

**Minutes of a meeting of the PLANNING & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE held in Rickards Hall on Monday 28 November 2016 at 7.30pm**

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Present: Cllrs A Layland, M McArthur, S McGregor (Chairman), B Orridge, M Robson, J Scholey.

In attendance: D Slater (Finance Officer), L Eaton (Admin Officer); no members of the public or press.

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received, noted and accepted from Cllrs J Barnett (holiday), R Bell (work commitment), T Bryant (unwell), Mrs J Davison (holiday), R Davison (holiday) and B Todd (prior commitment).

**2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS OR PREDETERMINATION – none**

*The District Councillors 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 – none**

*The meeting was reopened*

**4. TO RECEIVE AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE HELD ON Monday 24 October 2016**

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 – none**

**6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS TO BE CONSIDERED**

The planning applications to be considered are listed below. Paper copies are available to view at Doggetts Barn or they can be accessed electronically via the District Council website on the following link <http://pa.sevenoaks.gov.uk/online-applications>

Removal of BT Public Payphone **BT Telephone Box East Of Junction With Lingfield Road Keynes Road Edenbridge KENT TN8 5HD** Ref. No: 16/03465/CAN

*Members do not consider they have been provided with enough information to make a decision. They would like to know the usage of the phone over the last year and whether there is a legal requirement to carry out a public consultation on its removal.*

Removal of BT Public Payphone **BT Telephone Box South Of Wheatsheaf Inn Marsh Green Road Marsh Green Edenbridge KENT TN8 5QL** Ref. No: 16/03466/CAN

*Members do not consider they have been provided with enough information to make a decision. They would like to know the usage of the phone over the last year and whether there is a legal requirement to carry out a public consultation on its removal.*

Removal of BT Public Payphone **BT Telephone Box West Of 18 Cedar Drive Edenbridge KENT TN8 5JL** Ref. No: 16/03468/CAN

*Members do not consider they have been provided with enough information to make a decision. They would like to know the usage of the phone over the last year and whether there is a legal requirement to carry out a public consultation on its removal.*

Removal of BT Public Payphone **BT Telephone Box East Of 31 Westways Edenbridge KENT TN8 6AA** Ref. No: 16/03469/CAN

*Members do not consider they have been provided with enough information to make a decision. They would like to know the usage of the phone over the last year and whether there is a legal requirement to carry out a public consultation on its removal.*

Removal of BT Public Payphone **BT Telephone Box South Of Entrance To Edenbridge And District War Memorial Hospital Mill Hill Edenbridge KENT TN8 5DA** Ref. No: 16/03470/CAN

*Members do not consider they have been provided with enough information to make a decision. They would like to know the usage of the phone over the last year and whether there is a legal requirement to carry out a public consultation on its removal.*

Removal of BT Public Payphone **BT Telephone Box North Of Junction With Meadow Lane Main Road Edenbridge KENT TN8 6HR** Ref. No: 16/03471/CAN

*Members do not consider they have been provided with enough information to make a decision. They would like to know the usage of the phone over the last year and whether there is a legal requirement to carry out a public consultation on its removal.*

Removal of BT Public Payphone **BT Telephone Box North Of Brambles Hilders Lane Edenbridge KENT TN8 6LQ** Ref. No: 16/03472/CAN

*Members do not consider they have been provided with enough information to make a decision. They would like to know the usage of the phone over the last year and whether there is a legal requirement to carry out a public consultation on its removal.*

Erection of single-storey rear and side extension **25 Sunnyside Edenbridge KENT TN8 6HP** Ref. No. 16/02661/HOUSE. Proposed extension has increased in width.

*Previously members supported this application, and had nothing further to add.*

#### **For information**

Demolition of outbuildings and porch and the erection of a two storey eastern extension, single storey southern outshot. And internal alterations. **7 Florence Cottages High Street Edenbridge KENT TN8 5AH** Ref. No. 16/02799/HOUSE. Omitted first floor side windows to east facing elevation and ensuite window inserted to first floor south elevation.

