

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of Sandwich Town Council held Monday 27th March 2017, in the Council Chamber, Guildhall, Sandwich at 7:00pm.

Present: Councillors: The Mayor, Cllr Graeme (in the chair)

**HJ Bragg
PI Carter
RA Daw
Mrs JL Dunay
JE Franklin
D Friend
MJ Holloway
Mrs VA Lioté
MW Moorhouse
JO Sneller
JJ Watts**

Officer: Miss L Fidler

01.03.17 MAYOR'S OPENING COMMENTS

The Mayor thanked everyone for their support at the P&O Choir fundraising event, nearly £2,100 was raised.

02.03.17 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Gisbey (family commitment), Cllr Ms O'Donoghue (holiday), Cllr Trim (unwell) and Cllr Wood (work commitment).

03.03.17 DECLARATION OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND OTHER SIGNIFICANT INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

04.03.17 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Ordinary Town Council meeting held on 27th February 2017 were received, approved as accurate and signed. It was confirmed that a response to the Thanet Parkway Public Consultation had been made and assurances that Sandwich Station would not face a reduced service were pending.

05.03.17 PAYMENT SCHEDULE

The schedule of payments, totalling £22,028.81, was received, approved and signed.

06.03.17 PUBLIC RIGHT TO SPEAK

Various concerns regarding planning application 17/00280 | *Erection of 67no. dwellings, single and double garages, new vehicular access, associated parking and landscaping (demolition of 121 Dover Road) | Former Kumor Nursery and 121 Dover Road, Sandwich, CT13 0DA* were raised by Mrs J Taylor and Mr Ian Black.

07.03.17 CRIME STATISTICS & COMMUNITY SAFETY

Councillors received a report from Miss L Fidler, Town Clerk, setting out the most recent crime and anti-social behaviour statistics available via the Police.UK website (January 2017) and comparing them against the statistics for the same month in 2016. Cllr Carter noted that there appears to have been a recent spate of problems, more recently than the statistics available.

RESOLUTION: That this information be noted and it was agreed that an officer from Kent Police, who can answer questions of an operational nature, will be asked to attend the meeting between the Council and the Police & Crime Commissioner on the 5th April.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS (application plans and papers were available to view in advance of the meeting via the Dover District Council website – use of a computer in the Town Clerk’s office was possible by arrangement)

(i) 17/00067 | Erection of single storey rear extension, alterations and replacement of rain water goods, installation of security cameras to front and rear, satellite dish to rear elevation, replacement of first floor window, demolition and rebuild of existing rear wc extension and landscaping | Pellicane House, 22 High Street, Sandwich, CT13 9EB

RESOLUTION: The Council has no objections to most of the application, however, installation of security cameras to the front of the property was strongly opposed as these would not be appropriate within the conservation area.

(ii) 17/00068 | Erection of single storey garden room extension, rebuild of existing single storey wc addition, security cameras to front and rear elevation, satellite dish to rear elevation. Internal alterations to include: new opening and erection of partition wall to 1st floor to form new ensuite; partition wall to 2nd floor; damp repair work to cellar. | Pellicane House, 22 High Street, Sandwich, CT13 9EB

RESOLUTION: The same as for DOV/17/00067 (above).

(iii) 17/00145 | Installation of extractor fan and exhaust flue | 12 Honfleur Road, Sandwich, CT13 0QW

RESOLUTION: To raise no objections.

(iv) 17/00149 | Erection of a two storey side extension | Stour Lodge, Sandown Road, Sandwich, CT13 9JZ

RESOLUTION: To raise no objections.

(v) 17/00231 | Installation of 15.0m lattice tower to support 6 antennas and 2 dishes with 4 equipment cabinets | Land off A256, South of Monks Wall, Ramsgate Road, Sandwich, CT13 9FR

RESOLUTION: To raise no objections; 4G communication in and around Sandwich should be a priority.

(vi) 17/00239 | Erection of a single storey rear extension | Mariners, Sandown Road, Sandwich, CT13 9NY

RESOLUTION: To raise no objections.

(vii) 17/00280 | Erection of 67no. dwellings, single and double garages, new vehicular access, associated parking and landscaping (demolition of 121 Dover Road) | Former Kumor Nursery and 121 Dover Road, Sandwich, CT13 0DA. Written representation from two local residents in response to this application (both against the proposal) were shared with the Council.

RESOLUTION: To strongly recommend refusal based on the following material considerations:

- **Highways safety: there is insufficient parking and access space along Dover Road to accommodate this development. And pedestrian safety - there are a significant number of students who access Sandwich Technology School via Dover Road who often need to walk in the road due to the shallow depth of the pavements, wheelchair users and anyone with a pram or similar also need to walk in the road on occasions;**
- **Capacity of physical infrastructure: the public drainage and water systems in this area are already known to be over-stretched;**
- **Density of building design: insufficient parking for visitors and contractors has been allowed in the proposal given the number of dwellings that are planned.**

The local residents were also congratulated on their hard work researching this application.

(viii) 17/00247 | Installation of rooflights to existing kitchen extension and rear roofslope | The Apple Tree, 41 High Street, Sandwich, CT13 9EG

RESOLUTION: To raise no objections.

