

MINUTES
of
A Meeting of the Planning and Environment Committee
Held in the Assembly Rooms, Church Approach, New Romney
on 16th July 2025
Commencing at 6.45pm

PRESENT:

Councillors: K Terry, S O'Hare, P Coe, J Rivers, P Carey, and J Davies.

In the Chair: Councillor K Terry

In Attendance: Planning Clerk - Miss S Walmsley
 Members of public - x 1

139/2025-26 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received and noted, as follows:

Cllr J Houston – who was unwell.

140/2025-26 **DISPENSATION TO PARTICIPATE**

No new applications for Dispensation to Participate had been received.

141/2025-26 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declaration of interest had been received.

142/2025-26 **ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

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

143/2025-26 **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

None received.

144/2025-26 **RE-CONVENING OF MEETING**

Not applicable.

145/2025-26 **MINUTES**

Minutes of the Meeting Held on 21st May 2025

The Chairman presented the **Minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee Meeting Held on 21st May 2025**, 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 Coe

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY – that the Minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee Meeting held on 21st May 2025 be approved and signed as a true and correct record.

Minutes of the Meeting held on 18th June 2025

The Chairman presented the **Minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee Meeting Held on 18th June 2025**, a copy of which had been previously circulated to all Councillors.

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

PROPOSED BY: Councillor O'Hare

SECONDED BY: Councillor Carey

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY – that the Minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee Meeting held on 18th June 2025 be amended to correct Cllr Coe's Declaration of Interest.

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PLANNING CLERK'S REPORT

The Planning Clerk's report, which included information about Planning Application 23/1810/FH which was duly received and noted.

And an invitation to comment from FHDC on the Gambling Act 2005 - update to the Statement of Principles.

Having considered the invitation to comment, it was:

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Rivers

SECONDED BY: Councillor Terry

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY- that NRTC will not comment as a Council but encouraged Councillors to comment individually and the Planning Clerk be authorised to request that FHDC continue to update NRTC with any further information pertaining to the Gambling Act.

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SCHEDULE OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Coe

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) [25/1133/FH](#)

55 St Nicholas Road, New Romney,
TN28 8PU

Works to trees the subject of TPO No. 10 of 1999 T1 Scots Pine tree to ground level.

RECOMMENDATION

Voting:

For Application:

Against Application:

Abstained:

No objection

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(ii) [25/0946/FH](#)

Ashley House, Ashford Road, New Romney, TN28 8TD

Proposed single storey side and rear extension and associated external works.

RECOMMENDATION

Voting:

For Application:

Against Application:

Abstained:

No objection

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(iii) [25/1216/FH/TCA](#)

Sandhills, Coast Road Littlestone, New Romney , TN28 8QZ

Works to trees situated in a Conservation Area, comprising of 9 conifers', reduce back all branches by approx. 3-4 metres.

RECOMMENDATION

Voting:

For Application:

Against Application:

Abstained:

No objection

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(iv) [25/1195/FH](#)

Romney Hard, Coast Road, Littlestone, TN28 8QZ

Erection of detached Dwelling.

RECOMMENDATION

Voting:

For Application:

Against Application:

Abstained:

Cllrs in favour of the design but object on the grounds of the Environment Agency's flood concerns.

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148/2025-26 **SCHEDULE OF LICENCE APPLICATIONS**

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Terry
SECONDED BY: Councillor Rivers

RESOVLED UNANIMOUSLY – that Agenda item 10 be deferred to the end of the meeting due to confidential information to be discussed and the need to go into private session.

149/2025-26 **FOLKESTONE & HYTHE DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORTS/ DECISIONS/MATTERS**

A schedule of delegated decisions of Folkestone & Hythe District Council Planning Department for the periods ending of 15th June 2025, 22nd June 2025 and 29th June 2025 were duly received and noted.

150/2025-26 **ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

The Kent & Medway Air Quality Forecast for Wednesday 16th July 2025 which had previously been circulated to all Committee was duly received and noted.

151/2025-26 **REPORTS FROM WORKING PARTIES**

The Parish Highway Improvement Plan working party report, which had been previously circulated to all Committee Members, was duly received and noted and, as a result it was:

(i)

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Rivers
SECONDED BY: Councillor Terry

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY -that the planning clerk request that the F&GP Committee put a scheme in place to fund and help find a source of funding for the proposed 20MPH speed limit installation for zones 1 and 2.

(ii)

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Coe
SECONDED BY: Councillor Carey

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY – that the planning clerk be authorised to contact KCC highways to request a breakdown of costs for each red squared area in drawing 23-FH-PAR-1238-1201.

152/2025-26 **EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS**

@ 7:21pm, having duly considered the nature of matters to now be discussed, **it was:**

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Terry
SECONDED BY: Councillor Rivers

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY- That due to the sensitive and personal information about to be considered, which may serve to identify one or more individuals, it is advisable in the public interest that the Public and Press be temporarily excluded and they are now instructed to withdraw.

@7:22PM Member of the public left the meeting.

@7:23pm The meeting reconvened and the Committee went into private session.

It was:

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Terry

SECONDED BY: Councillor O'Hare

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED – that the Planning and Environment Committee strongly support the prevention of crime and disorder, public safety and the protection of children from harm. And that the Committee therefore supports Kent Police's position and does not support the licence remaining in place.

The chairman thanked the committee, and the meeting concluded **@ 7:34PM.**

Minutes prepared by the Planning Clerk.