1 x reduction to low limbs of Oak by 3m **Old Church House Marsh Green Road Marsh Green Edenbridge KENT TN8 5PT** Ref. No: 16/03569/WTPO

Erection of an outbuilding within the curtilage of a residential dwellinghouse. **Okdene 5 Delaware Cottages Hever Road Edenbridge KENT TN8 7LD** Ref. No: 16/03518/LDCPR

Details pursuant to condition 4 (tree protection) of SE/15/01084/FUL **Condor Hilders Lane Edenbridge KENT TN8 6LQ** Ref. No: 16/03522/DETAIL

Details pursuant to condition 2 (materials) of SE/15/01084/FUL **Condor Hilders Lane Edenbridge KENT TN8 6LQ** Ref. No: 16/03503/DETAIL

7. **SDC PLANNING DECISIONS** – noted

#### 8. **PLANNING BUSINESS**

##### **8.1 Proposed changes to how Local Councils are notified of applications**

Sevenoaks District Council is considering stopping the practice of sending paper copies of planning applications to Town and Parish Councils, and instead notifying electronically. This would then be consistent with every other consultee.

The Clerk has sent back strong concerns over the proposal, relating to the ability to provide internet access at the Council Offices for members to look at the plans electronically in advance of meetings; the fact that very few members bring tablets or laptops to meetings; the fact the Council does not provide them to members; and residents come to the office to view paper copies but we do not have a public access computer.

If District decide to stop issuing paper copies, it would be helpful if a direct link to the plans could be added to the weekly list.

After lengthy discussion, members

Resolved: to support the Clerk's comments, and to recommend to Council the setting up of a small group to consider how this proposal could be managed if SDC go ahead with it.

## **8.2 Community Infrastructure Levy modifications**

Members noted that numerous modifications have been made to the application of CIL.

## **8.3 Planning Appeal APP/G2245/D/16/3158947**

Extension to existing dormer. Alterations to fenestration. **Burnwithian Stick Hill Edenbridge TN8 5NJ** Ref. No. 16/00962/HOUSE

Members noted an appeal had been made to the Secretary of State against SDC's refusal of planning permission for the above.

## **8.4 Planning Appeal APP/G2245/D/16/3159633**

Demolition of existing shed. Erection of a single storey extension. **Elphinstone Honeypot Lane Edenbridge KENT TN8 6QJ** Ref. No. 16/01351/HOUSE

Members noted an appeal had been made to the Secretary of State against SDC's refusal of planning permission for the above.

## **9. TRANSPORT BUSINESS**

### **9.1 Road issues**

#### **9.1.1 TRO 2013 Amendment 18 - Statutory Consultation - Parking Proposal - Ashby's Close**

A member recalled that the proposal to remove some double yellow lines had been discussed at a recent Joint Transport Board meeting, and it had been recommended the proposal be abandoned.

Members supported the SDC Parking Engineer's suggestion that removal of the other double yellow lines on the south side of Ashby's Close is included in the strategic review of parking in Edenbridge.

#### **9.1.2 Drainage**

Cllr M McArthur gave an update on the recent meeting held between herself, the Clerk and the Kent Highways Drainage Engineer, following recent flooding in Lingfield Road. Although gulleys have been cleared, there are outstanding issues and further investigations are going to take place. It's likely that major works are required and it's hoped these can be programmed in between January and March 2017.

### **9.2 Rail issues**

#### **9.2.1 Network Rail – Edenbridge embankment stabilisation**

Members noted that Network Rail had contacted near neighbours with comprehensive details of their forthcoming programme and how they hope to keep disruption to a minimum.

#### **9.2.2 Delay Repay payments for 15 minutes**

Members noted that a new Delay Repay compensation, for services delayed for more than 15 minutes, will be introduced in the next few months on the following services – Southern, Great Northern, Thameslink and Gatwick Express.

#### **9.2.3 Wealden Line Campaign report from Cllr M Robson – noted**

**9.3 Aviation issues**

**9.3.1 Gatwick Area Conservation Campaign letter**

A letter from GACC regarding concentrated flight paths was noted.

**9.4 Highways report – unavailable**

**10. PRESS RELEASE**

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

The meeting closed at 8.19pm.