

Minutes of a meeting of the PLANNING & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE held in Rickards Hall on Monday 21 January 2019 at 7.30pm

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

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

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received, noted and accepted from Cllr R Bell (unwell).

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS OR PREDETERMINATION – none

The meeting was closed

3. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

A member of the public spoke about their concerns regarding Stangrove estate being included in the Local Plan, particularly in so far as it affects Greshams Way. They were advised to respond to the Local Plan.

The member of the public left

The meeting was reopened

4. TO RECEIVE AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE HELD ON 17 December 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

Construction of two storey side and rear extensions forming new upper floors, with new flat created within the first floor accommodation and construction of new second floor mansard roof structure forming an additional two flats over. **Bella Vita 25 High Street Edenbridge KENT TN8 5AB** Ref. No: 19/00027/FUL

This is almost identical to a previous application, which was refused. Members object to this one which is in the conservation area. The increase in height on the original building is out of keeping. The proposed building is bulky and overbearing; will impact on the street scene; and overlook neighbours, leading to a loss of privacy. The proposed flats with no parking will result in further additional pressure on the Market Yard Car Park (which is struggling with the additional parking resulting from Southern Rail's decision to introduce parking charges in Station Approach) and could affect the viability of the High Street.

Single storey conservatory to the rear of the garage and side of the house. **11 Eden Chase Edenbridge Kent TN8 6AX** Ref. No: 19/00020/HOUSE

Members support this application.

Single storey side extension, replace horizontal boarding with exposed timber frame and lime infill render, French drain to external walls & Internal alterations lowering floor in living area. **Church Cottage Church Street Edenbridge KENT TN8 5BD** Ref. No: 18/03870/HOUSE

Members support this application, provided the Conservation Officer is satisfied. As the proposed digging out of the floor is close to a listed wall maintained by the Town Council, concerns were raised about the need for discussions with the Town Council before work commences.

Single storey side extension, replace horizontal boarding with exposed timber frame and lime infill render, French drain to external walls & Internal alterations lowering floor in living area.
Church Cottage Church Street Edenbridge KENT TN8 5BD Ref. No: 18/03871/LBCALT

Members support this application, provided the Conservation Officer is satisfied. As the proposed digging out of the floor is close to a listed wall maintained by the Town Council, concerns were raised about the need for discussions with the Town Council before work commences.

Demolition of existing garage/workshop. Erection of a new dwelling and associated landscaping works. **The Old Orchard Manor House Gardens Edenbridge KENT TN8 5EG** Ref. No: 18/03827/FUL

Members support this application.

7. SDC PLANNING DECISIONS – noted

8. PLANNING BUSINESS

8.1 Application for a Stopping Up Order – Land at Enterprise Way, Edenbridge

Members noted KCC intended to apply to Sevenoaks Magistrates' Court on 15 March for an order to stop up part of the highway at land at Enterprise Way.

8.2 Street naming and numbering – 22 Skeynes Road Edenbridge KENT TN8 5HD

SDC had advised that the two semi-detached dwellings in the side garden of 22 Skeynes Road were Plot 1, now 26 Skeynes Road, Edenbridge, KENT, TN8 5HD, and Plot 2, now 24 Skeynes Road, Edenbridge, KENT TN8 5HD.

8.3 Expansion of car park at Edenbridge Primary School – application withdrawn

Expansion of car park at Edenbridge Primary School, High Street, Edenbridge, Kent, TN8 5AB, Application No: KCC/SE/0338/2017. Members noted the application had been withdrawn.

8.4 Planning application for Covers Quarry, Westerham

The response from Westerham Town Council to KCC regarding the application for Covers Farm, Westerham was noted.

9. TRANSPORT BUSINESS

9.1 Road issues

9.1.1 Edenbridge and surrounding areas – school issues and school transport

At December's P&T members discussed the email from County Councillor Peter Lake to Tom Tugendhat MP regarding the above. A copy of the letter from Tom Tugendhat to the Leader of KCC was noted.

9.2 Rail issues

9.2.1 New railcard for 16 and 17-year-olds to be launched

It was noted that a new railcard was to be launched allowing 16 and 17-year-olds to buy train tickets at child prices (50% of adult fares) until their 18th birthdays. It is expected to be ready in September for the new academic year and will help cut the cost of travel to get to school, college and work.

9.2.2 Update from Cllr M Robson

Reports from Uckfield Line Parishes Committee 14 November and Wealden Line AGM 24 November 2018 were noted.

9.3 Aviation issues

9.3.1 HWCAAG minutes for meeting on 18 December 2018

The draft minutes of the High Weald Councils Aviation Action Group's meeting on 18 December were noted. Cllr C Pearman will attend their next meeting on Wednesday 13 February at 7.30pm in Chiddingstone Causeway Village Hall.

9.4 Highways report – noted

10. PRESS RELEASE

Members wished to issue a press release to remind residents to respond to the Local Plan before it closes on 3 February.

The meeting closed at 7.47pm