

Minutes of the Planning, Highways and Environment Committee and the Transport Sub-Committee Meeting Held at the Westgate-on-Sea Town Council Office 78 St Mildreds Road, Westgate-on-Sea CT8 8RF on Wednesday 31st July 2024 at 6.30pm

Present

Cllr Wallin (Chairman of the Town Council)

Cllr King

Cllr Veck

Ms Nabila Yakub - Interim Town Clerk

Ms Emma Dublin - Community Engagements Officer and Social Media Manager

PHE/24/1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Worrow

PHE/24/2 Members' Interests

None

PH/E24/3 Election of the Chairman of The Planning Committee

The Chairman of the Town Council nominated Cllr Veck to be Chairman of this Committee. Cllr King seconded. The motion was voted upon and unanimously agreed

PHE/24/4 Public Participation Session

There were no members of public in attendance.

PHE/24/5 Planning Decisions by Thanet District Council

a) FH/TH/23/0205 Erection of a single storey rear infill extension, erection of a canopy with skylight to front entrance, together with a new double gate and brick wall following a demolition of existing garage and infilling of existing rear gateway to the rear / 16 Roxburgh Road, Westgate-on-Sea

CT8 8RK

TDC Decision: Grant permission

b) FH/TH/24/0453 Installation of heat pump to southern elevation of attached garage/ 6 Linden

Close, Westgate-on-Sea, CT8 8EH

TDC Decision: Grant permission

PHE/24/6 Planning Applications for Consultation

None

PHE/24/7 Transport

Cllr King provided an update on the number 35 bus route. He said that the responsible officer at KCC had declined to consider the Town Council's suggestion that an equalities impact assessment should be undertaken. Cllr King subsequently contacted KCC District Councillor, Derek Crow-Brown. He had suggested that the Town Council contacted the KCC Corporate Complaints office with a formal complaint as to why an equalities impact assessment had not been undertaken. Cllr King said he would liaise with the Town Clerk in drafting the complaint.

PHE/24/8 To Update the Highways Improvement Plan (HIP)

The Chairman said he had circulated the HiP document. He said there were a number of actions to be considered including restricting the speed limit in the Town Centre to 20mph. He suggested all the proposals on the document were analysed and comments made to be sent KCC. The Chairman said he would re-write the document and circulate it to members.

Cllr King said there had been a lot of comments on social media raising concerns about speeding. He suggested that residents were invited to send in comments/concerns to the Town Council which could then be fed into the HIP and then prioritise the top 3 concerns. The Chairman said the main concern was what KCC would do anyway as they would not be paying for any improvements. It was agreed to ask residents to email the Town Clerk. Any responses would be discussed at the next meeting and the HIP document updated as appropriate.

Ms Dublin said that it was important to re-introduce speed watch. She said the Town Council already had the equipment. She also said drop down kerbs should be included and suggested that the Town Council should post on social media what they were hoping to achieve.

PHE/24/9 Clerk's Correspondence

The Town Clerk said that there was an online KALC course in September on dealing with Planning applications. She said she would circulate the details.

PHE/24/10 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 18th September 2024 at 6.00pm.

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