



SANDGATE PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of a PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING
Held at 6pm on Tuesday 16th September 2014

At Sandgate Parish Council/Library Offices
James Morris Court, Sandgate High Street, Sandgate.

These Minutes will only be deemed to be a correct record of the meeting when approved and signed at the next meeting

The meeting started at 6pm. There were 7 members of the public in attendance.

Present: **Chairman** **Cllr Gary Fuller**
 Councillors **Marjorie Findlay-Stone, Leo Griggs and Tim Prater**

Parish Clerk **A Oates**

1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllrs Nina Bliss, Michael Fitch and Vannessa Reay
2. **Declarations of Interest** – none declared
3. **Minutes of the last meeting** – the minutes of the meeting held on 12th August, having been previously circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed.
 Proposed by: Cllr Leo Griggs
 Seconded by: Cllr Tim Prater
 Agreed by all
4. **Planning applications for discussion**
 - 4.1 The Chairman changed the order of the applications.
 - 4.2 Mrs Linda Rene-Martin spoke of her objections to 143 Sandgate High Street.

Y14/0988/SH	143 Sandgate High Street	Installation of replacement rear dormer window together with other external alterations	Received 11 September 2014 Comments by 30 September Objection For: 3; Against: 0; Abstention: 1 Interest declared: 0 We object on the grounds that the overall size and design of the dormer window, which is highly visible from the public domain, would dominate the roof slope of the host property and appear incongruous in the context of the property and the terrace as a whole, resulting in a harmful impact on the character of the dwelling and on the terrace with a consequential negative impact on the character and appearance of the conservation area; also the roof light looks out of keeping with the terrace as a whole.
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Y14/0977/SH	Sandgate Manor 46 Military Road Sandgate	Felling of three sycamore trees subject of tree preservation order no 3 of 1978 followed by the planting of a replacement tree and shrubs	Received 1 September 2014 Comments by 19th September No objection For: 4 Against: 0; Abstention: 0 Interest declared: 0
Y14/0955/SH	11 & 12 Encombe Sandgate	Various pruning works to three holm oaks, one sycamore and a yew tree, all subject of tree preservation order no 8 of 2002	Received 02 September 2014 Comments by 23 September 2014 No objection For: 4 Against: 0; Abstention: 0 Interest declared: 0

5. Update on previous planning applications:

Y14/0047/SH Eversley Park, Coolinge Lane – approved
Y14/0641/SH 20 Radnor Cliff – approved with conditions
Y14/0653/SH 61 – 63 Sandgate High Street – approved with conditions
Y14/0714/SH 143 Sandgate High Street – refused
Y14/0722/SH The Folkestone School for Girls – approved with conditions
Y14/0762/SH The Old Vicarage, Vicarage Road – no objection
Y14/0750/SH The Heights, Temeraire Heights – approved with conditions
Y14/0824/SH 34 Radnor Cliff – no objection
Y14/0767/SH Neale Cottage, 1 Old School Mews – approved with conditions
Y14/0804/SH 1 Zarena Court, 8 The Riviera – approved with conditions

6. Land adjoining 5 Radnor Cliff

There were many concerns about the state of the land and local residents spoke out about the on-going problems as well as notifying the council that Nick Lewington had visited the site several months ago; he had apparently found a large crack on the site and had informed the owner who seems to have attempted to address the problem just with shingle. This crack is now undermining the stability of the wall. Members had previously predicted that it would be ‘when’ not ‘if’ the site started showing signs of instability and this was now showing true.

Members agreed that an urgent letter should be written to Chris Lewis, expressing concern about the instability of the site and to request an urgent site visit and then follow up attendance at a planning committee meeting. The clerk would liaise with MFS over the letter.

Cllr MFS informed that, when SDC officers have visited the site on various occasions, it seems that the owner has prior knowledge and so gets the site cleared, swept etc so that it appears to be looking sound when the inspections take place.

The Chairman invited the members of the public to share any images of the site they have with the council. The clerk was asked to gather comments and images from local residents and list all correspondence from the parish council to SDC on this matter and then compile a detailed letter of all the concerns to SDC.

The council should also write to Kent Highways about the water egress onto the public road as this is still happening when it rains; this could be a serious hazard in the winter when it becomes icy.

Members were informed by a member of the public that lorries have been seen to access the site from Vicarage Road, even though it was a condition of the first planning application that access must not be via Vicarage Road. Members would check if this condition was changed in the 2012 variation of the application. The movement of heavy lorries on this route is seriously eroding the road.

7. Correspondence

Email from KALC Shepway Area Committee re SDC's Changes to Ways of Working – Planning Service. On behalf of the committee Cllr Frank Hobbs had written to SDC; a copy of the response from Dr Susan Priest was presented to members. GF highlighted that SDC was offering DVDs to be made available to any local council having problems with Internet connectivity, availability of a printer to print out documents, a price for councils wishing to receive hard copies etc. Members agreed that the problems with accessing the on-line documents were with the downloading of pdfs, the viewing of applications was still abysmal and the order of the documents were nonsensical. It was generally just a bad system. The problems were not just being experienced by parish councils, the general public had trouble accessing the documents too. The whole planning site does not conform to a common web standard. SDC has previously declared that the site conforms to common web standards; the clerk was requested to ask SDC for clarification/confirmation of this statement.

8. Information

There was no further information.

9. Date of the next Planning Committee meeting

This would be Tuesday 30th September. The time of 6pm or 7pm start would be dependent on the availability of the members of the committee.

The meeting ended at 6.45pm.

Signed by the Planning Committee Chairman..... Date.....