



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

Westgate-On-Sea Town Council

on Tuesday 12th November 2019 at 6:30pm

Held at

**Town Council Offices, 78 St Mildreds Road,
Westgate-On-Sea, Kent CT8 8RF**

Present	Cllr Cornford; Cllr Page; Cllr M Scott; Cllr Wallin	
Also, in attendance	Mrs Gill Gray – Town Clerk	
2017	Apologies for Absence Apologies from Cllr M Scott	
2018	Member's Interests There were no declarations of pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests.	
2019	Minutes It was moved by Cllr Cornford and seconded by Cllr Page and RESOLVED : that the minutes of the meeting held on the 22 nd October 2019 be approved as a true record of the meeting.	
2020	Chairperson's Announcements Cllr H Scott reported that feedback from the public on the recent Community Exhibition was as expected not very positive. There are two issues in relation to the proposed development and challenging it:- A. There is no law against building on agricultural land B. There has been an objectively assessed need of 17,140 dwellings for Thanet over a ten-year period Thanet has a high proportion of agricultural land which should be protected for food production and therefore this will require a law or policy change in order to secure the protection. It was suggested that all candidates standing as perspective Members of Parliament in the area North and South Thanet for the General Election should be contacted to highlight the issues. Cllr H Scott read the statement which had been agreed at the last P, H & E Committee meeting and submitted to TDC in relation to the B & SP Town Council NP consultation following the proposed modifications by TDC.	
2021	Public Participation Session There were no requests received for public participation at this meeting.	

2022	<p>Tree Planting Cllr H Scott explained that there will be a training session for Tree Planting arranged for 23rd November for Members who are interested. This will be followed with the Tree Planting Day planned for 30th November at the Community Centre green following consultation with WOSCCA and TDC. The trees are donated by Wildlife Trust and there will be a morning session and an afternoon session.</p>	
2023	<p>Thanet Community Land Trust Limited The meeting was attended by Cllr Cornford and Cllr Wallin. Cllr Wallin reported that it was an interesting meeting and the Trust were in the early stages of forming. Cllr Cornford added that they seem to have accomplished a lot in a short space of time. The next meeting is scheduled on 27th November at 3.30pm at the Kitchen in Margate. It is hoped that Cllr Wallin and Cllr Cornford can attend the next meeting. Cllr Page suggested that the Thanet Community Land Trust may be approached in relation to potentially purchasing housing on the new development.</p>	
2024	<p>Planning Decisions by Thanet District Council Cllr H Scott reported on decisions made by Thanet District Council (a) FH/TH/19/0786 – 24 Westbury Road, Westgate on Sea Installation of solar panels to rear roof slope – GRANT PERMISSION</p>	
2025	<p>Planning Applications for consultation (a) FH/TH/19/1299 – 106 Minster Road, Westgate-on-Sea It was RESOLVED that Town Council raise concern about the application in relation to possible highway issues and suggest a Highways report is obtained from Kent County Council if not already done so. (b) TH/TPO/10(2002) – 65 Sea Road, Westgate-on-Sea It was RESOLVED that Town Council support the application without comments. (c) F/TH/19/1117 – 40 Station Road, Westgate on Sea It was RESOLVED that Town Council support concerns raised by Kent Police, Environmental Health Officer at TDC and Nicola Elliott the Chartered Town Planner who quotes material planning considerations. Town Council is not seeking to discourage new businesses but as this is within the Conservation Area the design is important. In particular the application appears to be at odds with the following policies:- HE02 of the</p>	

	Draft Local Plan, D1(A) of the Local Plan 2006 and QD02 of the Draft Local Plan, also there is no mention of a tree survey for the site even though there is one tree present.	
2026	<p>Millwood Designer Homes Exhibition Feedback Cllrs Cornford, Page, H Scott, M Scott and Wallin attended the Community Exhibition to ensure that residents could speak to a Town Councillor. The concerns and feedback will be collated and used to shape the Town Council response to the proposed Planning Applications for the 2,000 houses. One issue raised is the management of green spaces on the development and how the cost will be met in future; this should be discussed by the Council when all the facts are known.</p> <p>Following debate, it was recommended that the usual P, H & E Committee meeting date of 10th December should be utilised for an Extra Ordinary Meeting of Council to permit Millwood Homes to provide an update following the Community Exhibition. Residents can be advised that they can speak at this meeting for three minutes if requested in writing to the Town Clerk by 4pm on Friday before the meeting.</p>	
2027	<p>Town Council Website Update Statement on proposed Housing The Town Council website is proposed to be updated with links to previous statements from TC and TDC Local Plan. Also updated with any press releases from TC on proposed housing.</p>	
2028	<p>Next Meeting The next meeting is TBC</p>	
2029	Meeting closed 7:32pm	

Signed..... 

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