

MINUTES
of
A Meeting of the Planning and Environment Committee
Held in the Assembly Rooms, Church Approach, New Romney
on 29th May 2024
Commencing at 6.45pm

PRESENT:

Councillors:

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

In the Chair:

Councillor K Terry

In Attendance:

Planning Clerk - Mrs G Hall

Members of public x 6

028/2024-25

**ELECTION OF PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT PURPOSES
COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN**

Having duly considered the previously approved membership of the Planning and Environment Committee for 2024-25 and having also considered the requisite skills, knowledge and understanding for relevant Committee leadership, the Chairman called for nominations for the position of Chairman of the Planning and Environment Committee for 2024-25. It was:

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Rivers

SECONDED BY: Councillor Coe

That Councillor K Terry be elected as Chairman of the Planning & Environment Committee for the ensuing year.

There were no further nominations.

The Chairman called for a show of hands in favour of the nomination for Councillor Terry

Vote: 8 For 0 Against 0 Abstentions

It was:

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY – that Councillor K Terry be hereby elected as Chairman of the Planning & Environment Committee for the ensuing year.

029/2024-25 **ELECTION OF PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE VICE CHAIRMAN**

Having duly considered the previously approved membership of the Planning and Environment Committee for 2024-25 and having also considered the requisite skills, knowledge and understanding for relevant Committee leadership, the Chairman called for nominations for the position of Vice Chairman of the Planning and Environment Committee for 2024-25. It was:

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Terry
SECONDED BY: Councillor Coe

That Councillor S O'Hare be elected as Vice Chairman of the Planning & Environment Committee for the ensuing year.

There were no further nominations.

The Chairman called for a show of hands in favour of the nomination for Councillor O'Hare

Vote: 8 For 0 Against 0 Abstentions

It was:

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY – that Councillor S O'Hare be hereby elected as Vice Chairman of the Planning and Environment Committee for the ensuing year.

030/2024-25 **APOLOGIES**

None.

031/2024-25 **DISPENSATION TO PARTICIPATE**

No new applications for Dispensation to Participate had been received.

032/2024-25 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

@18:46 Councillor Rivers declared a Pecuniary Interest in relation to planning application 24/0750/FH as he resides near this address and the decision made could affect the value of his home.

033/2024-25 **ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

@18:48

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Rivers
SECONDED BY: Councillor Coe

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY – That the meeting be hereby adjourned to accommodate a public session.

034/2024-25 **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

2 x members of public read out their statements relating to planning application 24/0685/FH copies of which had previously been circulated to the Chairman of the Planning & Environment Committee.

035/2024-25 **RE-CONVENING OF MEETING**

@18:57

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Rivers

SECONDED BY: Councillor O'Hare

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY – That the meeting be hereby re-convened.

036/2024-25 **MINUTES**

Minutes of the Meeting Held on 8th May 2024

The Chairman presented the **Minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee Meeting Held on 8th May 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 Phillips

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee Meeting held on 8th May 2024 be approved and signed as a true and correct record.

Councillor McLachlan abstained from voting as she had not been present for the meeting.

037/2024-25 **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**

Just a reminder that our next meeting on 29th May will be in The Council Chamber, Town Hall, High Street, New Romney, TN28 8BT at 6:45pm.

- **Romney Marsh Forum**

As discussed at the last Planning & Environment Committee meeting the following questions have been submitted to the Romney Marsh Forum for the Stagecoach Representative. I shall keep you updated once we have a response.

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.

- **Draft Kent Minerals and Waste Local Plan 2024-39**

Notice received from KCC:

Following the publication of the Pre-Submission Draft of the Kent Minerals and Waste Local Plan 2024-39 earlier this year in accordance with Regulation 19 of the above Regulations, I am pleased to inform you that the Plan has now been submitted for independent examination by the Planning Inspectorate on behalf of the Secretary of State.

