



## Minutes of the Planning, Highways and Environment Committee

Held at the Westgate-on-Sea Town Council Office

78 St Mildreds Road, Westgate-on-Sea CT8 8RF

on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2025 at 6.30pm

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### Present:

Cllr Clive Veck (Chair)  
Cllr David Wallin (Vice-Chair)  
Cllr David Donaldson  
Ms. Nabila Yakub – Town Clerk  
1 Member of Public

### PHE/25/62 Welcome from the Chair

Cllr Veck welcomed those present.

### PHE/25/63 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Stephen Fenning.

### PHE/25/64 Members' Interests

None.

### PHE/25/65 Minutes

The Committee reviewed the minutes of the meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> July 2025 and resolved to accept them as a true record.

### PHE/25/66 Public Participation Session

A resident advocated for tree preservation in the conservation area, referring to application TPO/TH/25/0893 at St Peters Presbytery, 117 Canterbury Road. The resident highlighted the environmental and ecological significance of trees and expressed concerns about developer strategies that compromise tree health, including construction practices that damage tree canopies and root systems. Specific criticism was directed at the apparent lack of proper tree care and maintenance during the ongoing development project. The resident emphasised the critical role of trees in providing urban habitats, removing atmospheric toxins and creating natural shelter. The resident urged the Council to take a strong advisory stance with Thanet District Council, advocating for the protection of these trees, which are located within the conservation area, so as to ensure their proper care and preservation.

### PHE/25/67 Chair's Correspondence

The Chair initially reported no significant correspondence. However, the Town Clerk highlighted a resident's inquiry regarding a tree works planning application on Sea Road. The resident sought clarification on the Council's position and whether a site visit had been conducted prior to advising Thanet District Council. The Chair committed to responding to the resident, addressing the specific details of the tree works application.

### PHE/25/68 Thanet District Council Planning Applications

The Committee considered the following applications:

[F/TH/25/0852 | Change of use of first and second floor from office use \(Class E\) to 1No. 3-bed self contained flat \(Class C3\) | 15 Station Road Westgate On Sea Kent CT8 8RB](#)

**The Committee agreed to: Object because details in the application are not correct. The application shows 3 bedrooms, while the floor plan shows 4.**

FH/TH/25/0866 | Erection of front and rear dormer windows together with conversion of existing garage to ancillary accommodation | 31 Ethelbert Square Westgate On Sea Kent CT8 8SR

**The Committee agreed to: Support**

TPO/TH/25/0918 | TH/TPO/23(1979) - 1No Sycamore (T1) - Crown reduce to 4m | 1A Ethelbert Square Westgate On Sea Kent CT8 8SR

**The Committee agreed to: Support**

TPO/TH/25/0893 | Tree no 5 - Holm oak ; Cut back crown on southern side by circa 8.75m  
Tree no 6: Holm oak ; Cut back crown on southern side by circa 1metre Tree no 7 - Holm oak  
; Cut back crown on southern side by circa 4.5m Tree no 8 - Holm oak: Cut back crown on southern side by circa 4.6m, Tree no 10 - Holm oak: Cut back crown on southern side by circa 4.6m | St Peters Prestbytery 117 Canterbury Road Westgate On Sea Kent CT8 8NW

**The Committee agreed to: Object based on the severity of the cut-back proposed on historical conservation trees, in that it is unclear what would remain of the current height if the cutback went ahead.**

Planning Applications decided were reviewed and noted.

**PHE/25/69 Date of Next Meeting**

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2025

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_