

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING, MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS, TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD AT THE COUNCIL OFFICES, THE GROVE, SWANSCOMBE ON WEDNESDAY 8 MAY 2014 AT 7.00PM

PRESENT: Councillor B E Read (Chairman)
Councillor P J Scanlan
Councillor K G Basson
Councillor P M Harman
Councillor P C Harris
Councillor J A Hayes

ALSO PRESENT: Graham Blew – Town Clerk

ABSENT: Councillor Mrs A R Harvey
Councillor J B Harvey
Councillor V Openshaw

485/13-14. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillors' Mr S P Butterfill (family bereavement), J M Harman (work commitments) and B R Parry (work commitments).

An apology for lateness was submitted by Councillor J A Hayes.

Members requested that their condolences be passed on to Councillor Mrs S P Butterfill at this sad time.

Recommended: That the apologies for absence and reasons, as listed, be formally approved.

486/13-14. SUBSTITUTES.

There were none.

487/13-14. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA.

Councillor P M Harman declared a prejudicial interest in application DA/144/00502/FUL as he resides near the site and has objected to previous applications at this site.

The Chairman gave the opportunity for the meeting to be adjourned at this point to accept questions from the public.

488/13-14. ITEMS DEEMED URGENT BY THE CHAIRMAN / MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES AND THEIR POSITION ON THE AGENDA.

There were none.

489/13-14. TO CONFIRM AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 16 APRIL 2014.

Recommended: The Minutes of the meeting held on 16 April 2014 were confirmed and signed.

490/13-14. SAFE AND SENSIBLE STREET LIGHTING SCHEME (KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (KCC)).

Further to minute 444/13-14 Members considered the response received from Mr David Brazier, KCC Cabinet Member for Environment & Transport.

Members were unhappy with the response but agreed that raising the issues, which were outside of the Town Council's control or remit, with KCC had been the correct thing to do but felt let down by the response by Mr David Brazier.

Councillor J A Hayes advised members that he had attended the Scrutiny Committee meeting at DBC on 29 April 2014 where this item had been considered. He felt that the attitude of KCC was not at all flexible and quite unhelpful. He also felt that comments made at the Scrutiny Meeting regarding Swanscombe residents not reading newspapers or going to libraries was quite insulting and derogatory.

The Town Clerk, who had also attended the Scrutiny Meeting, informed members that he felt the point that had attempted to be made was that placing notices in libraries and newspapers was perhaps not the best option for a consultation as these may not reach a wide audience.

Recommended: That the response be noted and the matter be monitored and revisited as and when required.

491/13-14. INVITATION TO MR DAVID BRAZIER REGARDING PENDING MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS WITHIN SWANSCOMBE AND GREENHITHE.

Further to minute 442/13-14 Members considered the response received from Mr David Brazier, KCC Cabinet Member for Environment & Transport.

Members were extremely disappointed with the reply from Mr David Brazier and particular the fact that KCC did not appear to wish to come to the Town Council Chamber and discuss these matters with the Town Council.

Members agreed that the Town Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman, would send a response to Mr Brazier advising him of the Council's dissatisfaction.

Members noted that the Leader of Dartford Borough Council, Councillor J A Kite and the local MP, Gareth Johnson were both due to attend the Bluewater Forum on 22 May

2014 to discuss the Garden City Scheme and agreed that members should send any questions they wished the Town Mayor to raise with them, to the Town Clerk.

Recommended:

- 1 That the Town Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman, would send a response to Mr Brazier advising him of the Councils dissatisfaction
- 2 That Members submitted any questions they wished to be raised at the Bluewater Forum on 22 May 2014 to the Town Clerk.