Draft Kent Minerals and Waste Local Plan 2024-39 - Submission Statement and Availability of Documents May 2024

Draft Kent Minerals and Waste Local Plan 2024-39

Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012, 22. (3)(a)(iv)

**Submission Statement and Availability of Submitted Documents
May 2024**

The Draft Kent Minerals and Waste Local Plan 2024-39 was submitted to the Secretary of State on 17 May 2024 for Independent Examination by an appointed Planning Inspector.

The Examination will determine whether all the legal and policy requirements have been observed during the preparation of the Local Plan, and whether the Plan is 'sound' as defined by the National Planning Policy Framework. This will involve a review of the submitted Plan, relevant evidence and the formal representations received. The Examination may involve public hearings where representors can be invited to speak if they previously made formal representations on the Plan. It should be noted that, at this stage in the plan making process, further written comments are not invited. Details of any hearings will be published once they are confirmed. Anyone can attend hearings as an observer. A decision as to whether the hearings will be physical or virtual will be determined by the Planning Inspector.

The submission documents (including the Plan and Sustainability Appraisal), evidence base, background documents and Regulation 19 representations are available to view online via the County Council's Examination Webpage at <https://www.kent.gov.uk/about-the-council/strategies-and-policies/service-specific-policies/economic-regeneration-and-planning-policies/planning-policies/minerals-and-waste-planning-policy/kent-minerals-and-waste-local-plan-review-2024-39>. The webpage will be updated with the latest documents, including correspondence from the Planning Inspector, throughout the period leading up to and during the Examination, including the details of any public hearings once confirmed.

The submission documents, evidence base and Regulation 19 representations are also available to view in hard copy at the main County Council office - Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XQ between the hours of 9am and 5pm Monday to Friday for the duration of the Examination. In addition, the County Council has computer access available via its libraries (excluding mobile libraries) where the aforementioned documents are available to be viewed in an electronic format during their normal opening hours

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SCHEDULE OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Coe
SECONDED BY: Councillor Davies

RESOLVED – 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(i) [24/0605/FH](#)**Location and Description**Old Strand, Church Road,
New Romney, TN28 8EYLawful Development Certificate
(proposed) for a single storey
side extension.**No Objection****8****0****0****RECOMMENDATION****Voting:****For Application:****Against Application:****Abstained:**(ii) [24/0685/FH](#)19 Meehan Road, Greatstone,
New Romney, TN28 8SQ**Demolition of existing garage,
kitchen, rear porch and
removal of chimney and
replace with side and rear
extension, including integral
garage and construction of
attic truss roof with two
dormers front facing and two
dormers rear facing.****(Retrospective application to
reflect changes in final
drawings and build).****Recommend refusal as
contravenes polices HB8 &
HB1 – too close to
neighbouring****properties/boundary,
overlooking/overshadowing
neighbouring property, &
doesn't pass the 45 degree
angle test. Applicant was
told to stop building by
planning enforcement but
carried on building anyway.****RECOMMENDATION****Voting:****For Application:****Against Application:****Abstained:****0****8****0**

(iii) [24/0692/FH](#)Sainsburys, Dymchurch Road,
New Romney, TN28 8GUInstallation of new plant on the
roof and change to the service
yard.**No Objection****RECOMMENDATION****Voting:****For Application:****5****Against Application:****2****Abstained:****1**(iv) [24/0724/FH](#)Cranbrook, 15 Victoria Road,
Littlestone, TN28 8NLSingle storey outbuilding to
create annexes, following
removal of existing garage and
outbuildings.**Recommend refusal –
Contravenes HB9 – gives no
reason for separate annexe.****RECOMMENDATION****Voting:****For Application:****3****Against Application:****5****Abstained:****0**(v) [24/0063/FH](#)Plot F, Land Rear of Plot 15,
Collins Road, New Romney,
TN28 8LH3 no new industrial buildings
subdivided into 8no units
including parking, access and
associated works.**Recommend refusal –
Contravenes policy T2 – not
enough parking, doesn't
meet KCC conditions and they
haven't submitted car
tracking.****RECOMMENDATION****Voting:****For Application:****1****Against Application:****7****Abstained:****0**

@19:32 Cllr Rivers left the Council Chamber.

