

WESTGATE-ON-SEA TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES

Meeting: PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
Venue: Town Hall building, 31 St Mildred's Road, Westgate-on-Sea, CT8 8RE.
Date: 17th August 2015.
Present: Cllrs: Cornford, King, Morrish (Chairman), Rickett and Scott.
Mrs. J. Williams, Town Clerk.

075: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Ashbee – other business
Cllr Charlton
Cllr Pennington
Cllr Rolfe.

076: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

077: MINUTES

The meeting received and approved, as a true record, the minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee meeting held on the 20 July 2015 (Minutes 058–064)

Proposed by: Cllr King.

Seconded by: Cllr Rickett.

RESOLVED

078: WESTGATE-ON-SEA CAAG

The meeting was suspended and this agenda item brought forward to hear the submissions on TDC planning information and the planning items in the agenda. The Chairman thanked the CAAG representative for the information and moved on to next business.

079: CONSIDER AND COMMENT ON ANY PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED. (Clerk to send letter to TDC documenting the Council's comments in respect of the following applications):

F/TH/15/0644 – 33 Station Road, Westgate-on-Sea – No objection to change of use but council concerned about the proposed hours of operation as set out in the accompanying statement and the effect on the local residential area.

F/TH/15/0397 – 39 Canterbury Road, Westgate-on-Sea – No objection to the buildings but the Council are concerned that there is insufficient room allowed for vehicles to turn within the area allowed for parking.

FH/TH/15/0662 – 125 Sea Road, Westgate-on-Sea – Council support CAAG's comments in respect of ensuring that the original decorative barge board

should be retained in its original finish and not replaced by cladding with inappropriate modern materials.

F/TH/15/0574 – Land rear of 17 Sea Road, Westgate-on-Sea – Council support CAAG’s commentary that the proposed development of 2 dwellings is too large for and dominate the plot. The dwellings are too close to the boundary with Barclay Court and there is concern about the premature loss of mature trees.

080: REPORT ON PLANNING ITEMS DEALT WITH BY THE COUNCIL AT ITS LAST MEETING

F/15/0351/1 - Westcliff House, Sea Road, Westgate-on-Sea.

Cllr King reported on the site visit held on 8 August and there was discussion about how the renovations for Westcliff House could be secured by conditions. This item will be determined at the next TDC Planning meeting scheduled for the 19th August.

This item noted.

081: LOCAL PLAN FRAMEWORK WORKING PARTY

The consultation process was explained and there following a lengthy discussion about the amount of housing in Thanet, particularly in respect of the 5 year rolling programme. The item was received and noted pending further information about TDC’s ongoing programme for the Local Plan Preparation.

082: ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

a. Provision of public shower at West Bay. Following discussion Clerk instructed to make representations to TDC as agreed.

Proposed by: Cllr King

Seconded by: Cllr Cornford

RESOLVED

b. Relocation of Ice Cream Kiosk at West Bay: This matter has been going on since 2010. Agreed Cllr Morrish to forward previous emails to the Clerk so that she can follow up this matter with TDC’s foreshore Officer.

Proposed by: Cllr Morrish

Seconded by: Cllr King

RESOLVED

c. Restoration/Repairs to Public Shelter/Balcony adjacent to West Bay Café: Clerk instructed to write to TDC to ask that attention be given to necessary repairs to the structure.

Proposed by: Cllr King

Seconded by: Cllr Rickett

RESOLVED

d. Bay Inspector’s attendance at West Bay: There was a discussion about the reduction in the current 2015 season of the attendance on weekdays by Bay Inspectors who were having to cover 3 bays and the impact this is having on the effectiveness of enforcing bye laws and providing

security for visitors and hirers of beach huts. Clerk instructed to write to TDC to ask for better coverage in 2016.

Proposed by: Cllr King

Seconded by: Cllr Cornford

RESOLVED

- e. Seaweed Removal: This is the responsibility of Thanet District Council. Clerk instructed to write to TDC.

Proposed by: Cllr King

Seconded by: Cllr Rickett

RESOLVED

- f. Litter Collection/Bin Emptying: The meeting discussed the fact that currently there are still two different vehicles being used to collect both general litter and dog refuse when economies could be secured by using a single vehicle as on the seafront at Margate. Clerk instructed to write to TDC.

Proposed by: Cllr King

Seconded by: Cllr Rickett

RESOLVED

- g. Lymington Town Green: Concern about the fly tipping. Clerk to discuss with Community Warden.

083: MEMORIAL AT LYMINGTON RECREATING AREA

Deferred to next meeting.

084: TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

- a. Clerk advised of a meeting to discuss the Traffic Management Plan for Remembrance Sunday. Meeting is at 2pm on 9 September at St. Saviour's Church. Cllr Morrish agreed to attend.

- b. KCC: Proposed modifications to the Minerals & Waste Local Plan. Clerk to email details to all Councillors. Item noted.

- c. Standing Orders: Clerk explained the options and agreed she should contact all Councillors to obtain their view.

- d. Coastal Grant: TDC have been awarded £30K as a coastal grant and are awarding this to the three main towns. Clerk instructed to write to TDC re a percentage of the grant being awarded to Westgate-on-Sea.

Proposed by: Cllr King

Seconded by: Cllr Rickett

RESOLVED

NEXT MEETING:

7pm - 21 September 2015.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.15pm.