

18th February 2013

At an Ordinary Meeting of Sandwich Town Council this day present: -

The Mayor (in the Chair)

Councillor Bragg

- “ Butcher
- “ Carter
- “ Mrs Laslett
- “ Leith
- “ Mrs Liote
- “ Mrs Russell
- “ Scollard
- “ Scott
- “ Sneller
- “ Trussler

1. The Mayor informed those present that there are enough interested councillors for the visit to Parliament to go ahead and his secretary is currently making the necessary arrangements in conjunction with Laura Sandys' office. This will not be a Mayoral charity event and Councillors will need to pay for their own tickets and transportation.
2. Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Daw, Graeme and Moorhouse due to work commitments and Cllr Mrs Dunay due to another appointment.
3. There were no declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest or Other Significant Interest.
4. The minutes of the Quarterly Meeting, held on 4th February 2013, were received, approved and signed. Under matters arising therefrom:
Item 15: Cllr Bragg queried whether the letter had now been sent to DDC about the Discovery Parking being part of the Neighbourhood Plan. The Mayor confirmed that a letter to David Whittington had been sent and we are waiting a response, this will take approximately 6 weeks because the matter needs to go to Cabinet.
5. The minutes of the Tourism Committee Meeting, held on 6th February 2013, were received, approved and signed, and the recommendations contained in Items 3 and 6 were approved.
6. The schedule of payments, totalling £7,665.68, was received, approved and signed.
7. It was RESOLVED that Standing Order 1(d) 'Public participation is permitted so long as written notice of the desire to exercise the right to speak and of the topic to be addressed is received by the Town Clerk by 4pm on the Friday before the meeting. Electors will be heard in strict order of notification for a maximum of three minutes each. A fifteen minute time allowance for this purpose is to be allowed'.
A representative of Sandwich Library Guild spoke to the councillors expressing her concern about the future of Sandwich Library. She requested that Sandwich Library

Guild be informed whenever Sandwich Town Council is involved in any correspondence regarding the library and what the town council's responses are. A detailed response shall be made by the Town Clerk's office.

8. The following decisions on planning applications were made for transmission to Dover District Council:

DOV/13/00002 – Replacement bricks to front and side elevation – 45 New Street, Sandwich, CT13 9BB

NO OBJECTIONS as long as the same bonds as existing are used.

TC/13/00014 – Remove one Robinia – The Old Vicarage, 1 Vicarage Lane, Sandwich, CT13 9HJ

DEFERRED until more information can be ascertained as to why this tree needs to be removed.

DOV/13/00066 – Installation of UPVC front door – 41 Whitefriars Meadow, Sandwich, CT13 9AS

NO OBJECTIONS

DOV/13/00076 – Installation of ATM and erection of four security bollards – Total Filling Station, Ramsgate Road, Sandwich, CT13 9NL

NO OBJECTIONS

9. The following planning decisions were reported:

DOV/12/00936 – Erection of a single storey rear extension – Long House, 62 Strand Street, Sandwich, CT13 9HP

GRANTED PERMISSION

DOV/12/00829 – Erection of a chimney – 13 The Chain, Sandwich, CT13 9BJ

GRANTED PERMISSION

DOV/12/00955 – Installation of replacement windows – 23 Bowling Street, Sandwich, CT13 9EY

GRANTED PERMISSION

10. The following planning correspondence was reported:

DOV/12/00386 – Change of use to an equestrian centre, erection of 7 stables, horse walker, construction of a ménage with associated lighting, siting of mobile home incorporating toilets, staff room and changing facilities, relocating of existing shed (existing silos to be demolished)(additional information) - Great Poulders Farm, Poulders Road, Sandwich, CT13 0LX.

The application will be considered at the next meeting of the District Council's Planning Committee which commences at 6pm on 21/02/13.

11. Councillor Carter's resignation from the council committees due to other work commitments was accepted. The Mayor thanked Cllr Carter for his tireless hard work on these committees. There was due to be a six month review of the committee meetings taking place at 6pm that needs to be undertaken. RESOLVED that Cllr Carter's place on the committees will not be filled until the Committees are completely reallocated in May.

12. A report from the Mayor's Secretary containing further information in relation to 'Sandwich Tours' with Capt. R. Williams was received. It was RESOLVED that the request for reciprocal website links and the placement of advertising posters within the Guildhall be declined, the Town Council does not advertise or endorse private businesses.

13. The following correspondence was reported:
- (a) Loo of the Year Awards re. 2013 Awards. RESOLVED that no further action be taken.
 - (b) Kent County Council re. Sandwich Transport Policy. RESOLVED that the Chairman writes a letter in response to Mr J Burr expressing our concern and dismay that he has not responded adequately to the Town Clerk's letter of 8th January, this letter will be carbon copied to the relevant Cabinet Member, the Leader, Cllr Ridings and Nigel Collor at DDC. The logistics of extending the 20mph zone would not be a costly endeavour.
 - (c) Richborough Management Company Ltd re. First Planning Applications Submitted for Richborough Power Station Site. Noted.
 - (d) CASE Kent re. Annual Membership. RESOLVED to apply for membership in the coming financial year at a cost of £30.
 - (e) Kent County Council re. Kent Minerals and Waste Local Plan: Proposed Mineral Safeguarding Areas. It was RESOLVED that Cllr Bragg will study this document and raise any necessary concerns on behalf of the council.
14. District Councillor Carter had nothing of note to Sandwich to report.
- District Councillor Mrs Russell reported that Sandwich Sports Betting, 4 Cattle Market, have made an application under the Gambling Act 2005 for a license at this premises, this is because the business is changing hands.
- District Councillor Butcher reported that there will be two planning applications of interest to the town on the next Planning Committee agenda. The one for Great Poulders Farm (see Item 10) and one regarding a possible village hall in Woodnesborough. Cllr Butcher has concerns about the movement of vehicles in relation to the proposal for Great Poulders Farm (i.e. horse boxes), he feels that a site visit may be necessary.
- Cllr Scollard raised a query with the District Councillors regarding the Land Allocations Pre-Submission Local Plan. He had become aware that the contents of this document had been mentioned at DDC meetings on the 1st and 3rd October but it was some time before the Town Council was made aware of the contents. It was confirmed that the meeting on the 1st October was a Cabinet meeting at which Cllrs Butchers, Carter & Mrs Russell would not have been in attendance. At the meeting on the 3rd October Cllr Butcher abstained from voting and alerted the Town Council to the document at the next town council meeting, Cllr Mrs Russell was not present and Cllr Carter does not remember the details of the meeting. Cllr Mrs Laslett expressed her concern that there appears to have been information in the public domain relating to the town that the Town Council has not been made aware of, she requested that the matter of information sharing between the District and Town Council be put on the agenda.
- District Cllr Mrs Russell raised her concerns about the public meetings that had been hosted by the Chamber of Commerce to discuss the plans for a supermarket in the Guildhall Car Park, she was dismayed that the argument appeared to be one-sided and the justified and lawful responses offered by Nadim Aziz (DDC Chief Executive) were dismissed without consideration.
15. Cllr Bragg reported that the issues between Sandwich Port & Haven Commissioners and the Environment Agency (EA) have reached a satisfactory conclusion with the EA making the necessary changes.