

# TENTERDEN TOWN COUNCIL



## **MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT TENTERDEN TOWN HALL ON 20<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2017**

**Councillors Present:** M. Carter, H. Edwards, Miss N. Gooch, R. Isworth, Dr. L. Lovelidge, R. Lusty (Chairman), K. Mulholland, J. Nelson, Mrs. P. Smith and A. Sugden.

**Officers Present:** Deputy Town Clerk Mr. R. Parham, Town Clerk Mr. P. Burgess and Administrative Assistant Mrs. C. Gilbert.

**Others Present:** Cllrs. Mrs. S. Ferguson, Hickmott and Knight (not members of this committee), Ashford Borough Councillor P. Clokie and seven members of the public.

6562 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.** Cllr. Mrs. Curteis.

6563 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.**

(a) Cllr. Dr. Lovelidge declared an interest in planning application 17/000112/AS – 2 Eastgate Road.

(b) Cllr. Mulholland declared an interest in planning applications 17/00042/AS, 17/00103/AS and 17/00104/AS, Tesco Stores Ltd., Smallhythe Road.

6564 **MINUTES.** The minutes and report of the meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> January 2017 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

6565 **MATTERS ARISING.**

(a) Minute 6557 - Planning Applications: Application 16/01624/AS. The Ashford Borough Council planning officer had reported that the policies taken into account when coming to a decision were detailed in her officer assessment.

6566 **MEMBERS' QUESTIONS.**

(a) Tesco Stores Ltd., Smallhythe Road. Cllr. Clokie urged members to request that the applications relating to this address be referred to the committee at ABC, rather than being delegated to officers.

6567 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS.** The Committee considered the following planning applications. It was **RESOLVED** that its recommendations would be submitted.

**17/00042/AS Tesco Stores Ltd., Smallhythe Road.**

Erection of three non-illuminated fascia signs, nine internally illuminated signs and thirty-two non-illuminated additional signs.

Cllr. Carter proposed that the Council object on the grounds that the proliferation of signage was excessive and that the application included no commitment to retaining the community notice board.

The Chairman proposed that the application be supported.

A vote was taken by show of hands, and this was tied. The Chairman exercised the casting vote, and it was therefore decided to **SUPPORT** the application, but **request that it be referred to the committee at ABC rather than being delegated to officers.**

**17/00102/AS Butterflies, Appledore Road.**  
Erection of single-storey rear and side extensions.  
**SUPPORT.**

**17/00103/AS Tesco Stores Ltd., Smallhythe Road.**  
Installation of dry cleaning, key cutting, shoe and watch repairs pod at Tesco premises.  
Cllr. Mrs. Ferguson reported that she had submitted an objection to ABC in respect of this application, stating that in its proposed form the building would be ugly and not in keeping with the conservation area, and that the services offered would conflict with several high street businesses.  
**OBJECT on the grounds that the proposal would have a negative impact on businesses based in the High Street, in direct violation of the National Planning Policy Framework; that its positioning within the conservation area would adversely affect site-lines to the church tower; and that its proximity to the parent and child parking bays would be hazardous. It would be requested that the application be referred to the committee at ABC rather than being delegated to officers.**

**17/00104/AS Tesco Stores Ltd., Smallhythe Road.**  
Installation of three internally illuminated and four non-illuminated advertisements.  
**OBJECT on the grounds that the whole proposal was unacceptable (as outlined above). It would be requested that the application be referred to the committee at ABC rather than being delegated to officers.**

**Cllr. Dr. Lovelidge left the chamber.**

**17/00112/AS 2 Eastgate Road.**  
Installation of a Velux Cabrio rooflight to side roof elevation.  
**SUPPORT.**

**Cllr. Dr. Lovelidge returned to the chamber.**

**17/00116/AS 25 Springfield Avenue.**  
Retrospective application for single storey rear extension.  
**SUPPORT.** Members requested that an explanation be given for this application being submitted retrospectively.

**17/00143/AS West of Stone Wood, Swain Road.**  
Prior approval of proposed erection of an agricultural building.  
**SUPPORT.**

6568 **ASHFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL DECISIONS.** List No. 545 was **NOTED.**

6569 **HIGH STREET REGENERATION SUB-COMMITTEE.** Cllr. Carter reported that the High Street Regeneration Sub-Committee (created by the Tourism & Business standing committee) had met on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2017. The meeting had been disappointing, in spite of news that Ivy Court surgery had been given the go-ahead to extend. The surrounding landowners, including ABC, showed little commitment to developing this area. It was hoped that a more positive meeting would be held soon.

Cllr. Lusty stated that he wished there to be more involvement on this project from the Planning Committee; Cllr. Nelson reminded members that all Councillors were welcome to attend and participate in sub-committee meetings, and to become members themselves.

6570 **MINOR MATTERS.**

(a) Kent Minerals & Waste Sites Plan. Information on the proposed plan, and an invitation to participate in a consultation, was **NOTED.**

6571 **ANY OTHER BUSINESS.** None.

**The meeting opened at 7.05pm and closed at 7.33pm**

The foregoing Minutes and Report were confirmed and signed at a meeting of the Planning Committee on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of March 2017.

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ (13.03.2017)