

Minutes of a meeting of the PLANNING & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE held in Rickards Hall on Monday 24 November 2014 at 8pm

Present: Cllrs T Bryant, Mrs J Davison, R Davison, A Layland, V Maynard, S McGregor (Vice Chairman), R Orridge (Chairman)

In attendance: Daphne Slater (Finance Officer), Lindsey Eaton (Admin Officer), Cllr M McArthur, and nine members of the public were present but no press

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Cllrs M Robson (unwell) and J Scholey (holiday). Cllrs J Chappell and V King were absent.

2. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS OR PREDETERMINATION**, including interests not already registered

Cllr T Bryant – personal interest, waiting restrictions consultation for Ashbys Close, Waterlakes & Victoria Road.

Cllrs J & R Davison – personal interest, planning application for near neighbour.

Cllr V Maynard – personal interest, waiting restrictions consultation for Hillcrest Road.

Cllr R Orridge – personal interest, waiting restrictions consultation for Ashbys Close, Waterlakes & Victoria Road.

Cllrs Mrs J Davison, R Davison and R Orridge wish to state that although they would be considering planning applications at this meeting they would be reconsidering them at the district level, taking into account all relevant evidence and representations there.

The meeting was closed

3. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS**

The members of the public from the Mill Hill area spoke on their concerns about the proposed waiting restrictions in Ashbys Close, Waterlakes & Victoria Road. Amongst the points raised were that extensive double yellow lines would push parking onto other roads, it would upset other neighbours, there was an acute shortage of parking, and residents had so far been unsuccessful in reaching an agreement with the new owner of Red Dog for off-road parking.

Cllr T Bryant stated that he had received complaints from unhappy residents, which he took up on their behalf.

Cllr A Layland wished to know the exact number of parking spaces lost after the footpath to the Hospital was installed.

The meeting was reopened

4. **TO RECEIVE AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE held on Monday 20 October 2014**

Resolved: that the minutes be signed by the Committee Chairman as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

5. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE, FOR REPORT ONLY**

5.1 Speed Watch Results

It was noted that an ‘observation’ in speed watch terms is a vehicle observed travelling over the speed limit.

6. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS TO BE CONSIDERED**

Prior notification of a single storey rear extension which extends 4 metres beyond the rear wall of the original dwelling house with a maximum height of 3.5 metres and eaves height of 2.5 metres.

117 Lingfield Road Edenbridge KENT TN8 5DY Ref. No: 14/03581/PAE

Noted.

Front first floor extension with a hipped roof over the dormer over existing garage. Single-storey rear extension. Fenestration alterations including installation of Juliet window to South elevation. **Spindlewood Swan Lane Edenbridge Kent TN8 6AJ** Ref. No: 14/03537/HOUSE

Members support this application.

Single storey side and rear extensions. **2 Hope Cottages Hilders Lane Edenbridge KENT TN8 6LD** Ref. No: 14/03548/HOUSE

Members support this application.

Erection of a single storey side extension with small platform study area over loo and lobby. Addition of rooflights and alterations to fenestration. **1 Westways Edenbridge Kent TN8 6AA** Ref. No: 14/03482/HOUSE

Members support this application.

Prior notification for a change of use (class A1 or A2) mixed retail and residential use to class C3 (Dwellinghouse) and associated operational development. This application is made under Class IA of The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (Amendment and Consequential Provisions) (England) Order 2014. **Deeside Main Road Edenbridge KENT TN8 6HZ** Ref. No: 14/03372/PAC

Noted. Members wish the Officer to ascertain whether there is adequate parking if it becomes a dwelling.

Erection of a single storey rear extension with a pitched and flat roof and two roof lanterns. **64 Ridge Way Edenbridge KENT TN8 6AP** Ref. No: 14/02960/HOUSE

Members support this application.

The addition of a ground floor rear extension. **Newlands Hever Road Edenbridge Kent TN8 7LD** Ref. No: 14/01057/LDCPR

Noted. Members wish the Officer to ascertain if the property is in the green belt.

7. SDC PLANNING DECISIONS – noted

8. PLANNING BUSINESS

8.1 Proposed demolition of existing industrial building and construction of 37 affordable homes

It was noted that an approach had been made by a developer who is proposing to demolish an existing industrial building and construct 37 affordable homes, a mix of flats and houses. They are undertaking a community consultation exercise at the Eden Centre on Friday 5 December, and members

Resolved: they did not at this stage wish to meet with the developer, but would attend the consultation to discuss the proposals.

