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PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Members considered the following planning applications:

(i) **DOV/13/01054** – 21 Strand Street, Sandwich, CT13 9DX - Removal of tiles to rear roof slopes and replace with natural slate, installation of soil/vent pipe through rear roof.

RESOLUTION: No objections, recommend approval.

(ii) **TC/13/00158** – 2 Old Cottages, The Butts, Sandwich, CT13 9HY – Fell a Eucalyptus tree.

RESOLUTION: No objections, recommend approval.

(iii) **DOV/13/01046** – 4 New Cottages, The Butts, Sandwich, CT13 9HQ – Erection of a detached dwelling.

RESOLUTION: Recommend refusal due to the impact on character of surroundings (visual impairment) and road safety.

(iv) **DOV/13/01001** – Building 528, (East Side) Pfizer Ltd, Ramsgate Road, Sandwich, CT13 9NJ – Erection of a detached modular building, construction of a hard standing ramp.

RESOLUTION: No objections, recommend approval.

(v) **DOV/14/00007** - Stevens & Carlotti, Pembroke Works, Ramsgate Road, Sandwich, CT13 9ST - Installation of 501 solar panels to western facing roofslope and 420 to eastern facing roofslope.

RESOLUTION: No objections, recommend approval.

(vi) **DOV/14/00014** – 3 Guestling Mill Court, Strand Street, Sandwich, CT13 9HN – Erection of a two storey extension and porch.

RESOLUTION: No objections, recommend approval.

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PLANNING DECISIONS

The following planning decisions were reported:

(i) **DOV/13/00996** – 2 Sunnyside Gardens, Sandwich, CT13 0QH – Erection of a single storey front extension and two storey side extension – GRANTED PERMISSION.

(ii) **DOV/13/00797** – Sandwich Tidal Flood Defences, Sandwich, CT13 – Realignment and construction of a new earth embankment in Reaches 8 and 11, as part of the new Sandwich Tidal Flood Defences – GRANTED PERMISSION.

(iii) **DOV/13/00913** – Ashcroft House, 171 Dover Road, Sandwich, CT13 0DD – Erection of a single storey side extension – GRANTED PERMISSION.

(iv) **DOV/13/00901** – Bell Hotel, Upper Strand Street, Sandwich, CT13 9EF – Formation of a new opening with glazed entrance doors, handrails and wall – GRANTED PERMISSION

(v) **DOV/14/00034** – 24 Millwall Place, Sandwich, CT13 9BQ – The development is for internal alterations only to join 26 & 24 Mill Wall Place into a single house by installing new door openings between two properties – PERMISSION NOT REQUIRED.

(vi) **DOV/13/00985** – 5 Upper Strand Street, Sandwich, CT13 9EE – Erection of a single storey rear extension, installation of replacement windows and doors to rear and associated internal alterations – GRANTED PERMISSION.

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PLANNING CORRESPONDENCE

The following planning correspondence was considered:

(i) Letter from Jo Wadey, Strategic Planning Officer Thanet District Council, regarding Neighbourhood Planning Consultations for Cliffsend and Margate.

RESOLUTION: That this information be noted.

(ii) Letter from John Prosser, Minerals and Waste Planning Policy Manager, regarding the Public Consultation of the Pre Submission Document Draft of the Kent Minerals & Waste Local Plan.

RESOLUTION: That this information be noted with reservations; any changes to the plan will be considered in further detail.

(iii) Cllr Moorhouse to provide information on the installation of bollards at Hazelwood Meadow and railings at Laburnum Avenue and Burch Avenue by East Kent Housing. Although there are merits with these developments there have been some residents who have been adversely affected by the changes.

RESOLUTION: Cllr Moorhouse will contact DDC Cllr Sue Chandler, Portfolio Holder for House, Children's Services and Safeguarding, Youth and Community Safety to discuss the problems.

(iv) Cllr Mrs Russell provided information from East Kent Against Fracking about possible financial incentives from central government and the industry to encourage development of the UK's shale gas industry.

RESOLUTION: That this information be noted. If and when planning applications for testing and extracting gas and oil come before the Council for consideration they will be judged on the specific merits of each application.

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HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION

Members considered the following matters:

(i) Letters from Andy Fisher, School Business Manager Sandwich Technology School, and John Burr, Director of Highways and Transportation KCC, regarding coach pick-ups in Dover Road. The rationale behind the school's decision to allow coach collection on Dover Road four afternoons per week was discussed, it was felt that the duty of care to the local residents on Dover Road had not been given adequate consideration.

