

Minutes of a meeting of the PLANNING & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE held in Rickards Hall on Monday 24 April 2017 at 7.45pm

Present: Cllrs J Barnett, T Bryant, Mrs J Davison, R Davison (Vice Chairman), M McArthur, S McGregor (Chairman), M Robson, J Scholey, B Todd.

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 R Bell (work commitment), A Layland (unwell) and B Orridge (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 20 March 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

Extension to factory/warehouse and first floor extension to offices and a ground floor front extension. Creation of 7 new on-site car parking spaces and a shelter for 10 bicycles. **Future Designs Ltd The Lighthouse Unit J Fircroft Way Edenbridge KENT TN8 6EJ** Ref. No: 17/00995/FUL

Members support this application.

Change of use from B1 (Office) to a D2 (Mixed Martial Arts Centre) on first floor level. **First Floor Unit R Fircroft Way Edenbridge KENT TN8 6HE** Ref. No: 17/00921/FUL

Members support this application.

The erection of a side extension for a garage at the front and a laundry room to the rear. **Coinda Swan Lane Edenbridge KENT TN8 6AT** Ref. No: 17/00897/HOUSE

Members support this application.

Variation of condition 3 (no enlargement to roof or installation of dormer prior to specified completed works) and 5 (approved plans) of application reference SE/14/00824/MMA for the change of use from office B2 to Hotel C1 to retain the existing appearance of the North elevation as a barn hipped roof with dormers and the gable projections on the East elevation. **Kent And Surrey Golf And Country Club Crouch House Road Edenbridge KENT TN8 5LQ** Ref. No: 17/00461/CONVAR

Members wish the Officer to double check these variations, as the original plans were very precise. If he is satisfied, they support the application.

Details pursuant to condition 3 part b c & d (contamination risks) of application 15/03478/FUL (Partial Discharge). **Shell Gas Depot Hartfield Road Edenbridge Kent TN8 5N** Ref. No: 17/00741/DETAIL

Members support this application.

Erection of a single storey rear extension. **66 Crouch House Road Edenbridge KENT TN8 5EN** Ref. No: 17/00215/LDCPR

Members support this application, but wish the Officer to check the extension is small enough to qualify.

Planning application No: SE/63272/R3,5&7 - Application to discharge conditions 3 (materials), 5 (construction management plan) and 7 (archaeology) of planning permission SE/16/3272 at Edenbridge County Primary School, High Street, Edenbridge TN8 5AB. **Edenbridge Cp School High Street Edenbridge Kent TN8 5AB** Ref. No: 17/01159/KCCRG3

Members support this application.

7. SDC PLANNING DECISIONS – noted

8. PLANNING BUSINESS

8.1 Parking in Station Approach

Overnight in early April, parking charges were introduced in Station Approach. No advance notice was given to the Town Council, nor was there any consultation. This action will potentially impact on the availability of parking in the free car parks in the town, and have a knock-on effect for retailers and businesses in the High Street. In addition, there is the issue of the garages in front of Headley Court.

Members discussed all the actions taken by the Clerk, and the responses received so far from Southern, and

Resolved: to continue to request Southern to reduce the hours that the restrictions apply – in order that residents going to the WI Hall in the evening for community events, etc, can continue to park in Station Approach, as has been the tradition.

A meeting had been arranged for Tuesday 25 April, with the Chief Parking Officer at SDC and members of this Council's parking group, to look at issues across the town. After discussion, members did not have any specific issues they wished to be raised.

8.2 Parking in Grange Close

A request for double yellow lines had been made by residents in Grange Close. Members discussed the informal consultation and responses, but had no further comments to make.

8.3 Tandridge District Council – Our Local Plan

Members had been made aware that under the development of their Local Plan, Tandridge District Council was proposing a cross-border garden village. The Planning Department at SDC was also aware of this proposal. After lengthy discussion, members wished to investigate the proposal further and

Resolved: to ask Alan Dyer to give advice on the matter, and to offer him an honorarium;
and to set up a small working group, to include Cllrs S McGregor, R Davision, Mrs J Davison, M McArthur and A Layland.

9. TRANSPORT BUSINESS

9.1 Road issues

9.1.1 KCC Pothole Blitz Launch 2017 – press release noted

9.2 Rail issues

9.2.1 London and South Coast Rail Corridor Study

This item was considered at the last meeting and members resolved to return to it once they'd had a chance to study the report – the Executive Summary was included with the agenda.

Cllr M Robson had looked at the Study and was going to provide bullet points for this meeting but, whilst reporting there should be a lot of improvement at the Croydon bottleneck, he proposed waiting until after the Wealden Group meeting on 11 May, when a combined response would be put forward.

9.2.2 Edenbridge & District Rail Travellers' Association – newsletter noted

9.2.3 Sussex Community Rail Partnership 2016 Annual Report – noted

9.2.4 Update from Cllr M Robson – none

9.3 Aviation issues

9.3.1 Update from Cllr C Pearman

No report for this meeting, but Cllr Pearman advised he would be meeting with officers on Tuesday 25 April to begin developing KCC's response to the latest DfT aviation consultation.

9.3.2 Heathrow/Gatwick Runway Consultation

The Government is at present consulting on the Draft Airports National Policy Statement, which gives effect to the Heathrow runway decision. Question 2 in the consultation asks people if they agree with the decision to choose Heathrow rather than Gatwick.

Gatwick Area Conservation Campaign is asking Councils and individual councillors to respond to the consultation, confirming their opposition to a new Gatwick runway, and supporting the decision for Heathrow, in order to balance any strong opposition from people living under the proposed flight path. Members

Resolved: that they wished to respond to Question 2, supporting the decision for Heathrow.

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 8.19pm