

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of Sandwich Town Council held on Monday 16th September, in the Council Chamber, Guildhall, Sandwich at 7:00pm.

Present: Councillors: The Mayor (in the Chair)

**HJ Bragg
PI Carter
P Graeme
Mrs S Laslett
Mrs V Lioté
MW Moorhouse
Mrs P Russell
JJ Watts**

Officer: Miss L Fidler

24.9.13 MAYOR'S OPENING COMMENTS

The Mayor thanked all those who participated in the Battle of Britain commemoration on the 15th September 2013, the morning was a great success.

25.9.13 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors Daw, Sneller and Trussler who were on holiday. And Councillors Mrs Dunay, Scollard and Scott who had other commitments.

26.9.13 DECLARATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND OTHER SIGNIFICANT INTERESTS

No disclosable pecuniary interests or other significant interests were declared.

27.9.13 MINUTES

The minutes of the Ordinary Town Council Meeting, held on 2nd September 2013, were received, approved and signed with one amendment.

28.9.13 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE ON THE AGENDA

There were no matters arising.

29.9.13 PAYMENT SCHEDULE

The schedule of payments, totalling £3,421.47, was received, approved and signed.

30.9.13 PUBLIC RIGHT TO SPEAK

A local resident, Mr J Pettican, spoke to the Council about the following planning application:

DOV/13/00410 – Great Poulders Farm, Poulders Road, Sandwich, CT13 0LX – Change of use to an equestrian centre, erection of 8 stables, horse walker, construction of a menage with associated lighting, conversion of existing building to provide reception, office and staff welfare facilities, and relocation of existing shed (existing silos to be demolished).

Mr Pettican reiterated the points that he raised at the Council meeting of 2nd September and asked the Town Council to consider requesting that Cllr Butcher resigns from DDC's Planning Committee.

31.9.13 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Members considered the following planning applications:

(i) DOV/13/00718 – Site at Pillory Wharf, Strand Street, Sandwich, CT13 9EU

Renewal of Planning Permission DOV/10/00421 for the erection of a detached building incorporating 6 flats together with the erection of a car port with terrace above (existing building to be demolished).

RESULTION: Raise no objections.

(ii) DOV/13/00731 – Discovery Park, Sites East & West of Ramsgate Road, Sandwich, CT13 9ND – Scoping Opinion ES methodology.

RESOLUTION: Noted. Further information about the methodology being employed will be sought at the pre-meeting with Discovery Park on 6th November 2013.

32.9.13 PLANNING DECISIONS

Members received a report on planning decisions from Dover District Council, as follows:

DOV/11/00165 – 15 The Butchery, Sandwich – External alterations to facilitate change of use.

GRANTED PERMISSION

DOV/13/00082 – Guestling Cottage, Ash Road, Sandwich, CT13 9HZ – Removal of six Willow trees. RAISE NO OBJECTIONS

DOV/13/00546 – Public Conveniences, The Quay, Sandwich – Removal and re-instatement of six bollards.

GRANTED PERMISSION

DOV/13/00547 – 10 Bollards to SE Side of Toll Bridge, The Quay, Sandwich, CT13 9EN – Removal and re-instatement of ten bollards.

GRANTED PERMISSION

DOV/13/00548 – Sandwich Toll Bridge, Ramsgate Road, Sandwich, CT13 9QR – Proposed construction of flood defence walls including relocation of listed bollards to both sides of Southern abutment.

GRANTED PERMISSION

DOV/13/00554 – Blue Roof, Manwood Road, Sandwich, CT13 9JU – Erection of side extension and front porch extension (existing porch to be demolished)

GRANTED PERMISSION

DOV/13/00463 – Little Paddocks 1 North Poulders Farm, Richborough Road, Sandwich, CT13 9JE – Erection of a first floor extension with Juliette balcony and associated works.

GRANTED PERMISSION

DOV/13/00511 – Lundenwic, Deal Road, Sandwich, CT13 0BU – Erection of a detached dwelling and creation of vehicular access.

REFUSE PLANNING PERMISSION

DOV/13/00635 – 35 Harnet Street, Sandwich, CT13 9ES – Renewal of Listed Building Consent DOV/10/00694 for the conversion of ground and first floor to residential dwelling and alterations to front elevation.

GRANTED PERMISSION

DOV/13/00613 – Apple Tree Cottage, 49 St Georges Road, Sandwich, CT13 9LE – Erection of a single storey rear extension and a detached garage (existing garage to be demolished).

GRANTED PERMISSION

DOV/13/00572 – Cedar House, Sandown Road, Sandwich, CT13 9NT –
Erection of a porch.
GRANTED PERMISSION

33.9.13 PLANNING CORRESPONDENCE

There was no planning correspondence to report.

34.9.13 AMENDMENT TO PUBLIC FOOTPATH ES9

The latest correspondence from Ms Melanie McNeir, Public Right of Way and Commons Registration Officer at KCC's Regulatory Services Group, was considered in relation to Public Footpath ES9 (route through the Sandwich Leisure Park).

