

16th September 2010

You are summoned to attend a meeting of the PLANNING COMMITTEE to be held in the Council Chamber at the address below on Monday 20th September 2010 at 7.00pm. Town Councillors are reminded that they have a duty to state a Declaration of Interest prior to the appropriate agenda item and to consider the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 s.17 when reaching a decision.

Proper Officer

AGENDA

Apologies for absence

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

To enable members of the public to make representation or to put questions to the Committee on any planning matters, with the exception of individual planning applications which will be considered under a later agenda item.

1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive any disclosures of interest from Members in respect of items of business included on the agenda for this meeting.

2 MINUTES

To approve the minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 6th September 2010 (copy previously despatched to members).

3 COMMUNICATIONS

i.) Winter Service – Kent Highway Services

To receive and note a reply from David Aspinall, Kent Highways Services Community Delivery Manager regarding the Town Council's comments on the Winter Service Plan. (copy attached)

ii.) Connect Plus – M25 DBFO Liaison Procedure

To receive and note the new Liaison Procedure from Connect Plus on behalf of the Highways Agency. (copy letter attached – Procedure available to view in Town Council Offices)

iii.) The Second Kent Rail Summit – 21st October 2010 – 6.00pm-7.30pm – County Hall Maidstone

To receive and consider an invitation to the above event from the KCC Cabinet Member for Environment, Highways and Waste. (copy attached)

iv.) Press Release – Residents to shape Blighs proposals

To receive and note a press release from Sevenoaks District Council regarding the redevelopment of Blighs Meadow. (copy attached)
The Town Council will receive notification of consultation to be included on the next agenda.

4 LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK – CORE STRATEGY

To receive and note the Town Council's comments submitted in respect of the Core Strategy document. (copy attached)

Subject to the agreement of Members, Cllr S Raikes will attend the LDF hearing on 7 October at 10.00am at the District Council Offices to represent the Town Council.

5 APPEALS

To consider whether to support, by written representation, the Sevenoaks District Council in refusing consent on the following:-

APP/G2245/H/10/2135702 – SE/10/00972/ADV

104 Seal Road – Retrospective application for the display of 2 No. internally illuminated fascia signs, 1 No. hanging signs and 1 No. internally illuminated window box.

[Sevenoaks Town Council recommended refusal of the internally illuminated signs]

6 HIGHWAY MATTERS

Road Closure – Granville Road – 18/10/10 for 15 weeks

To receive and note the closure of Granville Road for 15 weeks from the 18th October 2010 for construction of a new highway retaining structure on adjoining private land to facilitate change in development site profile. (copy attached)

7 TREE WORK

- i.) To note that the following comments to tree works have been sent to the Arboricultural Officer under Chairman's action as deadline for comments was prior to the date of this meeting.
- 1.) 10/02374/WTCA – The Old Bakehouse, Six Bells Lane – Reduce 2 Birch Trees – Cllr London –
 - 2.) 10/02378/WTCA – 19 South Park – Reduce 2 Ash Trees – Cllr London
 - 3.) 10/02380/WTCA – 48 St. Botolphs Road – Reduce Cherry and fell Cypress. A/A – Cllr London
 - 4.) 10/02375/WTPO – 45 Garth Road – Reduce Oak by 25% - Cllr Eyre
The Town Council recommended refusal and that the Oak and other trees in the immediate vicinity be made subject to TPOs
 - 5.) 10/02403/WTPO – Otia Tuta, Grassy Lane – Fell Cypress. TPO – Cllr Eyre – The Town Council recommended refusal as it is a fine, healthy and mature specimen
 - 6.) 10/02404/WTPO – Alderbrook, Clenches Farm – Cut back 1 Ash. TPO – Cllr Eyre – Town Council recommended approval
 - 7.) 10/02415/WTPO – Combe Grove, Oak Avenue – Reduce 1 Copper Beech tree by 25%. TPO – Cllr Eyre. The Town Council recommended approval
 - 8.) 10/02341/WTPO – 11 The Middlings – Various works to 1 Sweet Chestnut Tree. TPO – Cllr Eyre – The Town Council had no comment on this application as application was submitted by Town Council
 - 9.) 10/02406/WTCA – Walthamstow Hall School, Hollybush Lane – Fell 1 Holm Oak. C/A – Cllr Mrs Walshe - This Tree makes a significant contribution to the entrance to the school, the street scene and the whole environment in this Conservation Area. As the tree is a mature oak it adds a sense of history to the environment in this Conservation Area. As the tree is a mature Oak it adds a different scale compared to newer plantings.
The Town Council considers that a TPO order is essential on this large mature Oak tree with the other trees around a beautiful frame is made at the school entrance which should be preserved.
 - 9.) 10/02391/WTPO - Egdean Walk – Fell 1 Pine Tree. TPO – Cllr Mrs Dawson – The TPO was placed on this tree when the road was constructed because of the trees impact on the locality. The Town Council oppose any application to fell the tree unless there is proven disease in which case the Town Council would ask that a semi-mature replacement be provided.

- 10.) 10/02417/WTPO – 2 St. Nicholas Court – Various works to 1 Larch Tree – Cllr Mrs. London – Sevenoaks Town Council recommended approval
- 11.) 10/02405/WTCA – 36 The Drive – Crown reduce 1 Birch and crown thin. C/A – Cllr Mrs London – Sevenoaks Town Council recommended approval.

ii) To receive and consider the following tree works:

- 1.) 10/02478/WTCA – 58 The Drive – Various Works to Trees – Cllr Mrs London
- 2.) 10/02410/WTPO – 98 Oakhill Road – Various works to 1 Whitebeam Tree – Cllr Piper
- 3.) 10/02413/WTPO – 79A Kippington Road – Fell 1 cypress tree – Cllr Piper
- 4.) 10/02479/WTPO – 12 Mill Pond Close – Crown reduce 1 Ash Tree by 30% - Cllr Mrs Walshe
- 5.) 10/02454/WTCA – 20 Dartford Road – Various works to 1 Copper Beech tree and 1 Acer tree – Cllr Mrs Walshe

iii.) To note the making of the following TPO:

TPO No.21, 2010 – 2 Oak Lane
T1 – Beech, T2 – Ash, T3 – Lime, T4 – Oak, T5 – Sycamore

8 DEVELOPMENT CONTROL

To note that the Town Council was represented at the Sevenoaks District Council's Development Control meeting on 16 September in respect of the following planning applications:-

- i). SE/10/01737/FUL – 35-37 Quakers Hall Lane – Cllr Mrs Walshe
- ii). SE/10/01367/FUL – 55B Hartslands Road – Cllr Hogarth
- iii). SE/10/01406/FUL – 1 Plymouth Drive – Cllr Hogarth

9 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- (a) The meeting will be adjourned to enable members of the public, by prior arrangement, to speak on individual planning applications which are on the current agenda.
- (b) The meeting will be reconvened to consider planning applications received from the Sevenoaks District Council during the 2 weeks ending 16th September 2010 (copy attached).

10 PRESS RELEASES

To consider any agenda item which would be appropriate for a press release.