(vi) [24/0750/FH](#)

1 Longshore Grove,
New Romney,
TN28 8FP

Garage conversion to Living
Accommodation.

**Recommend refusal –
contravenes policy T2 – Not
enough information
regarding parking.**

RECOMMENDATION

Voting:

For Application:

2

Against Application:

5

Abstained:

0

@19:44 Cllr Rivers re-joined the meeting.

(vii) [24/0684/FH](#)

The Marsh Academy, Station
Road, New Romney, TN28 8BB

Creation of a 3G Artificial Grass
Pitch (AGP) with perimeter
fencing, hardstanding areas,
storage container, flood lights
and an access footpath.

No Objection

RECOMMENDATION

Voting:

For Application:

8

Against Application:

0

Abstained:

0

(viii) [24/0670/FH](#)

4 Haywards Close, New
Romney, TN28 8LA

Erection of front and rear
dormers.

No Objection

RECOMMENDATION

Voting:

For Application:

8

Against Application:

0

Abstained:

0

(ix) [24/0752/FH](#)21 Coast Drive, Greatstone,
New Romney, TN28 8NXReplacement of existing dwelling
with a three storey dwelling with
lower ground floor garage.**RECOMMENDATION****Voting:****For Application:****6****Against Application:****0****Abstained:****2****No Objection**039/2024-25 **SCHEDULE OF LICENCE APPLICATIONS**

There were no licence applications for consideration.

040/2024-25 **FOLKESTONE & HYTHE DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORTS/
DECISIONS/MATTERS**(i) A schedule of delegated decisions of Folkestone & Hythe District
Council Planning Department for the periods ending 5th May 2024, 12th
May 2024 and 23rd May 2024 were duly received and noted.041/2024-25 **ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**Sea Water Sampling – The Planning Clerk verbally reported that NRTC's
first set of test results for the Sea Water Sampling had been received.

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Terry**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Rivers**RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY that formalisation of the dissemination
of Water Sampling Data, be listed as an agenda item for the next
meeting of New Romney Town Council's Planning & Environment
Committee.**The Kent & Medway Air Quality Forecast for Monday 20th May 2024
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 data relating to Changes to High Street Parking, which had been previously circulated to all Committee Members, was duly received and noted and read as under:

Yes: 23

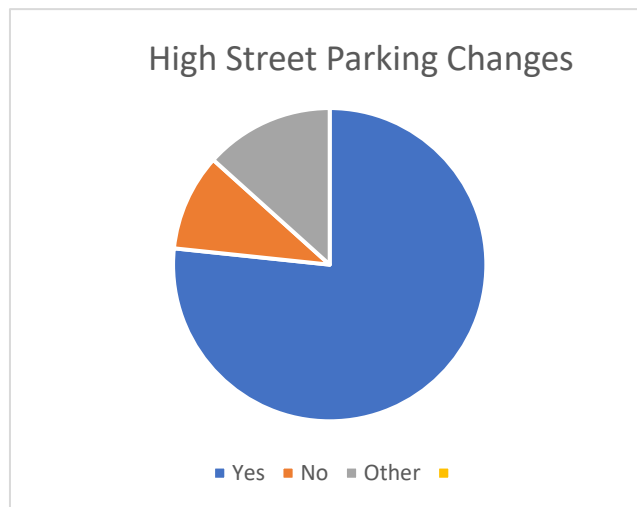
76.7% in favour of the proposed changes

No: 3

10% are not in favour of the proposed changes.

Other/Did not answer: 4

13.3% marked other/did not answer to question on the comment form



The Chairman thanked those present for their attendance and the meeting Concluded **at 8.16pm**

Minutes prepared by the Planning Clerk