(ix) 17/00252 | Formation of a vehicular crossover | No.3, Poulders Gardens, Sandwich, CT13 0BE

RESOLUTION: To raise no objections.

09.03.17

The Following planning decisions were reported from Dover District Council:

(i) 17/00089 | Insertion of ground floor window to side elevation | 1 Whitefriars Meadow, Sandwich, CT13 9AS | GRANTED PERMISSION

(ii) 17/00055 | Erection of a single storey rear extension | 27 Wantsome Lees, Sandwich, CT13 9JF | GRANTED PERMISSION

(iii) 17/00052 | Change of use from store/changing room to classroom and installation of windows | Site at Sandwich Technology School, Deal Road, Sandwich, CT13 0FA | GRANTED PERMISSION

(iv) 17/00059 | Installation of replacement windows and doors | 7 Aynsley Court, Strand Street, Sandwich, CT13 9DU | GRANTED PERMISSION

(v) 17/00011 | Creation of external doorway | Bell Hotel, Upper Strand Street, Sandwich, CT13 9EF | GRANTED PERMISSION

(vi) 17/00012 | Insert external doorway, infill internal opening and insert ramp to form bin store | Bell Hotel, Upper Strand Street, Sandwich, CT13 9EF | GRANTED PERMISSION

(vii) 16/01139 | Erection of an algae farming facility with associated external loading area and vehicular access | Land at Haig Drive, Ramsgate Road, Sandwich, CT13 9FF | GRANTED PERMISSION

10.03.17

HIGHWAYS & TRANSPORTATION

Councillors received and considered a proposal from Cllr. Friend that application be made by Sandwich Town Council to Kent County Council for double yellow lines on the stretch of St Barts road nearest the junction with Dover Road.

RESOLUTION: The Council supports this proposal and the matter will be raised with KCC, funding from S106 money if necessary will be considered.

11.03.17

FINANCE

Councillors received the Sandwich Town Council statement of accounts as at 28th February 2017.

RESOLUTION: That this information be noted.

12.03.17

SANDWICH TOURISM STRATEGY

Members received and considered a proposal from Laura Fidler, Town Clerk, regarding various proposals that would feed into a tourism strategy for Sandwich.

RESOLUTIONS:

(i) **Sandwich Town Council will pay £1,000 (from the 2017/18 Miscellaneous Budget) to become an investor in Visit Kent for one year.**

(ii) **Sandwich Town Council will pay £1,000 (from the 2017/18 Miscellaneous Budget) to ensure Sandwich's involvement in DDC's visitor survey.**

13.03.17

LICENSING

Councillors received and considered the Dover District Council licence application from The Salutation for extended hours for the sale of alcohol, playing music and exhibiting film. Cllr Watts stated that local residents may be concerned about the proposal, however, the management of this business have worked hard to keep local residents informed of their plans and this has allayed many concerns.

RESOLUTION: The Council fully supports this proposal.

14.03.17

UPDATES FROM TOWN COUNCILLORS REGARDING OUTSIDE BODIES ON WHICH THEY REPRESENT SANDWICH TOWN COUNCIL

Cllr. Franklin reported on the latest Dover Joint Transport Board meeting, at which new coach parking and disabled parking bays seemed to be the priority.

Cllr. Carter reported that the White Mill AGM was very succinct but the management committee are working hard and the Mill and buildings are being well looked after. It was

AGREED that a set of accounts for the White Mill Rural Heritage Centre would be requested.

15.03.17 REPORT OF DISTRICT COUNCILLORS ON MATTERS DIRECTLY RELATED TO SANDWICH

Cllr Holloway reported:

- On the outcome of the unsuccessful vote to progress with the East Kent Council's merger. The four district Council are now considering alternative models, as it is clear that something will need to be done, or the district councils risk going bankrupt in a few years. Concern had been expressed by some of the smaller parishes that they would cease to exist or be forced to amalgamate but this had never been planned, although some sharing of resources would be beneficial.

- The next *A New Vision for Sandwich* Project Board meeting will be held on 13th April and KCC are progressing well with their roadwork and traffic schemes, however, the Guildhall Project has not moved forward without the Heritage Development Officer being in place, procurement is underway.

- Progress on Bell Lane is moving forward, bollards will be installed in April and then the bins will be removed on the 17th May.

- On the need for STC and stakeholders to be working together to ensure that the Open Golf 2020 is also a success for Sandwich town, Cllr Holloway is already doing some research and networking on the matter. It was AGREED that an informal meeting of the Council will be arranged to discuss the matter in April.

Cllr Carter reported:

- A review of the Lane Allocations Local Plan has been announced and residents will be invited to put new land forward for possible future development.

- DDC has purchased the land in Whitfield for the new District Leisure Centre and a contractor is being identified for the development.

- A meeting with Southern Water identified that there are a number of sewage problems linked to new housing developments.

16.03.17 REPORT FROM MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT ON MATTERS DIRECTLY RELATED TO SANDWICH

No report was available.

17.03.17 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 24th April 2017, at 7pm, in the Council Chamber, Guildhall (**Ordinary Meeting**).