RESOLUTION: Although it has been over six years since the initial enquiry the Council is still concerned that this footpath has been moved unlawfully; footpaths should be kept in perpetuity unless changed by an Act of Parliament and the Council believes the process has been abused. A letter will be written to Ms McNeir detailing these concerns and County Councillor Ridings will be copied into this correspondence.

35.9.13 FINANCE

Members received the Statement of Accounts for the period ending 31st July 2013.

RESOLUTION: That this information be noted.

36.9.13 TRAFFIC & TRANSPORT

Councillor Carter expressed his strong concerns regarding the repeated number of traffic incidents in the town, such as speeding motorists, inconsiderate drivers, problems with double decker buses and other large vehicles and the lack of pedestrian crossings on school routes. The Council was in agreement that the number of problems is of a great concern.

RESOLUTION:

(i) When a response has been received to the questions raised with Ann Barnes, Kent Police & Crime Commissioner, the matter will be returned to the Council.

(ii) In April County Councillor Ridings informed the Council that Deal Road, outside of Sandwich Technology School, will be made a 30mph zone and a 20mph zone flashing speed sign will be installed in High Street. A letter will be written asking Cllr Ridings when these measures will be implemented.

37.9.13 RESPONSE TO A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC

The Mayor Cllr Bernard Butcher left the Council Chamber for this item and the Deputy Mayor Cllr Paul Graeme took the Chair.

Members considered the concerns raised by Mr J Pettican at the Council meeting of 2nd September 2013, which were reiterated at meeting of the day, and considered how to respond. A lengthy discussion ensued about what authority Sandwich Town Council had on the matter.

Cllr Moorhouse left the meeting at 8pm to attend to another commitment before the vote was cast.

RESOLUTION: A letter will be written to DDC requesting that the outcome of the planning DOV/13/00410 be justified: was the application considered in the appropriate timeframes and what was the application of law.

The Mayor returned to the Council Chamber after the resolution.

38.9.13 SANDWICH TOWN TIDAL DEFENCES

(i) At a pre-meeting of the Council the Environment Agency provided an update on the Sandwich Town Tidal Defences work. It was apparent that some of the details have changed from that of the original planning application. The Mayor explained that the original planning application was approved pending some information that would be submitted and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority (the officers).

RESOLUTION: The Clerk will write to the relevant Local Planning Authority officer and request that we be informed about any amendments and changes as they occur.

(ii) Members considered whether the offer of a free Building Condition Survey of the public conveniences on the Quay should be accepted.

RESOLUTION: That a survey be requested.

39.9.13 QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

The Sandwich Town Council newsletter for Oct – Dec 2013 was considered and Ms T Weir was congratulated on her efforts.

RESOLUTION: The newsletter was approved for distribution.

40.9.13 CORRESPONDENCE

Members considered the following correspondence:

(i) A letter from Paul Carter, Leader of Kent County Council, re. Sandwich Junior School and a copy of our previous correspondence.

RESOLUTION: That this information be noted.

(ii) A letter from Pam Brivio, Secretary of Dover Fairtrade Town Network, re. the Fair Trade campaign.

RESOLUTION: That Ms Brivio be invited to a pre-meeting of the Council to discuss the Fair Trade campaign.

(iii) An email from Ros Daniels, Secretary Sandwich Lawn Tennis Club, re. permission to use the Sandwich Coat of Arms.

RESOLUTION: That permission be given for Sandwich Lawn Tennis Club to use the Sandwich Coat of Arms on the club's centenary shirts.

41.9.13 REPORT OF DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Cllr Mrs Russell reported that:

- There are a number of planning applications in the pipeline concerning fracking and solar panels; Councillors should start to consider where they stand on these issues.

Cllr Carter reported he has raised the following issues with Dover District Council:

- Where does DDC stand on fracking?

- What does the Scrutiny Committee think of Kent Police & Crime Commissioner Ann Barnes' comments about further budget cuts (these comments were initially made to a meeting with Sandwich Town Council).
- Traffic and transportation problems that need to be addressed by Dover Joint Transport Board.

And there will be a Scrutiny Committee meeting on 23/09/13 to discuss the proposed closure to some children's centres.

42.9.13

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 7th October 2013, at 7 pm, in the Council Chamber (Ordinary Meeting).

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____

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Parish council - Sandwich

There were 204 calls received during the past month for the areas of Sandwich and Eastry currently there are no areas of concern. Three calls related to nuisance youths these were at different locations and currently there isn't any patterns developing. There have been a number of calls from local residents reporting vehicles speeding in the town during the evenings. During the past week speed checks were carried out in Sandown road, during the checks a motor cyclist was stopped and reported for a number of traffic offences. During speed checks on a Wednesday evening recently a motor cyclist was stopped and reported for excess speed which was 96 MPH.

PC Woodland and I have been using the Phoenix centre on a regular basis which has enabled us to spend more time in the area during our shifts.

Crimes of note

Crimes between since April 2013- July 2013 shown a decrease of 1 crime, however there have been a number of crimes reported in August 13 which when published may show an increase of crimes. One of the areas of concern currently is theft of pedal cycles that have been left in an in secure manner members of the public will be advised to secure their bikes via poster and Twitter.

Anti-social behaviour and other incidents of note

No areas of concern currently.

Updates of previous reported issues

N/A.