



**Minutes of the Virtual Meeting of the Planning,
Highways and Environment Committee**

Westgate-On-Sea Town Council

Held on Tuesday 9th June 2020 at 6:30pm

Present	Cllr Dr H Scott (Chairperson); Cllr Page (Vice-chairperson); Cllr Cornford; Cllr Wallin	
Also, in attendance	Mrs Gill Gray – Town Clerk	
2249	Election of Chairperson It was moved by Cllr Cornford and seconded by Cllr Page and RESOLVED: that Cllr Dr H Scott was elected as Chairperson for the P, H & E Committee	
2250	Election of Vice-chairperson It was moved by Cllr Cornford and seconded by Cllr Dr H Scott and RESOLVED: that Cllr Page was elected as Vice-chairperson for the P, H & E Committee	
2251	Apologies for Absence None.	
2252	Member's Interests There were none.	
2253	Minutes It was moved by Cllr Dr H Scott and seconded by Cllr Page and RESOLVED: that the minutes of the P, H & E Committee meeting held on 12th May 2020 were an accurate record of the meeting	
2254	Chairperson's Announcements Cllr H Scott reported that the trees planted on the green near the Community Centre were continuing to be watered with the majority of the trees being adopted. There are a couple of Rowan trees that will be replaced during the winter months. It is proposed that plaques will be installed in due course. Town Clerk to explore with TDC the location of a standpipe on the green for use to water the planting.	
2255	Public Participation Session There were no requests received for public participation at this meeting.	
2256	Proposed Biodiversity Study Cllr Dr H Scott provided details of a proposal for the Town Council to commission a biodiversity study of the boundaries of the agricultural land It was moved by Cllr Cornford and seconded by Cllr Page and RESOLVED: that it is recommended to Full Council that the Town Council commissions a biodiversity study and Town Clerk to obtain three	

	quotes for comparison purposes.	
2257	Terms of Reference P, H & E Committee It was moved by Cllr Dr H Scott and seconded by Cllr Wallin and RESOLVED: that the proposed additional clarification for the Terms of Reference for the P, H & E Committee are recommended to Council for adoption.	
2258	Role of Tree Warden or Tree/Biodiversity Warden It was moved by Cllr Dr H Scott and seconded by Cllr Page and RESOLVED: that the role of Tree/Biodiversity Warden for the town is recommended to Council; the role description to be draft by Town Clerk and Chair of P,H & E Committee and reviewed by the HR Committee, F & GP Committee to consider budget for expenses for the volunteer role.	
2259	Planning Decisions by Thanet District Council Cllr Dr H Scott reported on decisions made by Thanet District Council (a) F/TH/20/0087 – Springfield Nursing Home, Hengist Road, Westgate on Sea Change of use of care home to 1No 5 bed detached dwelling (C3) with associated parking following part demolition of existing – GRANT PERMISSION	
2260	Planning Applications for consultation (a) F/TH/20/0553 – 45-49 Sea Road, Westgate on Sea Erection of 3No two storey 3-bedroom terraced dwellings and 2No two storey 3-bedroom semi-detached dwellings with associated parking, landscaping and access from St Clements Road It was RESOLVED that the Town Council comments: Supported with comments – due to the level of traffic on St Mildreds Road and parked vehicles new signage would be useful to alert residents exiting St Clements Road (b) TCA/TH/20/0632– 6 St Mildreds Road, Westgate on Sea 1 No Sycamore – Crown lift to 5m It was RESOLVED that the Town Council comments: Supported with comments – Please ensure that health and safety requirements for traffic concerns are undertaken prior to works commencing	

	<p>(c) F/TH/20/0051 – The St Mildreds Bay, St Mildreds Gardens, Westgate on Sea</p> <p>Change of use from Café (Use Class A3) to a mixed-use bar and café (Use Class A3 and A4) together with alterations to fenestration of store and existing café and alterations to boundary treatment. The description of the application has now been amended.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED that the Town Council comments: Objection – with comments and the following material planning considerations are sited:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noise or disturbance to the residents resulting from late license: The bars/restaurants along Westgate seafront all close at 11pm. This application involves a license of 1230 am during the week and 130 am at the weekend, which is not appropriate for the area, especially given the close proximity of the residents to Pavs. • Noise and disturbance to the Marine Conservation Zone due to the late license. It is recommended that Natural England and Thanet Coast Project should be approached for a report to explore the impact on this nationally protected area. • It is recommended that a Designing out Crime report from Kent Police is commissioned. People may come to Pavs after the other venues in the area have closed, possibly leading to a hub of antisocial behaviour. • Concern of weakening of the sea defences if the restructuring of the building goes ahead. • Highway issues, particularly traffic generation, especially late in the evening. • If the new cooking ideas go ahead there is some concern over smells and fumes to the resident who are very close by. • If the roof terrace goes ahead then there will likely be overlooking and loss of privacy. 	
2261	<p>Next Meeting The next meeting is 14th July 2020</p>	
2262	<p>Meeting closed 7:43pm</p>	

Signed..... 

Dated..... 14/07/2020

