

**MINUTES of the Meeting of the PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE, held in RICKARDS HALL on Monday 6 September 2021 at 7.30 pm**

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Present: J Aldridge (Vice-Chairman), A Baker, Cllr Compton, V Jennings, A Layland (Chairman), N Lloyd, S McGregor and Cllr A Read.

In attendance: Planning and Administration Officer, no members of the public and no members of the press.

*Meeting commenced at 19:30.*

**1. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

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

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS OR PREDETERMINATION**

None

**3. PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS**

None

**4. TO RECEIVE, ADOPT AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON [16 AUGUST 2021](#)**

**Resolved:** that the minutes of the Planning Committee held on 16 August 2021 be duly signed by the Committee Chairman as a true and accurate record of the meeting; pages 9577 to 9582.

**5. MATTERS NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE**

None.

**6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS TO BE CONSIDERED**

**6.1. File No: [21/02615/HOUSE](#)**

**Site:** Ockhams Shernden Lane Marsh Green Edenbridge KENT TN8 5PS

**Description:** The construction of a timber framed outbuilding.

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

**6.2 File No: [21/02616/LBCALT](#)**

**Site:** Ockhams Shernden Lane Marsh Green Edenbridge KENT TN8 5PS

**Description:** The construction of a timer framed outbuilding.

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

**6.3 File No: [21/02701/HOUSE](#)**

**Site:** 18 Greshams Way Edenbridge KENT TN8 5NY

**Description:** Proposed timber garden summerhouse to north eastern boundary of garden.

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

**7. INFORMATION**

**7.1 – 7.6 –** Noted; commented on 7.4

**7.4. File No: [21/02624/LDCPR](#)**

**Site:** West Lydens Cottage Lydens Lane KENT Hever KENT TN8 7EP

**Description:** Erection of a single storey front porch.

**Recommendation:** *Members objected to this application*

*Members commented that the design of the porch looks inappropriate for the type of property and the street scene*

## **8. SDC PLANNING DECISIONS**

Received and noted – items 8.1 to 8.10.

## **9. PLANNING APPLICATIONS CONSIDERED OUTSIDE OF A MEETING**

**9.1** - Noted.

## **10. OTHER PLANNING BUSINESS**

None.

## **11. CONSULTATIONS**

**11.1 Propose diversion of Public Footpath SR552 (part) Edenbridge- consultation Surrey County Council closes 17 September (SDC planning ref [21/02733/PROW](#)) Proposed Diversion and Definitive Map and Statement modification Order 2021 Kent County Council Highways Act 1980 Section 119**

**11.2 [Gatwick Airport NORTHERN RUNWAY CONSULTATION](#) - opens 9 September 2021 and closes 1 December 2021.**

**11.3 [National Highways and Transport Survey 2021/22](#) - County Councils across the UK are asking residents to tell them what they think of transport and highways services in their area - survey closes 28 February 2022**

**11.1 – 11.3** - Noted.

## **12. HIGHWAYS IMPROVEMENT PLAN**

### **12.1 – Verbal update – email from Kent County Council (KCC):**

The previous KCC project manager had gone on secondment and their replacement had also left KCC. Therefore KCC will shortly be instructing to look at the Highways improvement in more detail and the first step will be for them to look at the feasibility, suitability and practicality of highway engineering measures at this location to help address local concerns. This area is not in one of the KCC collision cluster sites and as such they do not have any available funding to progress this themselves but they would be happy to prepare an estimate of the fees outlining the potential next steps for members' consideration. KCC will endeavour to get this to the members within the next couple of months at the latest. Whilst KCC appreciate that this would be disappointing, they asked members to accept their apologies that this has not progressed as quickly as they would have liked but hoped that members appreciated that they have to prioritise their programmed-crash-remedial measures (CRM) and local transport plan (LTP) schemes.

**Members Commented:** *If KCC was not contributing any money and not prioritising the members' Highways Improvement Plan (HIP) why had members been asked by them to create the HIP. Members wished to find out how many other Councils' plans have gone forward? Members wanted to know what the KCC priorities were, as they felt may be missing an aspect of the Town Council's situation.*

## **13. SPEED INDICATOR DEVICE (SID) – Verbal update**

**Members were advised that KCC Highways had given the following information via telephone call on the day of the meeting:**

KCC Highways advised that the contractors installing the posts for the portable speed indicator device (SID) had been delayed; this had now been rescheduled for week commencing 27 September 2021. The equipment was already in the depot and it was expected to be operational by early to mid-October 2021.

**14. TRANSPORT BUSINESS**

**14.1 Road Issues**

**14.1.1 Noted**

**14.2 Rail Issues**

**14.2.1** Members expressed their disappointment and commented that the decision to reduce the evening service to a two-hourly service was unacceptable and is not providing the service to passengers that Network Rail should be.

**14.3 Aviation Business – None**

**14.4 Highways Faults Report**

Noted.

**15. PRESS RELEASE – None**

**16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 20 September 2021**

*Meeting closed 19.55*