

Sandwich Town Council to Sandwich Toll Bridge Fund and then reduce the rates.

- The draft budget was approved for 2013/14, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes.

33.12.13 PAYMENT SCHEDULE

The schedule of payments, totalling £3,858.28, was received, approved and signed.

34.12.13 PUBLIC RIGHT TO SPEAK

No requests to speak were received from members of the public.

35.12.13 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Members considered the following planning applications:

(i) DOV/13/0996 – Erection of a single storey front extension and two storey side extension – 2 Sunnyside Gardens, Sandwich, CT13 0QH.

RESOLUTION: Recommend for approval, no objections.

(ii) DOV/13/01013 – Installation of replacement refrigerant system (existing system to be removed) – Building 902, East Side, Pfizer Ltd, Ramsgate Road, Sandwich, CT13 9NJ.

RESOLUTION: Recommend for approval, no objections.

(iii) DOV/13/01039 – Erection of a single storey side and rear extensions and first floor rear extension – 32 Millwall Place, Sandwich, CT13 9BQ

RESOLUTION: Recommend for approval, no objections.

(iv) DOV/13/01040 - Erection of single storey side and rear extensions, a first floor rear extension and associated internal alterations - 32 Millwall Place, Sandwich, CT13 9BQ

RESOLUTION: Recommend for approval, no objections.

(v) DOV/13/00998 – Retrospective application for erection of a log cabin to be used as a shop (Use Class A1) – Delf Nursery, Deal Road, Sandwich, CT13 0BU.

RESOLUTION: That this application be positively supported, there were no objections to raise.

(vi) DOV/13/01010 – Erection of a detached dwelling and creation of vehicular access – Lundenwic, Deal Road, Sandwich, CT13 0BU

RESOLUTION: Recommend refusal for reasons relating to the highway: the junction involved in the proposal is very busy and potentially dangerous; there is a poor sight line when leaving the residence (there is a bus stop and bend that obscures visibility); turning right into the residence cuts across traffic, and the proposal is too intensive for vehicular access.

Cllr Carter and Cllr Wood asked that their abstention from voting be recorded.

36.12.13 PLANNING DECISIONS

The following planning decisions were reported:

DOV/13/00846 – Barclays Bank, 2 Cattle Market, Sandwich, CT13 9AG – Remove existing counterline – GRANTED PERMISSION.

DOV/13/00837 – Old Cottage & Land Adjoining Loop Street, Sandwich, CT13 9HE – Erection of a detached garage, 1.8m high walls, fencing and change of use of land to garden land (existing garage to be demolished) – GRANTED PERMISSION.

DOV/13/00686 – OFP Ltd, Sandwich Industrial Estate, Sandwich, CT13 9LN – Change of use to a garage and MOT station – GRANTED PERMISSION.

DOV/13/00814 – 3 Harnet Street, Sandwich, CT13 9ES – Change of use and conversion to single residential dwelling with variation of Condition 2 of Planning Permission DOV/10/00927 to allow bedrooms on the first floor – GRANTED PERMISSION.

37.12.13 PLANNING CORRESPONDENCE

There was no planning correspondence to receive.

38.12.13 HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION

Members considered the following matters:

(i) A response from David Brazier, Cabinet Member for Transport & Environment, to the Council's concerns about the proposed amendments to Ramsgate Road was received. It was apparent that Mr Brazier had misunderstood the request from the Council and another way of working with Highways & Transportation needed to be identified.

RESOLUTION: There are a number of serious traffic related problems across the town, the Council will put together a detailed submission, to be finalised by late January, of all the issues for submission to KCC. A site meeting will then be requested with KCC to discuss these problems. Cllr Moorhouse will write a report regarding Ramsgate Road and others, Cllr Trussler will do the same for Dover Road; this information will be collated by the Clerk.

Cllr Carter requested that his vote against this motion be recorded.

(ii) Members considered a motion from Cllr Mrs Laslett that KCC be asked to consider providing permanent parking restrictions (or resident permits) on St. George's Road to address the issue of obstruction that is caused by heavy farm vehicles accessing the bay, people who work in the town using the road to avoid parking charges and coaches and cars dropping off pupils at the beginning and end of the school day. Cllr Mrs Laslett added that KCC Highways have informed residents in St Georges Rd of temporary parking restrictions which will be in place until November 2014 to ensure unobstructed access to the bay for Environment Agency construction traffic.

RESOLUTION: Cllr Mrs Laslett will write a report on this matter to be included in the detailed submission mentioned above (Item. 38.12.13 (i)).

39.12.13 KENT POLICE

To consider a motion from Cllr Wood that Kent Police and Crime Commissioner Ann Barnes be invited to attend a public meeting in Sandwich to discuss the Policing requirements for the town. The town's police constable is now based in Dover and further Police funding cuts are planned, an opening meeting would give local residents to ask Mrs Barnes about what further changes are planned.

RESOLUTION: Mrs Barnes will be invited to attend the Annual Town Meeting to receive questions from local residents.

40.12.13 FLOODING ALERT

Members received information from Cllr Watts regarding communication during the recent severe flooding alert. Members discussed the different experiences and problems (such as vulnerable residents not being identified and assisted in all areas, sandbag distribution issues and problems with accessing updated information).

RESOLUTION: The Clerk will identify which organisation(s) are conducting a review of the actions taken during the red alert (DDC, KCC, Environment Agency, etc) and collate a list of the problems that need to be considered to ensure that future emergencies are dealt with in the most efficient way possible. Cllr Mrs Russell will also continue to develop the Sandwich Emergency Plan, it was unfortunate that her training for this plan came a week after the emergency flood alert.

41.12.13 COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

The Mayor invited Cllr Wood to be a member of the Committees vacated by his predecessor.

RESOLUTION: Cllr Wood accepted membership on the Advisory Committee and Finance Committee.

42.12.13 CORRESPONDENCE

Members considered the following correspondence:

(i) A letter from Mr J Moore regarding mosquitoes in Sandwich. There was an area in the marshes that wasn't sprayed by DDC this year due to permission from the land owners not being available; there is only a two week window in the year when spraying can take place.

RESOLUTION: Cllr Mrs Russell will get information about the processes used by DDC and what effect they have on the local ecosystem. And a letter will be written to DDC requesting that they review their procedure for spraying and take positive action to acquire the landowner's permission for land access in 2014.

43.12.13 REPORT OF DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

Cllr Mrs Russell had no updates to provide.

Cllr Carter reported on the following matters:

- The latest DDC newsletter is available online (or printed copies can be requested);
- Deal Pier will be opened for Boxing Day and New Years Day;
- The Clinical Commissioning Group have produced a new app to assist patients to access services.
- The Zebra Crossing on the A256 Ramsgate Road (in the Discovery Park) is being upgraded to a Puffin Crossing.
- DDC has called on the Government to freeze Business Rates in 2014/15.
- DDC has produced a new events toolkit.

Cllr Carter also provided a message of thanks, on behalf of the District Council, to all those that helped during the flood warning.

44.12.13 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 6th January 2014, at 7 pm, in the Council Chamber (Ordinary Meeting).

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____