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Planning and Highways Committee 17th May 2023

Minutes

The Clerk opened the meeting at 7:02pm

In attendance Cllr Andy Rogers (AR) Cllr Paul Bohill (PB) Cllr David Mullan (DM) Cllr Eric Parkinson (EP)

Also in attendance Sarah Evans Community Council Manager (SE CCM)

19/23 To Elect the Chair of Committee

The Clerk opened the meeting and asked Members to Elect a Chair

Resolved: Proposed PB Seconded EP and agreed unanimously to Elect AR as Chair.

20/23 Apologies for absence and approval

Apologies were received from Cllr David Smith, Cllr Andy Hodges and Cllr Steve Campkin and approved.

21/23 Declarations of pecuniary, other significant or voluntary interest

None

22/23 To agree minutes of the March Planning and Highways Committee meeting and sign (attached)

No comments were received from Council on the March Minutes Proposed EP Seconded PB and agreed unanimously the minutes were a true record of meeting and the Chair Signs them.

23/23 To consider responses to Planning applications: -

39 Curtis Road Willesborough Ashford KENT TN24 0DA PA/2023/0299
Two Storey side extension and part two storey part one storey rear extension

Goldilocks Dog Grooming, 8 Swallowfield, Willesborough Ashford TN24 0BX PA/2023/0616

10A Hillside Swallowfield Willesborough Ashford TN24 0BX PA/2023/0688
Proposed two storey side extension and single storey rear extension following demolition of conservatory

b) Any other planning applications received before the date of this meeting

Resolved:- Agreed unanimously no objections to the planning applications and it was noted no further planning applications were received before the meeting. No comments from residents were viewable on the planning portal.

24/23 To review correspondence delegated from Council regarding parking and access to shops and businesses on Newtown Green Road

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Members reviewed correspondence received and considered only the points raised which were within the Community Council powers. It was noted that the comments requiring investigation from Ashford Borough Council were in action.

Resolved:- Agreed unanimously to investigate possibility of disabled parking bay either on Newtown Green Road or in the car park adjacent to the newsagent business.

25/23 To review item delegated from Council May 2023 Use and Management of Car Parks on Newtown.

Resolved:- Members agreed unanimously that 1) the Council objective for a Parking Consultation was the long-term solution for Parking in the area, 2) however the car parks are causing an issue and the legality of the parking fines needed to be investigated. 3) To make a FOIA request for the contract on the parking and to confirm its authority. 4) To investigate the possibility of repair to the wall of the car park with the Ward Borough Councillors on Alfred Road to encourage residents to use it at the June Council meeting, 5) To investigate the authority of the Council to manage the car parks and report back to Council. 6) To follow up with Anthony Baldock from Ashford Borough Council the management of the car parks by Ashford Borough Council. 7) To investigate with the S106 team what funding was in place if any towards the overall parking consultation
Action 1) Cllrs to raise with Ward Borough Councillors at June Council Meeting, 2) SE CCM to make FOIA request 3) SE CCM to research powers of council to manage the car parks 4) SE to contact Anthony Baldock at Ashford Borough Council 5) To investigate with the S106 team what funding was in place if any towards the overall parking consultation

26/23 To receive an update from the Observer to the Board of Directors for Newtown Railway Works.

AR advised members that infrastructure contractors were now being appointed, the three-way traffic light system would soon be implemented, digging up the Newtown road for gas electric and sewage has begun. Also, that a legal challenge had been made on the planning process but not brought to the most recent Ashford Borough Council but due to the Elections, however this may continue over coming months however, work would continue.

27/23 To review a report of the Community Council Manager regarding Potholes on Newtown Road.

Members discussed a previously circulated report and correspondence from residents.

Resolved:- Agreed unanimously to request from KCC the requirements for repairing instances of road damage and to clarify the criteria for surface damage and potholes. To request KCC Cllr Campkin to investigate with KCC possibility of repair. AR to follow up with Ashford Borough Council and the Directors of the Newtown Railway Works Board Ashford International Development Company their responsibilities for repairs and if the Klondyke Company are responsible for repairs.

Actions 1) SC to follow up with KCC. 2) AR To Follow up with Ashford Borough Council and the Ashford international Development Company

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28/23 To review resident correspondence regarding the Motorbike Inhibitors in SWAN and agree actions.

Members discussed previously circulated correspondence and the actions of the Community Council to date on this issue.

Resolved :- Agreed Unanimously 1) To review the barriers for repair and if plastic caps had been put onto the barriers which had been damaged, 2) a) to request measurements are checked for all barriers b) that they comply with the requirements c) raise again that they are not the design which was proposed to the Council d) confirm if the barriers do meet the regulated standard for equality of access.

Actions 1) AR to review barriers, 2) SE CCM to raise items 2 a-d with KCC.

29/23 To review resident correspondence regarding nuisance vehicles affecting Belmont Place and agree.

Members discussed previously circulated correspondence.

Resolved:- Agreed unanimously to review photographs of the area at the next meeting and weigh the impact and benefit of requesting any action

Actions SE CCM to photograph area and to return item to next meeting for review

30/23 To review a report of the Community Council Manager regarding Kings Prospect parking and open space.

Resolved:- Members agreed unanimously to clarify road is adopted 2) if so to request Ward Borough Councillor to arrange for a knee rail to be put around the area.

31/23 To agree the date of the next meeting as 17th May 2023 and any items for the Agenda.

Members corrected the date to 21st June 2023 and agreed to return item 29/23 Belmont Place to the following months agenda.

There being no further business to discuss the Chair closed the Meeting at 7:39pm

Signed _____

Date _____