8.2 Tree Preservation Order

Confirmation of the TPO (No. 10 of 2014) on trees situated at Weald Cottage, Four Elms Road, without modifications, was noted.

9. TRANSPORT BUSINESS

9.1 ROAD ISSUES

9.1.1 Proposed changes to parking restrictions, various locations in Edenbridge

The Chairman had moved that this item be discussed earlier, after item 5.1. Along with the concerns raised by them during Public Questions, councillors discussed extensively the proposed

waiting restrictions and voiced their extreme disappointment that their opinions from earlier consultations had not been taken into account. They

Resolved: to make the following comments to SDC.

Hilders Lane & Ashcombe Drive – no objections to the proposal.

Hillcrest Road – don't want the proposed restrictions on the north side of the road, but have no objection to the yellow lines on the south side.

Main Road & Brownings – only want the restrictions on the west side to be long enough to protect access to The Stables and Firs Lodge but no further south; no objection to the yellow lines in the Brownings.

Ashbys Close, Waterlakes & Victoria Road – strongly object to all the restrictions, apart from the statutory minimum on the corners.

Mill Hill & Fairfield Close – no comment.

9.1.2 Road behind Boots/Tesco

Residents living in the private road behind Boots/Tesco had written to the Council about their concerns regarding traffic movement and parking in this location. Kent Highways had advised that it is a private road which was constructed for the telephone exchange and food supermarket. ETC, SDC and KCC have no jurisdiction and a No U-turn sign is only legal for use on a dual carriageway, but they could put up signs saying No Turning on their own land.

Resolved: to reply along those lines.

9.1.3 Road closures

The temporary road closures in Coldharbour Road and Broad Lane, both Penshurst, were noted.

9.2 RAIL ISSUES

9.2.1 Govia Thameslink Railway Timetable Consultation

Govia Thameslink Railway has launched a consultation with passengers and stakeholders on the proposed off peak timetable which will be introduced in December 2015 to pave the way for the new expanded Thameslink network of 2018. It closes on 30 January 2015. Members

Resolved: in his absence, that Cllr M Robson would help with the response.

9.2.2 The South East Route: Sussex Area Route Study Draft for Consultation

Network Rail and its industry partners have produced their latest documentation for the Long Term Planning Process. The consultation ends on 13 January 2015. Members

Resolved: in his absence, that Cllr M Robson would help with the response.

9.2.3 Train lengthening update

The update on train lengthening on the Uckfield Line, advised by Geoff Brown, Edenbridge & District Rail Travellers' Association, was noted.

9.3 AVIATION ISSUES

9.3.1 Airports Commission's Consultation – Hever Castle

It was noted that Cllr R Orridge and the Town Clerk would be attending the Airports Commission's Consultation at Hever Castle on 27 November and Cllr C Pearman would be attending in his capacity as county councillor. After the agenda was sent out, KCC announced an about-turn on a second runway at Gatwick and no longer supported the proposal.

9.3.2 London Airspace Change Gatwick : Local Area Consultation

Following up ETC's letter of 29 July 2014, Cllr R Orridge had written to Andrew Haines, Civil Aviation Authority, with the latest response by ETC's Aviation Working Group to the consultation. Acknowledgments from Andrew Haines and Sir Howard Davies had been received and they would be replying in due course.

9.3.3 Correspondence from Sir John Stanley

The correspondence trail of letters from Sir John Stanley to Stewart Wingate, CEO Gatwick Airport Ltd, regarding Airbus noise issues and flight paths were noted.

9.3.4 Airports Commission consultation on the new runway

The Airports Commission consultation on the new runway at Gatwick or Heathrow has been published. ETC's Aviation Working Group will be preparing this Council's response.

9.3.5 Gatwick Area Conservation Campaign

The press releases from GACC regarding the Airports Commission consultation on the new runway at Gatwick or Heathrow were noted.

9.4 HIGHWAYS REPORT

It had still not been possible to obtain a Highways report.

10. LICENSING CONSULTATION

SDC has presented its draft statement of Licensing policy, which requires comments by 9 January 2015.

Resolved: that Cllr Orridge would help with the response.

11. PRESS RELEASE

There were no items on the agenda for which members wanted to issue a press release.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.