

WESTERHAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Planning and Development Committee held on
Thursday 8th December 2016 at 9.30 am in Russell House,
Market Square, Westerham

Present: Councillors: Mr P Ashley (PA) - Chairman
 Mrs L Bird (LB)
 Mr D Le Breton (DIB)

In attendance: Town Clerk: Mrs A Howells (AH)

Item		Action
1.	<u>Apologies for Absence</u> Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Bates – personal commitment and Cllr Marsh – maternity leave.	
2.	<u>Declarations of Interest not previously declared</u> None	
3.	<u>Minutes of the Meeting held on 24th November 2016</u> To be signed at the Planning Committee meeting on 22nd December.	
4.	<u>Information items arising from the minutes of the previous meeting not dealt with elsewhere on the agenda</u> None	
5.	<p><u>Planning Applications</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SE/16/03287/HOUSE 70 Madan Road, Westerham TN16 1DX Erection of single storey rear/side extension. WTC objects to the application on the grounds that building to the boundary could create a terraced effect and the application would be detrimental to the street scene. • SE/16/03474/CAN BT Telephone Box north of junction with Main Road, Spout Lane, Crockham Hill TN8 6RS Removal of BT Public Payphone WTC objects to the removal of the pay phone due to poor mobile signal in the area. In the case of an emergency the pay phone may be the only way for the emergency services to be contacted. • SE/16/03473/CAN BT Telephone Box, West of Holly Bungalow, Pootings Road, Crockham Hill TN8 6SD 	

	<p>Removal of BT Public Payphone WTC objects to the removal of the pay phone due to poor mobile signal in the area. In the case of an emergency the pay phone may be the only way for the emergency services to be contacted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SE/16/03481/HOUSE Hosey Croft, Hosey Hill, Westerham TN16 1TA New Outdoor swimming pool with changing pavilion and plant room. Refer to Officers, if the new build is within 5 metres of the house does it conform to Policy GB1 (c) not exceeding the 50% maximum increase? If the new building is more than 5 metres from the house the pool house constitutes a new build in the Green Belt and AONB. • SE/16/03511/HOUSE The Retreat, Chestnut Avenue, Westerham TN16 2EG Proposed demolition of existing conservatory and the erection of a single storey side extension, together with remodeling of the porch. WTC supports the application subject to it conforming to Policy GB1 (c). • SE/16/03357/FUL Chartwell, Chartwell House, Mapleton Road, Westerham TN16 1PS To replace 3 current ticket machines with 3 new ones. WTC supports the application. • SE/16/03369/FUL Taylor Smith, 4 The Grange, High Street, Westerham TN16 1AH Change of use from an Antique shop (A1) to Health & Beauty Clinic (D1). WTC objects to the application as there are currently three other vacant D1 units in Westerham of a similar size to that now proposed. Under current SDC Policies Westerham as a local service centre should retain A class use wherever possible. It should also be noted that the new business moving from Warlingham proposes to bring clientele with it, bringing additional traffic when parking is already congested. Evidence from previously failed Beauty businesses suggests that there is little additional local demand. • SE/16/03537/FUL 22 and 24 Market Square, Westerham TN16 1AR Formation of internal doorway at first floor level to allow access between no 22 and 24 Market Square. Refer to SDC Officers. • SE/16/03512 Gordon House, 2 The Green, Westerham TN16 1AS Continuous use of A2 offices on first floor, second floor and the rear of ground floor shop. Refer to SDC Officers. 	
6.	<p><u>Planning Decisions</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SE/16/02769/LBCALT 1 Lockyer Place, Vicarage Hill, Westerham TN16 Waterproofing and tanking of damp/flooded cellar. Refused 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SE/16/02636/HOUSE 18 Westways, Westerham TN16 Demolition of existing conservatory. Rear single storey extension. Front porch. Granted SE/16/02922/HOUSE Ryefield, Dairy Lane, Crockham Hill TN8 Conversion of part of existing garage into a home office. Granted 	
7.	<p><u>Design Statement</u> Cllr Ashley reported that he had met with the Planning Consultant and had a very productive meeting. A timetable had been set with a draft for consultation to be ready at the end of April.</p>	
8.	<p><u>Consultations</u> 8.1 Kent Minerals and Waste Sites Plans and 'Call for Sites' – Cllr Bates to review.</p>	AB
9.	<p><u>Reports From Councillors</u> Cllr Ashley reported that he would be attending the KALC Sevenoaks Area Committee AGM on 9th December.</p>	
10.	<p><u>Correspondence</u> 10.1 SDC Enforcement update 10.2 CPRE Countryside Voice Winter 2016 10.3 CPRE Field Work Winter 2016 10.4 Email from SDC regarding the Landscape Character Assessment</p>	
11.	<p><u>TN16 and web-site</u> None</p>	
12.	<p><u>Matters for District and County Councillors</u> None</p>	
13.	<p><u>Further Matters for Consideration at the next meeting</u> None</p>	
14.	<p><u>Date of next Meeting</u> Thursday 22nd December 2016</p>	

The meeting was concluded at 10.40 am.

Minutes confirmed as a correct record:

Chairman