The Deputy Mayor, Cllr Graeme left the meeting during this discussion to attend a prior commitment.

RESOLUTION: Sandwich Technology School will be asked to identify another drop off/pick solution to alleviate the traffic problems in this area; such as a car park on Deal Road. They will be invited to speak with the Council if they require any assistance.

Cllr Carter had reminded the Council that he is a governor for the school.

(ii) An email from Terry Martin, County Secretary KALC, regarding Government Consultation on Local Authority Parking Strategies. The Town Team and Chamber of Commerce will be responding to this consultation. And the Town Team will be making recommendations specific to Sandwich to the Council for approval. Cllr Scollard requested that the Town Team considers the problem with disabled permit holders causing an obstruction when parking on double yellow lines and the confusion that might ensue from having 'grace periods' on parking spaces.

RESOLUTION: That this information be noted.

(iii) A report from Cllrs Moorhouse, Mrs Laslett and Cllr Trussler regarding various parking and traffic issues within the town. Cllr Moorhouse explained that this report is not a definitive list of all the traffic problems within the town, but a first draft of the key problems, which can be added to in the future.

RESOLUTION: The content and recommendations contained within this report were accepted. The report will now be passed to KCC Highways & Transportation and a meeting with a traffic engineer to discuss the issues will be requested.

~~(iv) To consider a proposal from Cllr Carter that a Traffic Forum meeting be requested.~~ Cllr Carter withdrew this item from the agenda.

Cllr Graeme, re-entered the meeting at this point.

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QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

A draft copy of the January – March 2014 newsletter was received

RESOLUTION: The newsletter was approved for distribution with a couple of minor amendments. Miss Weir was congratulated on her efforts.

- 14.01.14 STANDING ORDERS**
Members received a copy of the Standing Orders with statutory and suggested amendments.
RESOLUTION: All amendments were accepted and this document was adopted.
- 15.01.14 FINANCE**
Members received the Statement of Accounts for the period ending 30th November 2013 and 31st December 2013.
RESOLUTION: To note this information.
- 16.01.14 HUMAN RESOURCES**
Members received a report from the Town Clerk regarding human resources and personnel.
RESOLUTION: That a new three year contract with Peninsula Business Services be started at a cost of £112.00 per month.
- 17.01.14 CORRESPONDENCE**
Members received the following correspondence:
(i) A letter from a local resident expressing concerns about a business on Ramsgate Road. It was acknowledged that the business's refuse and rubbish has become an eyesore and may be an issue of environmental health and the guidance that the local resident had received from the District Council is incorrect.
RESOLUTION: A letter will be written to DDC requesting that this issue be investigated and the necessary actions be taken to ensure the business is acting lawfully. The local resident will be informed that this action has been taken.
(ii) To consider attendance at a 'Meet the Commissioner Event' on the 22nd January 2014 at Folkestone Quarterhouse.
RESOLUTION: To note this information. Cllr Mrs Russell will already be attending this event and will feedback any necessary information to the Council.
- 18.01.14 REPORT OF DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**
Cllr Mrs Russell provided an update on the following:
- The Coastal Access Route;
- The temporary road closure on Woodnesborough Road;
- The NHS consultation on out patient services;
- Active Sports Grants.
Cllr Carter had nothing further to report.
Cllr Scott provided feedback from the Kent International Airport Consultative Committee Meeting that took place on 14th January 2014, a copy of which is attached to the official minutes.
- 19.01.14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**
Monday 3rd February 2014, at 7 pm, in the Council Chamber (Ordinary Meeting).

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____

Parish council - Sandwich

Between 01/12/2013 and 31/12/2013, there have been 180 calls received for the area of Sandwich, Woodnesborough and Worth. The reason for the high amount of calls during the December period is due to the bad weather. There were no calls relating to ASB in December.

Crimes of note

On the recorded crime statistics, it shows from April – November 2013 that there have been 228 crimes reported in the Sandwich area. This is an increase of 14 crimes since the last report. Currently, there is not a pattern for particular crime. PCSO Norton and PCSO Lee are continuing to work closely with the businesses in town to prevent and deter shoplifters, which seems to be successful.

Anti-social behaviour and other incidents of note

Currently, there are no areas of concern

Updates of previous reported issues

PCSO Norton and PCSO Lee have conducted 2 speed enforcement checks in Sandown Road and High Street, but no vehicles have been stopped for excessive speed.