

South Willesborough and Newtown Community Council

Planning and Highways Committee 20th September 2023

Minutes September 2023

The Chair opened the meeting at 7:01pm

In attendance, Cllr Andy Rogers Chair (AR) Cllr David Mullan (DM) Cllr David Smith (DS) Cllr Andy Hodges (AH) Cllr Steve Campkin (SC) Cllr Eric Parkinson (EP)
Also in attendance Sarah Evans Community Council Manager (SE)

32/23 Apologies for absence and approval

Apologies were received from Cllr Paul Bohill and approved.

33/23 Declarations of pecuniary, other significant or voluntary interest

None

34/23 To agree minutes of the May Planning and Highways Committee meeting and sign (attached)

**Resolved: Having considered any comments made by full Council, the Minutes of the last meeting were agreed as a true record of proceedings and signed by the Chair
Proposed AH Seconded DM and agreed unanimously.**

35/23 To consider responses to Planning applications: -

39 Curtis Road Willesborough Ashford KENT TN24 0DA PA/2023/1435
Single storey and rear extension

1 White Willow Close, Willesborough TN24 0RX PA/2023/0956
Lawful Development Certificate - Proposed change of use of dwelling to provide caring facilities for up to 2no persons.

Plot Adjacent To Units A1 To A5 Isis Business Park, The Courtyard, Orbital Park, Sevington, TN24 0SQ
Details submitted pursuant to conditions 4 (Acoustic barrier), 7 (Noise impact assessments), and 9 (Vehicle parking, loading, off-loading, and turning space) of planning permission PA/2023/0639

Resolved:- Agreed Unanimously no objection to application PA/2023/1435, application PA/2023/0956 has been approved so no comment and no objection to PA/2023/0639

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

Resolved:- Agreed Unanimously 12 Earlsworth Road South Willesborough Ashford PA/2023/1649 to query the use of the extension on the property and to note that scaffolding has been erected is this the start of works or a separate work on the property.

36/23 To review a report of the Community Council Manager regarding an Update on Planning Actions from March to May 2023 and agree actions

Members had an extensive discussion regarding a previously circulated report on the item.

Resolved:- Proposed AR and Seconded DM and agreed unanimously 1) Car park management on Newtown actions were UpToDate. To recommend to Council a letter is written to Ashford Borough Council Planning Department to request S106 funding is considered for Resident Parking Zone for Newtown. That the details on how to apply for a replacement permit are added to the Newsletter. 2) Potholes on Newtown Road that the major repairs had been made, actions were UpToDate, however the action to request from KCC the criteria for pothole repair for future use remained outstanding and is to be followed as an action. 3) Kings Prospect Knee Rail on verge after removal of tree, that KCC had corresponded and advised it would not make the replacement to recommend to Council it investigate the cost and make the repair. 4) Motorbike Inhibitors SWAN, to recommend Council write a letter to request the final removal of the barriers on the grounds of safety and disrepair. 5) Albion Place to note that this has been raised with the Neighbourhood Manager and Housing Officer and to send the chain of correspondence with Ashford Borough Council to this team. 6) Access to Belmont Place to note that a walkabout with the Neighbourhood Management team had not come up with a viable solution that allowed safe and equal access to raise this matter with the PCSOs and PC Josh Wheatley the new Warranted Police Officer for the area. 7) Wainwright Place was raised as an outstanding item and it was noted that a joint consultation with SWANCC and Ashford Borough Council of residents to agree a viable solution had been offered and this item would be referred to Council in October.

Recommendations to Council 1) To write to the Planning Department for S106 funding consideration for the Newtown Resident Parking Zone need. 2) To write to KCC regarding the removal of the motorbike barriers in SWAN on the grounds of safety and disrepair. 3) To include the details on how to renew or replace permits with UKCPM in the newsletter. 4) To write to PC Josh Wheatley to raise the need for enforcement in Belmont Place and Wainwright Place for the misuse of motorbikes and e-scooters in the area. 5) To consider accepting the cost for the installation of a knee rail on the verge which is not preventing parking on Kings Prospect. If agreed to seek permission from KCC.

Actions SE to draft letters for Council Consideration, SE to contact KCC for criteria for repair of potholes.

37/23 To review the application for the Highways Improvement Plan and complete

Resolved:- Proposed EP and Seconded AH and Agreed unanimously 1) Members considered all the objectives of the Community Plan and the earmarked funding of the Council for Highways Improvements and agreed the content of the Highways Improvement Plan and its priorities. This would then be circulated to members to review with the deadline of Wednesday 27th September for its submission.

Priorities in order 2) Parking Management on a) Canterbury Road, b) Alfred Road Wainwright Place c) Mead Road and Gladstone Road d) Turner Close. 3) Speed Indicator Device to be mobile and used to try to manage speed across SWAN.

Action SE to complete Highways Improvement Plan application and circulate to all Members and the Chair of SWANCC.

38/23 To receive an update from the Observer to the Board of Directors for Newtown Railway Works. Cllr Rogers

AR advised the Board Meeting was deferred to 22nd September 2023 and no further updates were given.

Resolved:- AR to request that residents are communicated with on the works schedule to maintain community inclusion in the project and its development.

Action AR to follow up with AIDC Ltd.

39/23 The future fencing or gating of the Klondyke Site to manage parking Cllr Mullan DM advised members that there had been an amendment to original plan of metal railing fences on the site as the first stage of their installation had caused issues with visibility of the road and safe access and exit. That wooden knee rails had been installed and that the amendment to the planning application should be reviewed. That the substantial fencing securing the site alongside Wainwright Place is excellent for security and safety of the site, but also an excellent deterrent for overflow parking onto the already heavily congested Wainwright Place.

Resolved:- Proposed DM Seconded AH and agreed unanimously to recommend to Council to write to the Planning Officer and the Development Company requesting that the fence is maintained for site security and protection as well as car parking management. To comment on the amended planning application with this recommendation.

Action 1) DM to advise SE of details of Klondyke Management Company, 2) SE to raise comment on Planning Application, 3) SE to draft letter for Council review.

40/23 To agree the date of the next meeting as 18th October 2023 and any items for the Agenda.

The date of the next meeting was agreed as 18th October 2023.

DS requested the circulated item from Ashford Borough Council Call for Site for development be reviewed to ensure the continuing protection of the Spinney and the green spaces at Bushy Royds to ensure their continuing protection.

SE advised that the Council were reviewing Community Assets and this item would either be raised at the October Council Agenda or October Planning and Highways Agenda depending on staff time to prepare robust reports.

There being no further business to discuss the Chair closed the meeting at 8:01pm.

Signed Chair _____

Date _____