

MINUTES of the Meeting of the PLANNING COMMITTEE, held in RICKARDS HALL on Monday 24 April 2023 at 7.30 pm.

Present: Cllrs J Aldridge, S McGregor, A Layland (Chairman), S Sumner

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

Meeting opened 19.30.

1. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received, noted, and accepted from Cllr Baker, Cllr Compton, Cllr Gemmell Smith, Cllr Lloyd, Cllr Jennings, Cllr McArthur and Cllr Todd.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS OR PREDETERMINATION

Cllr Sumner stated a non-pecuniary interest in item 6.2 of the Agenda.

3. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

None.

4. TO RECEIVE, ADOPT AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING MEETING HELD ON 3 APRIL 2023

Resolved: the minutes of the Planning Committee held on **3 APRIL 2023** be duly signed by the Committee Chairman as a true and accurate record of the meeting; pages XXXX-XXXX.

5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS TO BE CONSIDERED

5.1 File No: [23/00386/FUL](#)

Site: **Oxfam 34 & 34a High Street Edenbridge Kent TN8 5AJ**

Description: Upwards extension to provide 3no.residential flats. Roof alterations, associated works.

This application has now been amended, and a summary of the main changes are set out below.

Amended plans received to alter the design of the development following officer recommendations, and to provide further information to address comments from the Highways Authority and the Environmental Health Officer.

Recommendation: *Members objected to this application and noted the comments from the Conservation Officer regarding the floodlights being inappropriate for the street scene, and also the comments from the Post office and Environment Officer regarding the excess noise – No noise assessment has taken place. There is no parking provision and Edenbridge High Street is very short of parking space.*

5.2 File No: [23/00899/HOUSE](#)

Site: **The Limes Crown Road Edenbridge Kent TN8 6AN**

Description: Infill rear extension. Reconfiguration of ground floor space. Steps. Alterations to fenestration. New fence/wall. Removal of chimney. Alterations to roof.

Recommendation: *Members supported this application.*

6. INFORMATION ONLY

Items 6.1 to 6.6 were noted.

6.7 File No: [23/01117/PAH](#)

Site: Ashley Little Browns Lane Edenbridge Kent TN8 6LJ

Description: Prior notification of one additional storey immediately above the topmost storey of the dwelling house, together with engineering. The height the proposed additional storey 2.77m.

Recommendation: *Members commented that it was inappropriate to add another storey to the property by prior notification. The height of the building would have an impact on the openness of the Greenbelt and would be incompatible with the street scene.*

7. SDC PLANNING DECISIONS

Items 7.1 to 7.6 were noted.

8. ANY OTHER PLANNING BUSINESS

8.1 Ref: PROW/SE/C435 - Amendment to the alignment of part of public footpath SR620 at Edenbridge.

Please see attached historic documents.

i) Do members agree for the footpath to be recorded as the path which has always been walked? (D-B on the map) – not A-B on the map, which has never been walked and has been incorrectly recorded on that alignment when the historical documentary evidence shows it should be recorded as between D-B?

Resolved – Members agreed the footpath should be recorded between D-B (where it has always been walked).

ii) The section recorded B-C is also incorrectly recorded on the map – The purple line is recorded on the Definitive Map and the dashed line shows where the path should run according to historic documentary evidence and shows the proposed amendment to the alignment of footpath SR620.

Do members support the amendment to align the footpath (SR620) as shown as a dashed line (route to be added) and as show on the on the historical research evidence?

Resolved – Members agreed the footpath should be recorded as where the dashed line shows according to the documentary evidence.

9. CONSULTATIONS

None.

10. PRESS RELEASE

None.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING 17 MAY 2023

Meeting closed 20.25.