

**MINUTES of the Meeting of the PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE, held via ZOOM on Monday 28 September 2020 at 6.15 pm**

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Present: Cllrs J Aldridge, A Baker, D Damodaran, V Jennings, A Layland, N Lloyd, S McGregor, A Read, J Scholey, S Sumner, S Taylor (non-committee member), B Todd (Chairman).

In attendance: Administration and Planning Assistant. There was one members of the public and no members of the press.

**1. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received, noted and accepted from Cllr McArthur.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS OR PREDETERMINATION**

None.

*18:20 Meeting was adjourned for agenda item 3.*

**3. PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS**

A member of the public asked whether the Town Council could provide any statistics detailing traffic volume and speeds on the B2026, particularly at the Marlpit Hill end of Edenbridge, or advise where this information could be found. Since the new Lidl and Home Bargains had opened (located on Main Road), he suspected traffic flows would have increased. He mentioned that the Marlpit Hill Action Group now had 180 households sign a petition to improve the road safety at this section of Main Road. An e-petition had also been set-up on 26 September, and already had 458 signatories; 1,000 would trigger a presentation to Kent County Council (KCC).

Cllr McGregor advised that he had been in correspondence with KCC Highways, who had visited the site on 23 September 2020. He suggested that the member of the public also send the petition to Sevenoaks District Council (SDC) Joint Transportation Board.

*18:27 Meeting was reconvened.*

**4. TO RECEIVE, ADOPT AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON [07 SEPTEMBER 2020](#)**

**Resolved:** that the minutes of the Planning and Transportation Committee held on 07 September 2020 be duly signed by the Committee Chairman as a true and accurate record of the meeting; pages 9388 to 9393.

**5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE, FOR REPORT ONLY**

None.

**6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS CONSIDERED OUTSIDE OF A MEETING (FROM 08 SEPTEMBER TO 22 SEPTEMBER 2020)**

Planning applications as detailed in the planning papers, that were considered outside of meetings and recommendations submitted to Sevenoaks District Council (SDC) were received and noted.

**7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS TO BE CONSIDERED**

**7.1 Ref. No: [20/02562/FUL](#)**

**Site:** **Gardiner Business Park Little Browns Lane Edenbridge KENT TN8 6LHD**  
**Description:** Sub division of existing building to create two independent commercial units.

**Recommendation:** *Members supported this application*

**7.2 Ref. No: [20/01625/HOUSE](#)**

**Site:** **Little Warren House Hever Lane Hever KENT TN8 7ET**  
**Description:** Demolition of existing garage and greenhouse, erection of new garage and home gym.  
(This application was an adjoining parish.)

**Recommendation:** *Members agreed with comments submitted by Hever Parish Council. However, a condition may be appropriate that this should not be converted in to ancillary accommodation in the future as it is in the Green Belt.*

**7.3 Ref No: [20/02660/DETAIL](#)**

**Site:** **Little Brook Street Hartfield Road Edenbridge KENT TN8 5NH**  
**Description:** Details pursuant to condition 6 (boundary treatment) of 19/02764/HOUSE

**Recommendation:** *Members made no comment.*

**7.4 Ref. No: [20/02614/DETAIL](#)**

**Site:** **Little Brook Street Hartfield Road Edenbridge KENT TN8 5NH**  
**Description:** Details pursuant to condition 5 (biodiversity) of 19/02764/HOUSE

**Recommendation:** *Members made no comment.*

**7.5 Ref. No: [20/02547/NMA](#)**

**Site:** **Royal British Legion Croft Hall 13 High Street Edenbridge KENT TN8 5AB**  
**Description:** Non material amendment to 19/02471/FUL.

**Recommendation:** *Members made no comment.*

**7.6 Ref No: [20/00397/LBCALT](#)**

**Site:** **The Windmill Mill Hill Edenbridge KENT TN8 5DA**  
**Description:** Proposed replacement windows, doors and internal alterations with lime and lead works around the windows.

**Recommendation:** *Members commented: This property is a listed building, so any alterations should be to protect against weather and water ingress. Provided the Conservation Officer accepts the changes we support the application.*

**7.7 Ref No: [20/00396/HOUSE](#)**

**Site:** **The Windmill Mill Hill Edenbridge KENT TN8 5DA**  
**Description:** Proposed replacement windows, doors and internal alterations with lime and lead works around the windows.

**Recommendation:** *Members commented: This property is a listed building, so any alterations should be to protect against weather and water ingress. Provided the Conservation Officer accepts the changes we support the application.*

**8. SDC PLANNING DECISIONS** – received and noted

**9. PLANNING BUSINESS**

**9.1 Draft Edenbridge Character Assessment – amended public consultation open 12 August closing date 23 September** click [here](#) for details

The consultation had now closed. The Town Council had submitted a response.

**9.2 Planning White Paper**

Members **agreed** Cllrs Aldridge, Layland, Scholey and Todd would go through the whole document and prepare a response.

**10. HIGHWAYS IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

**10.1 Following the last meeting (7 September 2020), the detail for the HIP has been agreed and will be submitted to KCC Highways.**

Cllr Todd said that the main priority on the Highways Improvement Plan (HIP) should be the Main Road at Marlpit Hill and the junction at Hilders Lane and Hillcrest Road. He referred to the number of resident letters received and Crashmap data which had been referred to: 19 incidents recorded since 2000. He asked for this information to be included with the HIP submission document. Members discussed and **agreed** the HIP should be submitted as soon as possible. It should emphasise the issues and recent accidents on Main Road, and to include the other sites in Edenbridge as confirmed at the last meeting.

**10.2 Stick Hill**

A recent accident along Stick Hill was noted, and that this was likely the consequence of speed. An incident involving two pedestrians and a car along Crouch House Road near St Brelades was also noted. Having investigated this incident, the pedestrian had not wanted any action. Members noted there was no footpath along that stretch of road towards the railway bridge. Members discussed both Stick Hill and Crouch House Road, and asked for a review of the speed limit at both these locations to be included on the HIP.

*18:57 Cllr Baker joined the meeting*

**11. TRANSPORT BUSINESS**

**11.1 Road Issues**

**11.1.1 Mont St Aignan Way**

Members noted that this had been discussed at the previous meeting. Parking along Mont St Aignan Way would be monitored.

**11.2 Rail Issues**

Nothing to report.

**11.2 Aviation Issues** – Nothing to report

**11.3 Edenbridge Rail Travellers' Association**

Nothing to report.

**11.4 Consultation – Proposals to extend Allington Integrated Waste Management Facility – closes 16 October 2020** click [here](#) for details

Noted.

**11.5 Highways report**

Noted; there were no comments.

**12. PRESS RELEASE** – None

**13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - 12 October 2020**

Meeting closed at 18:59