease congestion and bottle necks. Can the bus timetable for New Romney High Street be reviewed after taking into consideration the implementation of the proposed Changes to High Street Parking and add more services?

Q2) Can we have more buses added to off-peak hours to allow passengers to travel outside of school hours as some elderly and vulnerable residents like to avoid travelling when school children are on the buses?

Q3) When will the bus route be changed to stop the bus driving down Victoria Road in Littlestone? This is a residential street and not suitable for buses to travel down as typically cars park on both sides of the road. There will also be a new development in the near future at the bottom of Victoria Road West which will increase the amount of vehicles using that road.

Q4) Is there any update as to when the turning circle for the buses outside The Jolly Fisherman Pub at the end of Dunes Lane will be changed to allow the buses to turn there and stop using Victoria Road?

Q5) Will there be a direct bus service from New Romney to both the William Harvey Hospital and The Ashford International Railway? We need more buses from the Marsh to Ashford and at earlier times for students and workers.

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TRANSPORT FOR SOUTH EAST CONSULTATION

Having reviewed the Transport for South East Consultation, a copy of which had previously been circulated to all Committee Members.

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Terry

SECONDED BY: Councillor Rivers

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY that Councillor Rivers, Councillor Coe and Councillor Phillips have been appointed to respond to the consultation on behalf of New Romney Town Council.

The Chairman thanked those present for their attendance and the meeting Concluded **at 7.34pm**

Minutes prepared by the Planning Clerk

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