

Planning and Licensing Committee

Held at:	Council Chamber - Civic Centre Folkestone
Date	Tuesday, 25 January 2022
Present	Councillors Mrs Ann Berry (In place of Mrs Jennifer Hollingsbee), Danny Brook, Gary Fuller, Clive Goddard (Chairman), Anthony Hills (In place of John Collier), Nicola Keen, Philip Martin (Vice-Chair), Jackie Meade, Ian Meyers, Georgina Treloar, David Wimble and John Wing (In place of Jim Martin)
Apologies for Absence	Councillor John Collier, Councillor Mrs Jennifer Hollingsbee and Councillor Jim Martin
Officers Present:	Robert Allan (Principal Planning Officer), Rob Bailey (Development Management Lead Specialist), David Campbell (Development Management Team Leader), Kate Clark (Case Officer - Committee Services), Ewan Green (Director of Place), Sue Head (Strategic Development Manager (Interim)), Ellen Joyce (Democratic Services Trainee), Sue Lewis (Committee Services Officer) and Briony Williamson (Licensing Specialist)(items 58-61)
Others Present:	

58. **Declarations of Interest**

Councillor David Wimble declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in respect of applications 21/1989/FH Princes Parade - New electricity sub-station and 21/1997/FH Princes Parade – Storm water outfall drainage pipes as he is a member of Cabinet and had taken advice from Assistant Director - Governance, Law & Service Delivery, he left the meeting during discussion and voting on these items.

59. **Minutes**

The minutes of the meetings held on 11 and 23 November 2021 were submitted, approved and signed by the Chairman.

60. **Minutes of the Licensing Sub-Committee**

The minutes of the meeting held on 2 December 2021 were submitted, approved and signed by the Chairman.

61. **Gambling Act 2005 - Update to the Statement of Principles**

Gambling Act 2005 requires the council, in its role as the local licensing authority, to prepare a Statement of Principles related to the exercise of its licensing functions. This Statement of Principles must be reviewed every three years. The current statement runs until April 2022. The Statement of Principles has been reviewed updated to cover the next three year period from 2022 to 2025. This report sought approval from the Planning & Licensing Committee to publish the updated draft statement for public consultation.

Proposed by Councillor David Wimble
Seconded by Councillor Mrs Ann Berry and

RESOLVED:

1. **To receive and note report DCL/21/44.**
2. **To agree the draft revised Gambling Statement of Principles for 2022-2025 to be published for public consultation for a six week period.**
3. **To delegate the Director of Place to approve any minor amendments to the Policy as a result of the consultation, before being presented to Full Council for approval and adoption.**

(Voting: For 12; Against 0; Abstentions 0)

62. **Princes Parade Promenade, princes Parade, Hythe CT21 6EQ**

New electricity substation and bin store.

Nicola Stuart, local resident spoke against the application.
Cllr Anita Jones spoke on behalf of Hythe Town Council.
Cllr J Martin, District Ward member spoke on the application.
Michael Bottomley, agent, spoke on the application.

Proposed by Councillor Mrs Ann Berry
Seconded by Councillor Tony Hills and

RESOLVED:

That planning permission be granted subject to the conditions set out at the end of the report and that delegated authority be given to the Chief Planning Officer to agree and finalise the wording of the conditions and add any other conditions that he considers necessary.

(Voting: For 6; Against 5; Abstentions 0)
Councillor Wimble was not present for this item.

63. **Princes Parade Promenade, Princes Parade, Hythe CT21 6EQ**

Storm water outfall drainage pipes.

Mrs H.St Clare, local resident, spoke against the application.
Cllr Anita Jones, spoke on behalf of Hythe Town Council.
Cllr J Martin, District Ward member spoke on the application.
Michael Bottomley, agent, spoke on the application.

Proposed by Councillor Tony Hills
Seconded by Councillor P Martin and

RESOLVED:

That planning permission be granted subject to the conditions set out at the end of the report and that delegated authority be given to the Chief Planning Officer to agree and finalise the wording of the conditions and add any other conditions that he considers necessary.

RECORDED VOTE:

FOR - Brook, Hills, Goddard, Berry, P Martin, Meyers
AGAINST - Fuller, Wing, Keen, Meade, Treloar
ABSTNETIONS - None

(Voting: For 6; Against 5; Abstentions 0)
Councillor Wimble was not present for this item

64. **Motis Business Centre, Cheriton High Street, Folkestone CT19 4QJ**

Erection of 6 x commercial units for Class E (specifically for office, research & development and industrial) and Class B8 purposes, extension of existing centre to provide further Class E office floorspace, children's nursery, cafe and gym and the provision of a 115no. space truck stop, a transshipment building, along with an ancillary welfare facilities and office building, including access, parking and landscaping.

Catherine Igoe, local resident spoke in support of the application.
Matthew Garvey, agent, spoke on the application.

Members discussed whether it would be harmful to the AONB but given the allocation on the site for employment already, it was considered to be acceptable on these grounds.

Councillor Wimble's reasons for his proposal are as follows:

1. There is a greater need for the proposed use than it's allocated Development Plan use.
2. The proposal will create jobs.
3. It will provide a site for needed lorry parking.
4. It is a realistic use for the site.

Proposed by Councillor David Wimble
Seconded by Councillor Philip Martin and

RESOLVED:

That planning permission be approved and that delegated authority be given to the Chief Planning Officer to agree and finalise the wording of the conditions and add any other conditions that he considers necessary.

(Voting: For 7; Against 5; Abstentions 0)

65. **Kings Arms, The Square, Elham, Canterbury CT4 6TJ**

20/0747/FH - Erection of single storey rear extensions, refurbishment of existing outbuilding to provide dining area and all associated landscaping works.

20/0752/FH - Listed building consent for the erection of single storey rear extensions, refurbishment of existing outbuilding to provide dining area and associated internal and external works.

Matthew Edwards, local resident, spoke against the application.
Alister Hume, agent, spoke on the application.

Proposed by Councillor Clive Goddard
Seconded by Councillor David Wimble and

RESOLVED:

To defer both applications to allow officers to go back and speak with the applicant with regards to the scale and mass of the development and to seek the views of KCC Highways and Transportation.

(Voting: For 10; Against 1 Abstentions 1)

66. **Land 250 North East of Longage Hill Farm Cottages, Lyminge**

Retrospective application for the erection of two timber sheds for agricultural storage and associated hardstanding (re-submission of 20/1799/FH).

Justin Alford, local resident, spoke against the application.
Cllr Roger Joyce, spoke on behalf of Lyminge Parish Council.
Cllr Mrs Jenny Hollingsbee, Ward Member – a statement was read out on her behalf
Jane Scott, agent, spoke on the application.

Proposed by Councillor Jackie Meade
Seconded by Councillor David Wimble and

Resolved: That planning permission be granted and delegated authority be given to the Chief Planning Officer to investigate the physical appearance of the site, and to expedite official action if necessary.

(Voting: For 12; Against 0; Abstentions 0)