TOWN PLANNING:

492/13-14. **APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED BY DARTFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL FOR MEMBERS' OBSERVATIONS.**

DA/14/00480/FUL	Provision of as a commemorating mural on west wall. Royal British Legion Social Club, London Road, Greenhithe.
OBSERVATIONS:	No observations, please ensure all neighbouring properties are consulted prior to the decision of the application.
<i>Having already declared a prejudicial interest Councillor P M Harman left the chamber and took no part in the discussion or decision of the following application.</i>	
DA/14/00502/FUL	Erection of a detached 4 bedroom house with associated parking involving demolition of existing buildings on the site. Neptune Slipway Pier Road Greenhithe
OBSERVATIONS:	The Town Council object to the application for the following reasons:- <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>The proposal would give rise to an increase in on street parking in an area where there is very limited capacity, contrary to Policies T22 and T23 of the Dartford Local Plan, Policy T11 of the Dartford Local Plan Review Second Deposit Draft and Policy TP19 of the Kent and Medway Structure Plan 2006.</i> 2. <i>The proposal would be out of character within</i>

	<p><i>the existing conservation area.</i></p> <p>3. <i>The proposal does not comply with the Greenhithe Riverfront Urban Design Strategy Supplementary Planning Guidance Approved June 2004 (also contained in the Town Council's Local Development Framework :Minute 136, DBC Cabinet 22 January 2009) with regard to:-</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>a) The continuation and enhancement of the PROW footpath along the riverfront;</i> <i>b) The site was listed for community /recreational use;</i> <i>c) Protecting existing views and vistas of the conservation area from the river and the park;</i> <i>d) Should use traditional materials and building techniques;</i> <i>e) Retain established building heights;</i> <i>f) Pier Road is a low key and intermittent environment;</i> <i>g) Should be an opportunity for small scale development in an important part of Greenhithe Village that protects and enhances the qualities of the village;</i> <i>h) It should protect the conservation area and not compromise its character;</i> <i>i) It should be a small, carefully detailed community building.</i>
DA/14/00513/FUL	<p>Proposed single storey rear extension with roof lantern.</p> <p>116B Knockhall Road, Greenhithe.</p>
OBSERVATIONS:	<p>No observations, please ensure all neighbouring properties are consulted prior to the decision of the application.</p>
DA/14/00525/FUL	<p>Erection of a single storey side extension/single storey front extension with provision of velux windows in front and rear elevations in connection with providing additional rooms in the roof space.</p> <p>59 Caspian Way, Swanscombe.</p>
OBSERVATIONS:	<p>No observations, please ensure all neighbouring</p>

	properties are consulted prior to the decision of the application.
DA/14/00564/FUL	Erection of a single storey rear extension and conversion of existing integral garage into habitable room together with associated alterations to front elevation. 17 Caspian Way, Swanscombe.
OBSERVATIONS:	The Town Council objects to this application as it would take away an off street parking facility and therefore be detrimental to the character of the surrounding area and is therefore contrary to the objectives of Policies CS15 and CS17 of the adopted Dartford Core Strategy and Policy B1 and Appendix 9 of the Dartford Local Plan. Policy B1 of the Dartford Borough Local Plan 1995 includes; "(a) Proposed Use – The nature of and characteristics of the proposed use should be appropriate for its location and should not have a detrimental effect on the local area through visual impact, traffic generation, noise, fumes or other factors" as well as (f) Parking and Garaging

493/13-14. **GRANTED DECISION NOTICES RECEIVED FROM DARTFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL FOR MEMBERS INFORMATION.**

The Town Clerk advised members that application DA/14/00185/FUL had incorrectly been included in the Refused Decision Notices on the additional agenda when in fact it was a Granted Decision Notice.

The following granted decision notices were noted.

DA/14/00337/FUL	Demolition of existing rear conservatory and erection of a two storey rear extension. 20 Swanscombe Street, Swanscombe.
DA/14/00185/FUL	Demolition of existing garage and erection of a detached 4 bay garage. Barney Sands Units P1-P4, Northfleet Ind. Estate.

494/13-14. **REFUSED DECISION NOTICES RECEIVED FROM DARTFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL FOR MEMBERS INFORMATION.**

The following granted decision notices were noted.

DA/14/00210/FUL	Erection of a first floor rear extension to existing first floor flat. Flat above 12-14 Milton Street, Swanscombe.
DA/14/00332/FUL	Erection of a detached garage. The Orchard, Mounts Road, Greenhithe.

There being no further business to transact, the Meeting closed at 8.00 pm.

