

MINUTES
of
A Meeting of the Planning and Environment Committee
Held in the Assembly Rooms, Church Approach, New Romney
on 4th February 2026
Commencing at 6:45pm

PRESENT:

Councillors: K Terry, J Rivers, J Davies, P Carey, P Coe and John Houston.

In the Chair: Councillor K Terry

In Attendance: Planning Clerk - Miss S Walmsley
Members of public - 3

497/2025-26 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr O'Hare – personal reasons.

498/2025-26 **DISPENSATION TO PARTICIPATE**

No new applications for Dispensation to Participate had been received.

499/2025-26 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

At 6:46pm all Cllrs declared a personal interest – in Agenda item 15 as the landowner is known to them .

500/2025-26 **ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

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

501/2025-26 **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

None received.

502/2025-26 **RE-CONVENING OF MEETING**

Not applicable.

503/2025-26 **MINUTES****Minutes of the Meeting Held on 7th January 2026**

The Chairman presented the **Minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee Meeting Held on 7th January 2026**, 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 Rivers

RESOLVED – that the Minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee Meeting held on 7th January 2026 be approved and signed as a true and correct record.

Councillor Houston abstained as he was not present at the meeting.

The Chairman subsequently signed the afore mentioned minutes.

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PLANNING CLERK'S REPORT

The Planning Clerk's report, which included the confirmation of the removal of PHE 5 from the Strategic plan, information from the Office for Nuclear Regulation regarding the assessment for Nuclear Reactor Decommission and an NRTC press release was duly received and noted.

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SCHEDULE OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS

It was

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Coe

SECONDED BY: Councillor Houston

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, as detailed below:

Application No

Location and Description

(i) [26/0042/FH](#)

151 Littlestone Road, Littlestone,
New Romney, TN28 8QB

Works to trees subject of TPO No. 05 of 1994 comprising of T1 Holm Oak, carry out partial crown reduction by a maximum of 2.5 metres north side over and reduce lateral spread south side by max of 1 metres, lift canopy to gain 2.5 metres maximum over driveway, secondary growths only.

RECOMMENDATION

No Objection – submitted under Delegated Authority.

(ii) [26/0007/FH](#)

88 Queens Road, Littlestone, New Romney, TN28 8JY

Existing rear extension to be raised in height to accommodate A 2.4m ceiling height with the introduction of a roof light, together with changes to fenestration, including the installation of a Juliette balcony at first floor.

RECOMMENDATION(iii) [26/0010/FH](#)**No Objection – submitted under Delegated Authority.**

44 Blenheim Road, Littlestone, New Romney, TN28 8PR

Construction of single storey side extension, construction of summer house.

RECOMMENDATION(iv) [26/0016/FH/TCA](#)**No Objection – submitted under Delegated Authority.**

St Martins Field, Ashford Road, New Romney.

Works to trees in a conservation area comprising of T1 common lime, prune to previous heights, 6 metres vertically and latterly. T2 English Elm prune by 2 metres to previous points., 8 metres above ground level. T4 sycamore, raise canopy to 6 metres above ground level, by removing the north facing branch arising at height 3 metres above ground level, the west facing branch arising at height 4 metres above ground level, along with reducing west facing lateral branches by a maximum of three metres.

RECOMMENDATION(v) [26/0035/FH](#)**Abstained / NRTC Application - submitted under Delegated Authority.**

New Inn, 37 High Street, New Romney, TN28 8BW

Erection of two semi-detached houses facing on to Church Road.

RECOMMENDATION**Voting:****For Application:****6****Against Application:****0****Abstained:****0**

(vi) [26/0063/FH](#)

St Martins Field, Ashford Road, New Romney.

Works to the tree subject to TPO no.22 of 2008 comprising of T1 Lime Tree to remove all regenerating growth back to the parent east facing stem, which will involve removing approximately 1.5 metres of lateral growth.

