

Minutes of a meeting of the PLANNING & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE held in Rickards Hall on Monday 21 May 2018 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs Mrs J Davison, A Layland (Chairman), M McArthur, G Middleton, B Orridge, J Scholey, B Todd (Vice Chairman).

In attendance: Finance Officer, Admin Officer, one member of the public, no press.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received, noted and accepted from Cllrs R Bell (unwell) and S McGregor (holiday). Cllr T Bryant was absent.

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS OR PREDETERMINATION – none

3. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Cllr A Layland was nominated as Chairman and, there being no other nominations, members

Resolved: Cllr A Layland be elected Chairman for the ensuing year.

4. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

Cllr B Todd was nominated as Vice Chairman and, there being no other nominations, members

Resolved: Cllr B Todd be elected Vice Chairman for the ensuing year.

The meeting was closed

5. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

A member of the public spoke about improvements to general safety in the Croft Lane area and requested that it be discussed at full Council – the item will go to June Council.

The meeting was reopened

6. TO RECEIVE AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE HELD ON 23 April 2018

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

7. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE, FOR REPORT ONLY – none

8. PLANNING APPLICATIONS TO BE CONSIDERED

Demolition of existing garage /store building and erection of a new detached one bedroom mews house. **Land West Of Smith And Sons Funeral Directors 2 High Street Edenbridge KENT TN8 5AG** Ref. No: 18/01448/FUL

Members support this application.

Proposed building to contain stables, tack and storage for farm machinery. **The Secret Garden Marsh Green Road Marsh Green Edenbridge KENT TN8 5PP** Ref. No: 18/01455/FUL

Members support this application.

For information

Replace four dropped kerbs. **65 Ridge Way Edenbridge KENT TN8 6AP** Ref. No: 18/01239/LDCPR

The following planning application was considered outside the meeting

Erection of a first floor extension above existing ground floor room. **Meade Cottage 67D High Street Edenbridge KENT TN8 5AL** Ref. No. 18/01532/HOUSE

On condition the Conservation Officer is satisfied, members support this application.

9. SDC PLANNING DECISIONS – noted

10. PLANNING BUSINESS

10.1 SDC parking and other improvements update for Stangrove Estate

A letter from SDC to residents of Stangrove Estate, with updates to their earlier consultation, was noted, as well as the fact the Stangrove Community had sent an alternative proposal for solving issues on the estate to SDC.

10.2 Listing for the Star Inn

The SDC Conservation Officer had confirmed the Star Inn is within the Edenbridge Conservation Area and the protection provided by conservation area status is the best the building can receive under current planning legislation, second only to the building being statutorily listed. Under current legislation, the demolition of a building in a conservation area requires planning permission and it is a criminal offence to demolish a building within this area without permission in place. Members

Resolved: they were satisfied that sufficient protection is in place for the Star Inn.

10.3 CPRE response to draft revisions to the NPPF

The CPRE response to the Government's consultation on draft revisions to the NPPF was noted.

11. TRANSPORT BUSINESS

11.1 Road issues

11.1.1 Kent Highways formal consultation to 20mph zone Edenbridge High Street and surrounding roads

After extensive discussions, a recorded vote was requested. Cllrs A Layland, M McArthur, J Scholey and B Todd voted to support KHS's 20mph zone proposal, and Cllrs Mrs J Davison, G Middleton and B Orridge voted against. The motion was carried and it was

Resolved: to support the proposal, but members wished it to be extended north to the traffic lights by the junction with Station Road, to encompass the entrances to the Scout Hut, the WI Hall, Edenbridge Town station and Minstrels Close.

11.2 Rail issues

11.2.1 Update

Cllr G Middleton gave a verbal update on the recent AGM held by the Edenbridge & District Rail Travellers' Association. There is currently a vacancy for Secretary and Cllr Middleton requested help in advertising this vacancy on behalf of the Association.

11.3 Aviation issues – none

11.4 Highways report – noted

12. PRESS RELEASE

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

The meeting closed at 8.22pm