Signed: _____ Date: _____
(Chairman)

PTE 11/6/14

Graham Blew

From: Graham Blew
Sent: 28 May 2014 08:13
To: Cllr Alex Harvey; Cllr Annette R Harvey; Cllr Bryan E Read ; Cllr Bryan R Parry; Cllr Jeffrey Harvey ; Cllr John A Hayes; Cllr Josephine M Harman ; Cllr Kevin G Basson ; Cllr Lorna M Cross; Cllr Mrs Susan P Butterfill ; Cllr Ms Lesley C Howes; Cllr Paul A Read ; Cllr Peter C Harris; Cllr Peter M Harman ; Cllr Richard J Lees (mac); Cllr Richard J Lees (Town Council); Cllr Vic Openshaw
Subject: Scrutiny 29 April 2014 : KCC 'Safe and Sensible Street Lighting' Policy : Phase 2 - Part Night Lighting : Review Procedure
Importance: High

Dear Councillor,

Further to my email below, I attach for the record, KCC's listed exclusion criteria for Phase 2 – Part Night Lighting; should you wish to seek a review over implementation in your Ward:

- **Main routes and locations with a significant night-time traffic record between 12.00 midnight and 05.30 am;**
- **Town Centres;**
- **Areas identified by the Police as having an existing record of crime or having the potential for increased crime levels if street lighting is changed;**
- **Areas with sheltered housing and other residencies accommodating vulnerable people;**
- **Areas with operational emergency services site(s) including hospitals and nursing homes;**
- **Formal pedestrian crossings, subways and enclosed footpaths and alleyways where one end links to a road that is lit all night;**
- **Were road safety measures are on place in the highway, such as roundabouts, central carriageway islands, chicanes, speed bumps etc.;**
- **Roads that have local authority CCTV or Police surveillance equipment;**
- **Sites with existing or with potential road safety concerns.**

Also at Scrutiny on 29 April, Parish representatives queried whether the 30 mph speed limit continued to apply to roads that were included in Phase 2 - Part Night Lighting. Also whether in such circumstances prosecution of traffic offences committed in such 'unlit' streets were able to be undertaken. KCC Officers have advised as follows:

"A 30 mph speed limit automatically applies in any road containing a system of street lights not more than 200 yards apart, unless signposted with a different speed limit. There is currently no law stating that these lights have to be switched on all night for the speed limit to be applicable. Therefore motorists are advised that the usual 30mph speed limit will be in place regardless of whether the lights are switched on or not. This is the situation during the day time when lights are normally off."

Kind regards

David

From: David Hook

Sent: 22 May 2014 21:18

To: All Councillors; 'Bean Parish Council'; clerk@stoneparishcouncil.com; graham.blew@swanscombeandgreenhithetowncouncil.gov.uk; 'Ian Armitt'; Jane Tyrell; 'Kathryn Gale-Clerk, Sutton-at-Hone & Hawley Parish Council'; 'Keith Holmes'; Southfleetpc@aol.com

Cc: Member Services

Subject: KCC 'Safe and Sensible Street Lighting' Policy : Phase 2 - Part Night Lighting : Review Procedure

Importance: High

Dear Councillor,

Members of the Scrutiny Committee and invited Ward and Parish Councillors received a presentation from the KCC Head of Programmed works on the above Scheme on 29 April 2014.

Further to the publication of the Scrutiny Minutes for 29 April last week, KCC Officers have furnished me with the following addition material which you may wish to distribute to your constituents:

- Phase 1 of the Scheme – Switch-Off of Surplus Lights is a trial and will be reviewed 12 months after implementation in each affected location;
- Phase 2 of the Scheme is permanent not a trial but KCC will accept requests for a 'review': Members / constituents should either telephone 01322 433101 or contact the KCC website – www.kent.gov.uk/streetlights

I will email separately to those Scrutiny, Ward and Parish Members who requested specific details regarding the Scheme in their areas, and will continue to press KCC for answers that are still outstanding.

On a positive note, KCC Officers have agreed to make a further presentation to JTB on 10 June 2014. My colleague Neil Murphy is the contact should any Member wish to attend (with the Chairman's approval).

Councillor Baker will of course be attending JTB to represent the Parishes, but this does not preclude attendance by Parish Members on request.

Kind regards

David

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