

Great Chart with Singleton Parish Council



Planning Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 11th July 2023 at 6.45pm in the Parish Office **MINUTES**

PRESENT: Cllrs Y Barker, Peach, Sullivan, Wiffen, Paula Cowperthwaite (Deputy Clerk).

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs D Gathern, McClintock, Cllr Blanford (ABC).

2. Declarations of Interest

2.1. Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

None

2.2. Other Significant Interests

None

2.3. Other Interests

None

3. Election of meeting chair

Cllr Wiffen nominated Cllr Y Barker as the chair.

Proposed: Cllr Wiffen	Seconded: Cllr Sullivan	Vote for: 4
Against: 0	Abstain: 0	Motion carried

4. Minutes of the previous meetings

The minutes of the meeting held on 19th June 2023 were duly approved as a true record of the meeting.

Proposed: Cllr Wiffen	Seconded: Cllr Y Barker	Vote for: 4
Against: 0	Abstain: 0	Motion carried

5. Planning applications for Consideration

4.1 Planning application number [PA/2023/0986](#)

Chilmington Green, Chilmington Avenue, Ashford

The erection of a bus stop (pole and flag) together with associated road marking.

This application is part of the s106 agreement, and is for the placement of the bus stop, not for the route itself.

There were no planning related objections. Therefore, the committee resolved to support the application.

Proposed: Cllr Sullivan	Seconded: Cllr Wiffen	Vote for: 4
Against: 0	Abstain: 0	Motion carried

4.2 Planning application number [PA/2023/1145](#)

7 Hillcrest, Great Chart, TN23 3AZ

Proposed part single, part double side and rear extension and an attached

garage. Changes to fenestration and doors. Removing the Airey House existing concrete panel cladding and replacing it with brick.

The footings of the original approved application will be removed and replaced with the footings for the new application. It would be nice to see EV charging and solar panels if suitable. Otherwise there were no planning related objections. The committee resolved to support the application.

Proposed: Cllr Sullivan	Seconded: Cllr Wiffen	Vote for: 4
Against: 0	Abstain: 0	Motion carried

4.3. Planning application number [PA/2023/1099](#)

Worten House, Worten Road, Great Chart, Ashford, Kent TN23 3BU

Single-storey side extension following the demolition of existing side extension.

The application is missing the Impact and Conditions sections of the Heritage Statement document so this should be provided before a complete decision can be made.

The committee resolved to comment on the application provided that the conditions within the Heritage Statement are adhered to.

Proposed: Cllr Sullivan	Seconded: Cllr Peach	Vote for: 4
Against: 0	Abstain: 0	Motion carried

6. Planning Decisions

The Chart Road retrospective application ([PA/2023/0177](#)) has been retrospectively approved, but the Clerk has not been notified of this. The conditions that have been applied should be closely monitored by Ashford Borough Council.

A meeting took place between Great Chart with Singleton, Kingsnorth and Shadoxhurst parish councils regarding the water treatment application at Stubbs Cross. A letter has been sent to Ashford Borough Council requesting that they engage an independent drainage expert to examine the application.

7. Allocation of future planning applications

As the planning committee is now responsible for all planning applications a discussion took place on how best to allocate responsibility for assessing each application. It was agreed that all Chilmington development applications will still be discussed as a group, and other applications will be allocated to committee members in an equal manner, but that all councillors must still look at all applications before the meetings take place.

8. Date and venue of next meeting

The next meeting will take place on Thursday 3rd August, in the Parish Office, at 5pm.

The meeting closed at 20:10pm

Signed as a true record by;

Cllr Yolanda Barker _____

Date: _____



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24 July 2023

Reference: 35614265

Dear Ms Cowperthwaite

RE: Lack of safe walking routes to Chilmington Green Primary School

Thank you for the letter dated 13th July 2023.

As you are aware development at Chilmington Green has not progressed as well as was originally intended. This is due to a wide range of factors outside of the control of Kent County Council (**KCC**) that were not envisaged when the primary school application was determined back in 2019, almost 4 years ago. Therefore, recently KCC has had to improve the public footpath from the A28 to Mock Lane and then construct a new footway along Mock Lane to provide access for residents of the Chilmington Lakes development. Unfortunately, KCC does not have any control of the land within the Chilmington Gate development to provide a footway to the Primary School at present and unfortunately the developer, Hodson, has not opened the footway / cycleway along the Avenue at least to pedestrians and cyclists.

Prior to the opening of the Chilmington Green Secondary School in September 2024, the Avenue must be open from the new A28 Access A roundabout to Chilmington Green Road together a new toucan crossing facility across Chilmington Green Road close the junction of the Avenue / Chilmington Green Road and a new 3 metre shared footway / cycleway to the entrance to the Secondary School. This provides safe access for school children living on the Chilmington Green site. There is a planning condition which restricts the Secondary School from opening until the above link is fully open for school children so KCC have assurances that these links will be provided by both Hodson and the Department for Education.

There is currently a valid planning application on Parcel K at Chilmington Green (21/02248/AS) that will provide wider pedestrian and cycle links from the Singleton area to the Chilmington Gate development. Unfortunately, this planning application has been held up due to nutrient neutrality (water quality) issues of which I am sure you are aware, and until a solution is found across the Ashford Borough this application cannot be progressed.

KCC's active travel team are still looking at further interventions to encourage walking and cycling to and from the site towards Singleton and Ashford Town Centre but this is dependent on Department for Transport funding which has not been forthcoming to date. I am sure you will be aware of the severe budgetary constraints that the County Council is under at this current stage.

My officers and those from KCC education would be happy to meet to discuss Chilmington Green Primary School to see if there are any other available solutions but unfortunately the Primary School has now broken up for the summer holidays and so therefore any meeting will now have to take place in September. The contact at KCC Highways is Matt Hogben and at KCC Education is Lee Round.

Yours sincerely

David Brazier

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