

Minutes of a meeting of the PLANNING & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE held in Rickards Hall on Monday 20 March 2017 at 7.45pm

Present: Cllrs J Barnett, R Bell, T Bryant, A Layland, M McArthur, S McGregor (Chairman), B Orridge, M Robson, J Scholey, B Todd.

In attendance: Cllr C Pearman, 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 Mrs J Davison (holiday) and R Davison (holiday).

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 27 February 2017

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

Workshop roof alteration and cladding. **Crown Oak Buildings Gabriels Farm Marsh Green Road Marsh Green Edenbridge KENT TN8 5PP** Ref. No: 17/00566/FUL

Members support this application.

The following three applications were received too late to be discussed at the meeting but ten councillors, including the Chairman, considered them outside the meeting.

Erection of a single storey front extension including raising of garage roof height to facilitate a study with velux rooflights. **1 Chiltenhurst Edenbridge Kent TN8 5PJ** Ref. No: 17/00740/HOUSE

Members support this application.

Erection of a single storey flank and rear extension. **Beech House Mill Hill Edenbridge KENT TN8 5DA** Ref. No: 17/00655/HOUSE

Members support this application.

Erection of a single storey outbuilding. **The Old Dairy Hever Lane Hever KENT TN8 7ET** Ref. No: 17/00615/HOUSE

Members support this application.

7. SDC PLANNING DECISIONS – noted

8. PLANNING BUSINESS – none

9. TRANSPORT BUSINESS

9.1 Road issues – none

9.2 Rail issues

9.2.1 London and South Coast Rail Corridor Study

The Department for Transport commissioned a strategic study into improving rail links between London and the south coast. It was targeted at the Brighton Main Line (BML) corridor, upgrades to existing routes, and the 'BML2' proposal, and to also re-assess proposals for reopening the rail link between Lewes and Uckfield. The Study is at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/london-and-south-coast-rail-corridor-study>.

The government's letter to Louise Ellman MP, Chair of the Transport Select Committee, is at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/london-and-south-coast-rail-corridor-study-government-response>

Ian Smith, Chairman of Uckfield Railway Line Parishes Committee, will shortly set out their committee's early reaction and some action points to take forward. However, it is up to local parishes to also comment. Members

Resolved: to return to this at the next meeting, once they'd had a chance to study the report.

9.2.2 9th Kent County Council Rail Summit

An invitation to the 9th Kent County Council Rail Summit, being held on Monday 15 May 2017 at County Hall Maidstone, had been received. Members

Resolved: that Cllrs R Bell and M Robson would attend.

9.2.3 Tonbridge – Redhill/Reigate Steering Group Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the meeting held on 31 January 2017 were noted.

9.2.4 Update from Cllr M Robson – none

9.3 Aviation issues

9.3.1 Update from Cllr C Pearman

Cllr Pearman gave a verbal update on items 9.3.2 and 9.3.3.

9.3.2 Consultation on design and use of Airspace

An email from the Gatwick Area Conservation Campaign regarding the DfT consultation on Airspace, and a copy of the GACC draft response, were noted. Cllr Pearman would be preparing a response in time for the deadline of 25 May.

9.3.3 Gatwick Obviously Not

An email from Gatwick Obviously Not regarding the Night Flight Consultation and Fair and Equitable Dispersal was noted.

9.4 Highways report – noted

10. PRESS RELEASE

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

The meeting closed at 8pm