

Minutes of a meeting of the PLANNING & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE held in Rickards Hall on Monday 17 December 2018 at 7.30pm

Present: T Bryant, Mrs J Davison, A Layland (Chairman), M McArthur, S McGregor, J Scholey.

In attendance: Finance Officer, Admin Officer, two members of the public, but no press.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received, noted and accepted from Cllrs R Bell (unwell), Guy Middleton (work commitment), B Orridge (unwell) and Bob Todd (prior engagement).

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS OR PREDETERMINATION – none

The meeting was closed

3. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

The two members of the public spoke about poor bus transport for students – the cost of buses to get from Four Elms to Edenbridge, and the fact they don't link up with trains to go on to college in Surrey, which are an additional travel cost. One of the public agreed to forward on the email they'd sent to Tom Tugendhat MP, for the Council to add its support.

The meeting was reopened

4. TO RECEIVE AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE HELD ON 26 November 2018

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

Variation of condition 7 (drainage) of 18/00233/FUL for demolition of existing industrial buildings and erection of a supermarket, a comparison based variety store and small 'sandwich shop' unit with associated access, parking and landscaping, with amendment to wording to read 'The development should be carried out in accordance with the Drainage Statement (CTP Consulting Engineers, December 2018)'. To ensure the development is served by satisfactory arrangements for the disposal of surface water and to ensure that the development does not exacerbate the risk of on/off site flooding in accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework. **Site Of Melbourne House Station Road Edenbridge KENT TN8 6HQ** Ref. No: 18/03748/CONVAR

Members support this application.

7. SDC PLANNING DECISIONS – noted

8. PLANNING BUSINESS

8.1 SDC Development Control Committee meeting re the Swan Inn

Development of a 3 storey Residential building. **Swan Inn Swan Lane Edenbridge KENT TN8 6BA** Ref. No. 18/00690/FUL

This application was considered at the Development Control Committee meeting on 13 December and was rejected because it did not meet the design standard.

8.2 Planning Appeal APP/G2245/W/18/3197312

Prior notification for a change of use from agricultural use to dwellinghouse (C3) and associated

operational development. This application is made under Class Q of The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015. **Crouch House Farm Crouch House Road Edenbridge KENT TN8 5LQ** Ref. No: 17/02202/PAC

Members noted the appeal to the Secretary of State against SDC's refusal of planning permission for the above was allowed.

8.3 SDC Consultation on amendments to The Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Policy

Members noted the above consultation but

Resolved: not to respond to it.

8.4 Planning application for Covers Quarry, Westerham

Members noted the additional information from Westerham Town Council against the application to restore Covers Quarry, Westerham, Kent Ref. No. KCC/SE/0495/2018.

9. TRANSPORT BUSINESS

9.1 Road issues

9.1.1 404/405 Bus consultation

KCC was holding a Public Consultation relating to proposed changes to the bus service 404/405 which operates from Edenbridge. Although members appreciated the increase in the number of buses, they were most unhappy about the cutting of the last ones of the day – the 16.40 from Edenbridge and, most importantly, the 18.00 from Sevenoaks. This latter service enables students to take part in after-school activities. Sustainability of the community was essential and, with pupils having to travel outside the town for their education, it was important for them to have the opportunity to participate in after-school activities. The loss of the 16.40 from Edenbridge made it difficult for people from Sevenoaks travelling to work in Edenbridge to get home. Members

Resolved: to respond to the consultation and object to the cutting of the last two services.

9.1.2 Edenbridge and surrounding areas – school issues and school transport

The contents of an email from County Councillor Peter Lake to Tom Tugendhat MP, regarding the lack of proper bus provision for children who go to school in Sevenoaks, was noted.

In order to get 16+ education, students need to travel over county borders, with the associated high costs for transport. Members

Resolved: to write to Tom Tugendhat MP endorsing the comments made by Cllr Lake and the members of the public during item 3.

9.1.3 Request for additional bollards in the High Street

County Councillor Peter Lake had agreed to our request for funding to install bollards from beyond 44 High Street as far as the dropped kerb for the archway into the courtyard of 46 to 54 High Street, next to Contented Pets. The Admin Officer was to discuss their locations with a Kent Highways Officer next week.

9.1.4 Traffic Regulation Order 2013 Amendment 29

Members noted approval of the proposed traffic regulation order for Station Road – both sides, near the junction with Four Elms Road and Westways – new double yellow line restrictions (no waiting at any time), connected to proposed changes to an existing pedestrian crossing, and new filter lane for traffic turning right into Four Elms Road

9.2 Rail issues

9.2.1 Sussex Community Rail Partnership Autumn Newsletter – noted

9.2.2 Missing Link newsletter Winter 2018 – noted

9.3 Aviation issues

9.3.1 Gatwick draft Master Plan 2018 consultation – HWCAAG response

The High Weald Councils Aviation Action Group's draft response to the above was noted. In accordance with members' decision at November's P&T, HWCAAG would continue to take the lead on responding to the consultation.

9.3.2 HWCAAG Royal Mail door to door leaflet drop

HWCAAG had arranged for a door to door leaflet drop and the Chairman and Cllr C Pearman agreed to a payment of £150 as a contribution towards the costs. Members

Resolved: to agree retrospectively to this payment.

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 7.52pm