

TENTERDEN TOWN COUNCIL



MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT TENTERDEN TOWN HALL ON 29TH JANUARY 2018

Councillors Present: M. Carter, Mrs. C. Curteis, H. Edwards (Vice-Chairman), Miss N. Gooch, R. Isworth, Dr. L. Lovelidge, Cllr. R. Lusty (Chairman), K. Mulholland and J. Nelson.

Officers Present: Deputy Town Clerk Mrs. C. Gilbert, Accounts Clerk Mrs. J. McCollum and Administrative Assistant Ms. S. Ratcliffe.

Others Present: Cllrs. Mrs. S. Ferguson, H. Hickmott and C. Knowles (not members of this Committee), Ashford Borough Councillor Mr. J. Link and 3 members of the public.

6733 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.** Town Clerk Mr. P. Burgess.

6734 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.** None.

6735 **MINUTES.** The minutes and report of the meeting held on 8th January 2018 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

6736 **MATTERS ARISING.** None.

6737 **MEMBERS' QUESTIONS.** None.

6738 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS.** The Committee considered the following planning applications. It was **RESOLVED** that its recommendations would be submitted.

17/01299/AS **16 St. Michaels Terrace, Grange Road.**
Replacement windows to front elevation on ground floor, first and second floor.
SUPPORT.

17/01893/AS **Haffenden Farm, Bugglesden Road.**
Provision of a new hop processing building with associated staff offices and welfare/comfort facilities.
SUPPORT.

18/00011/AS **Unit 5, Leigh Green Industrial Estate, Appledore Road.**
2 No. proposed ground floor windows to front elevation.
SUPPORT.

- 18/00041/AS** **Swiss Cottage, Appledore Road.**
Erection of a single storey side extension and change of fenestration to render with artificial slate roof tiles and increase in ground level to facilitate new patio.
SUPPORT.
- 18/00044/AS** **54 Shrubcote.**
Two storey side extension.
SUPPORT.
- 18/00048/AS** **Pickhill, Smallhythe Road.**
Proposed agricultural hay and machinery store.
SUPPORT.
- 18/00049/AS** **5 Barnfield.**
Side extension with front and rear facing dormer windows to form attached annexe for dependant family member.
SUPPORT.
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6739 **ASHFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL DECISIONS.** List No. 561 was **NOTED.**

6740 **ASHFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL LOCAL PLAN 2030.**

- (a) Mr. A. Poole of Appledore Road addressed the Committee and requested clarification as to who, following the last planning committee meeting, authorised the press release regarding the additional 50 units on the TENT1B site. Mr. Poole advised that the statement was factually incorrect as it reported that 'on Monday, 8th January the Committee opposed the increase in the number of houses in Tenterden'. At the last Committee meeting, it was unclear whether the plan included the extra units and it was agreed that the discussion would take place at the next Planning Committee meeting.

Cllr. Dr. Lovelidge responded that she had requested the press release be withdrawn as it was incorrect. The process for checking press releases would be discussed at the Internal Committee following this Planning meeting. Cllrs. Carter and Edwards both stated that the press release was correct in that the Council had opposed the additional 50 units, however, the statement as to when this was agreed was inaccurate.

- (b) Mr. Poole stated that the additional 50 units would not push the overall numbers of TENT1A and B combined above the original 475 stated in Masterplan as Phase A had a shortfall of 50 on the predicted levels. Mr. Poole had reviewed the comments made on the Local Plan 2030 and did

feel there was not a great wave of feeling from residents that the Local Plan was flawed. Mr. Poole advised that the Planning Committee thought very carefully about how to approach this matter.

Cllr. Isworth responded that the Tenterden & District Residents Association had been monitoring the development of TENT1A and B from when it was originally proposed and there was an understanding that more compact housing would be located nearer the town, but the housing would peter out as it moved through Phase B. Cllr. Lusty reported that the Council would be consulted on design once it goes through Ashford Borough Council for Planning.

Cllr. Dr. Lovelidge supported Mr. Poole's statement and stated that it would be better for TENT1 B to absorb any additional housing rather than starting a new development elsewhere.

- (c) The process update including the allocation of an additional units at TENT1B, which was circulated with the agenda, was **NOTED**.

6741 **SUB-COMMITTEE & WORKING GROUP REPORTS.** The minutes and developer updates from the TENT1A Steering Group held on 9th January 2018 were **NOTED**.

6742 **ANY OTHER BUSINESS.** None.

The meeting opened at 7.35pm and closed at 8.00pm

The foregoing Minutes and Report were confirmed and signed at a meeting of the Planning Committee on the 19th day of February 2018.

Chairman _____ (19.02.2018)