

**Minutes of the Meeting of Planning and Transport held in Rickards Hall on 6 November 2023 at 7:00 pm**

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Present: Cllrs. Jon Aldridge (*Chairman*), Angela Baker, Michael Gemmell Smith, Alan Layland, Jeff Streets, Bob Todd  
In attendance: Planning Officer, Minutes Clerk, Cllr James Morgan, eight members of the public and no members of the press.

**1 To Receive Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received, noted and accepted from Cllr McArthur and Cllr McGregor.

**2 Declaration of Interests or Predetermination, including interests not already registered**

None.

**3 Public Questions and Statements**

*Meeting closed 19.02.*

District Cllr Morgan spoke regarding item 6.1, saying that he was mindful to support the application, but had concerns with the potential risk from run off water and questioned the mitigation for the effect of the water run off into the Kent Brook. Three members of public made representation regarding the same application (23/00505/FUL) that properties nearby were already prone to flooding when it rained heavily; one member of public, who lived close to the site showed members photos of their already flooded garden, and said that mitigation measures currently proposed would not be adequate. The residents present at the meeting had also commissioned their own flood risk report, of which all three who spoke were familiar with, and some of the comments made referred to the findings of that report. They all also commented that the local roads were not suitable for HGVs, and that especially Grants Lane was too narrow for HGVs to safely pass oncoming cars. Comments were made about concern over the impact on the Greenbelt. They also commented that the cumulative affect of development in the area would reduce the Greenbelt and harm the biodiversity, without demonstrating any contribution to rural diversification or benefiting the local economy. A spokesperson for the applicant for the applicant explained the method for mitigating flooding and that the new reduced schedule for HGV numbers had been stated in the application papers.

*Meeting re-opened 19.22*

**4 To Receive, Adopt and Sign the Minutes of The Planning Committee Meeting Held on ...**

**Resolved:** the minutes of the Planning Committee held on 16th October 2023 be duly signed by the Committee Chairman as a true and accurate record of the meeting; pages 2023-19/01-2

**Noted:** the Agenda text was incorrect and did not note the date of the previous meeting.

**5 Matters Arising Not Covered Elsewhere**

None.

**6 Planning Applications to Be Considered**

**6.1 23/00505/FUL - Land North West Of Little Browns Railway Bridge Hilders Lane**

**Recommendation:** *Members supported this application.*

**6.2** **23/02382/FUL - Ye Old Crown Hotel 74 - 76 High Street TN8 5AR**

**Recommendation:** *Members supported this application.*

**6.3** **23/03008/MMA - The Outbuilding, Ashcombe Hilders Lane TN8 6LD**

**Recommendation:** *Members supported this application.*

**6.4** **23/03008/MMA - The Outbuilding, Ashcombe Hilders Lane TN8 6LD**

**Recommendation:** *Members supported this application.*

**6.5** **23/02636/HOUSE - Skinners Skinners Lane TN8 6LW**

**Recommendation:** *Members supported this application.*

**6.6** **23/02545/FUL Freeways Stick Hill Edenbridge Kent TN8 5NL**

This Application had been withdrawn

**7** **For Information**

**7.1** **23/02830/PAE - Beverley Mill Hill TN8 5DQ**

Noted.

**8** **SDC Planning Decisions**

**8.1** **23/02411/MMA - Working Mens Club 67 High Street TN8 5AL**

Noted.

**8.2** **23/02133/FUL - Marco Ltd Units 1 To 8 Block 3 Enterprise Way TN8 6HF**

Noted.

**8.3** **23/02197/FUL - Access Training Academies Unit 6 To 8 Fircroft Mews Fircroft Business Centre Fircroft Way TN8 6EN**

Noted.

**8.4** **23/02105/FUL - Medhurst Row Farm Prettymans Lane TN8 6LX**

Noted.

**9** **Planning Applications Considered Outside of A Meeting**

**9.1** **23/02136/FUL Medhurst Farm Prettymans Lane Edenbridge Kent TN8 6LX**

Noted.

**9.2** **23/02001/FUL Kent and Surrey Golf and Country Club Crouch House Road Edenbridge Kent TN8 5LQ**

Noted.

**9.3** **23/02848/FUL Vapac Humidity Control Ltd Fircroft Way Edenbridge Kent TN8 6EZ**

Noted.

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**Consultations**

None.

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**Other Planning Business**

None.

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**Press Release**

None.

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**Date of Next Meeting 27th November 2023**