



**Minutes of the Extra Ordinary Meeting of the Planning,
Highways and Environment Committee**

Westgate-On-Sea Town Council

**Held on 16th August 2022 at 6.30pm at the Town Council
Office, 78 St Mildreds Road, Westgate-on-Sea CT8 8RF**

Present	Cllr Parry (Chair); Cllr Cornford (Vice-chair) and Cllr Wallin	
Also, in attendance	Mrs Chloe Wheatley (Finance Assistant), Cllr King and 4 Thanet residents.	
3353	Apologies for Absence Cllr David Donaldson	
3354	Member's Interests None	
3355	Minutes It was moved by Cllr David Wallin and seconded by Cllr Cornford and RESOLVED: that the minutes of the P,H&E Committee meeting held on 6th July 2022 were signed and approved as an accurate record of the meeting.	
3356	HIPS It was RESOLVED to defer the agenda item until the 13 th of September 2022 meeting. The revised active travel scheme would be released shortly and the Committee wished to take this into consideration when reviewing the Highway Improvements Plan.	
3357	Tree Replacement Cllr Parry updated members on the proposed urban tree replacement scheme. A walking tree survey would be organised with WOSTC Tree Warden and Biodiversity Warden Peter Hasted to identify roads in Westgate which would benefit from replacement trees. The item would then be brought back to the Committee for further discussion.	
3358	Consultation on Short Term Holiday Lets Members were invited to take away and feedback on a NALC questionnaire regarding the impact of short-term	

	holiday lets. The deadline for Members to respond was Tuesday 30 th August 2022.	
3359	<p>5G Mast</p> <p>Cllr Parry gave an update on the 5G mast to be installed at Westgate-on-Sea Cricket Club/St Saviours School Site (application TL/TH/21/0019) and discussed the role/limitations Westgate-on-Sea Town Council have as consultees. Cllr Parry also shared Information with members about 5G Technology.</p>	
3360	<p>Public Participation Session</p> <p>Lyn Craswell requested to speak regarding the 5G mast. She thanked the Committee for the opportunity to share her concerns.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ She had concerns about the addresses supplied as part of the planning application. Three different addresses had been provided for the mast location and she wished to confirm if these discrepancies would affect the validity of the ICNIRP Certificate. ▪ The proposed mast site sits in the conservation area with established trees approximately 10 metres in height. The mast planned is 20 metres high, meaning it will be clearly seen way above the tree line. At this height, St Savours Primary School, sits directly within a high radiation area. This is particularly of concern as children are more vulnerable than adults from the effects of radiation. ▪ To date no risk assessment had been completed and she wished to know how Kent County Council planned to monitor the ongoing risk to St Saviours pupils. <p>Naomi Roberts requested to speak regarding the 5G Mast.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Naomi Roberts wished to know if the impact on St Savours admission numbers had been considered. Due to the health risks, she believed the school would see a drop in the number of parents who enrol their children at the school. ▪ She stated residents were not made aware of the application early enough by the Town Council so not enough time was given for residents to object. <p>Lily Knowles requested to speak regarding the 5G Mast.</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Lily Knowles wished to know why the 5G mast was being moved from its current position. This was clarified by Cllr Parry. <p>Cllr Tom King requested to speak regarding the 5G Mast.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Cllr King informed the meeting he had written to the Leader of Kent County Council, Roger Gough, requesting answers to a number of questions regarding the installation of the mast. He went on to say he believed Westgate-on-Sea Town Council could either sit back and accept what the Government were telling them or they could stand and do something. He believed the Town Council had a duty of care to the residents and children of Westgate. 	
3361	<p>Planning Decisions by Thanet District Council Cllr Parry read the decisions made by Thanet District Council.</p> <p>(a) FH/TH/22/0629 – 21 The School Close, Westgate-on-Sea Erection of a single storey side extension together with two storey front extension with gable end and Juliet balcony together with change of use from garage to habitable space. REFUSE PERMISSION</p> <p>(b) FH/TH/22/0582 – 14 Hockeredge Gardens, Westgate-on-Sea Alterations to the roof, erection of 1No dormer window to the rear to facilitate loft conversion, together with a single storey rear extension following demolition of existing. GRANT PERMISSION</p> <p>(c) FH/TH/22/0743 – 40 Cuthbert Road, Westgate-on-Sea Erection of rear dormer window together with alterations to roof to facilitate loft conversion GRANT PERMISSION</p>	
3362	<p>Planning Applications for Consultation</p> <p>(a) FH/TH/22/0916 – Old Coastguards, 2 Westgate Bay Avenue, Westgate-on-Sea Erection of a conservatory to side elevation together with erection of outbuilding to the rear next to existing outbuildings. It was RESOLVED: that the comments were: Subject to seeing the Conservation Officer's report the Town Council would have no comment.</p>	

	<p>(b) TCA/TH/22/0783 – 17 Sea Road, Westgate-on-Sea Sycamore (T1) – Fell, 5no sycamores (G1) to be re-pollard to previous points. Peter Hasted has commented that he would contest this application as there are no plans and no images. It was RESOLVED: that the comments were: Objection – No plan or tree report provided with application. There are concerns about the size of reductions and without the necessary dimensions in the application the Tree Warden is unable to advise if the reduction would fall under the advised maximum of 30% reduction.</p> <p>(c) M/TPO/1(1950)G1 – Questeds, 76 Canterbury Road, Westgate-on-Sea 1No Ash Tree – Crown reduce by 8m, 1No Sycamore – Crown reduce by 8-10m, 1No Holm Oak – Crown reduce by 8-10m It was RESOLVED: that the comments: Subject to seeing the Westgate-on-sea Tree and Biodiversity Warden report the Town Council would have no comment.</p>	
3363	Next Meeting	
	The next meeting is 13 th September 2022	
3364	Meeting closed 7.10pm	

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Dated.....27-09-2022