RECOMMENDATION**Abstained / NRTC Application**(vii) [25/2293/FH](#)

103 Queens Road, Littlestone, New Romney, TN28 8LT

Removal of rear extension, erection of rear and side single storey extension and external porch. Installation of solar panels to the front elevation, amendments to windows, render to front and side elevation and widening of existing driveway.

RECOMMENDATION**No Objection****Voting:****For Application:****6****Against Application:****0****Abstained:****0**(viii) [26/0060/FH](#)

57 Rolfe Lane, New Romney, TN28 8JP

Proposed side/rear extensions and conversion of garage to habitable room.

RECOMMENDATION**No Objection****Voting:****For Application:****6****Against Application:****0****Abstained:****0**(ix) [26/0078/FH](#)

West Knoll, Lydd Road, New Romney, TN28 8DH

Erection of a detached dwelling.

RECOMMENDATION**No Objection****Voting:**

For Application:	6
Against Application:	0
Abstained:	0

- 506/2025-26 **SCHEDULE OF LICENCE APPLICATIONS**
There were no licence applications for consideration.
- 507/2025-26 **FOLKESTONE & HYTHE DISTRICT COUNCIL REPORTS/ DECISIONS/MATTERS**
A schedule of delegated decisions of Folkestone & Hythe District Council Planning Department for the periods ending of the 1st January 2026, the 11th January 2026, the 18th January 2026 and the 25st January 2026 were duly received and noted.
- 508/2025-26 **ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**
The Kent & Medway Air Quality Forecast for Wednesday 4th February 2026 which had previously been circulated to all Committee members was duly received and noted, and as a result it was:
- PROPOSED BY:** Councillor Rivers
SECONDED BY: Councillor Terry
- RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY – that the Clerk contact Kentair.org to confirm how often the data is updated and record the date of the Air Quality Forecast within future reports.**
- 509/2025-26 **REPORTS FROM WORKING PARTIES**
The Parish Highway Improvement Plan working party report, which had been previously circulated to all Committee Members was received and noted, and as a result it was:
- PROPOSED BY:** Councillor Terry
SECONDED BY: Councillor Davies
- RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY – that a) the Clerk respond to the resident enquiry regarding parking/speeding concerns on The Churchlands Estate and the lack of grit Bin provision and contact KCC to investigate why there is no provision. And b) the request for passing points and Double Yellow Lines on The Churchlands Estate be added to the Parish Highway Improvement Plan.**
- 510/2025-26 **STRATEGIC PLAN 2023-2027**
The Strategic plan 2023-2027 was received and noted. No action thereon was currently taken.
- 511/2025-26 **CLAIMED ADDITION TO THE DEFINITIVE MAP OF PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY OR SEVERAL BYWAYS AT ROMNEY MARSH.**
The Claimed Addition to the Definitive Map of Public Rights of Way was duly received and noted.
- At 7:33pm it was:**

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Rivers
SECONDED BY: Councillor Terry

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY that - the meeting be adjourned to allow information to be provided by a member of the public in respect of this matter.

A member of the public provided relevant information in respect of the historic use of Running Water Lane.

At 7:37pm it was:

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Rivers
SECONDED BY: Councillor Coe

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY that – the meeting be resumed.

Following due consideration it was:

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Terry
SECONDED BY: Councillor Houston

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY – That a) the Clerk respond to Kent County Council with the Following points:

“Although only partially in the Parish of New Romney, NRTC Planning and Environment Committee believe that the Byway known as Running Water Lane C479, should not be given ‘open to all traffic’ status, even though over previous decades it was used by tractors and other vehicles. The Lane can no longer accommodate this type of traffic due to its overgrown nature and narrowing of the Prow. The route is currently used by ramblers and dog walkers, NRTC is concerned about the safety of pedestrians if the lane was to be opened to vehicles and horses”.

and b) the Clerk shall also forward the comments received from the landowner to KCC.

The chairman thanked the committee, and the meeting concluded at **7:48PM.**

Minutes prepared by the Planning Clerk.