

Kingsbridge Town Council

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD REMOTELY VIA VIDEO CONFERENCING AT 7.00 P.M. ON TUESDAY 16 JUNE 2020

Present: Cllr Chris Povey (Chairman)
Cllr Philip Cole
Cllr Martina Edmonds
Cllr Mike Jennings
Cllr Graham Price
Cllr Peter Ralph
Cllr Julia Wingate

In Attendance: District Cllr Denise O'Callaghan
Martin Johnson (Secretary)

20/17 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs Anne Balkwill and Dena Bex.

Public Open Forum

There were no members of public present and no written comments had been received.

20/18 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None.

20/19 PLANNING DECISIONS, CORRESPONDENCE & REPORTS

CORRESPONDENCE

The following planning correspondence was received from South Hams District Council (SHDC):

19.1 1411/20/ARC
Application: **Approval of Details Reserved by Conditions (discharge)**
Site: Sx 7418 430 Warren Road, Kingsbridge
KTC: **Not consulted** (SHDC reports that there is no statutory consultation requirement for the above application i.e. it has been forwarded for information only)

19.2 **1459/20/ARC**
Application: **Approval of Details Reserved by Conditions (discharge)**
Site: Field off Stentiford Hill, Kingsbridge, TQ7 1BD
KTC: **Not consulted** (SHDC reports that there is no statutory consultation requirement for the above application i.e. it has been forwarded for information only)

19.3 **1493/20/ARC**
Application: **Approval of Details Reserved by Conditions (discharge)**
Site: Proposed development site at Sx 7418 4302 Warren Road, Kingsbridge, TQ7 1LB
KTC: **Not consulted** (SHDC reports that there is no statutory consultation requirement for the above application i.e. it has been forwarded for information only)

It was **RESOLVED** to note the above planning correspondence.

20/20 **TREE WORK DECISIONS, CORRESPONDENCE & APPLICATIONS**

None.

20/21 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

21.1 **1412/20/FUL**
Case Officer: Jacqueline Houslander
Site: Land adj. to 68 Henacre Road, Kingsbridge, TQ7 1DP
Applicant: Mr A Tucker
Proposal: Proposed erection of single detached dwelling
After discussion, Members agreed to make individual site visits and to provide their opinions to the Chairman and Town Clerk by 23 June noting SHDC's deadline for feedback was 3 July.

KTC: It was **RESOLVED** to delegate KTC's recommendation to Cllr Povey and the Town Clerk given feedback from Planning Committee Members

20/22 **ANY FURTHER CURRENT PLANNING MATTERS**

22.1 Public realm enhancements feedback. Cllr Povey and the Town Clerk had met that day with Lisa Edmunds, DCC highway officer and Nigel Flower, DCC Road Safety Officer to consider KTC's ambitions for new street furniture in the town centre i.e. seating, planters, litter bins and way marking signage. All locations were surveyed during a walkabout in accordance with Meiloci landscape architects' revised plans. DCC was content with the proposals save some minor amendments e.g. adjustment of 2 proposed individual seats at a pedestrian courtesy crossing in higher Fore Street and 450mm distance was required from the edge of the kerb to any street furniture. Moreover, DCC was content with KTC's long term concept to

narrow the highway itself thereby creating a wider footway for pedestrians. It was agreed to:

- Hold a public exhibition at 10.00 a.m. on Saturday 4 July in the Market Hall, Fore Street, to showcase KTC's plans for the introduction of new street furniture i.e. seating, planters, litter bins and waymarking signage.
- If the concept was supported, to fine-tune the earmarked locations by placing individual seats in situ and recording detailed measurements.
- Investigate any services lying underneath the locations for new street furniture e.g. drains.
- Further liaise with Meiloci landscape architects to install new street furniture e.g. plinths for seating.

The 8 in number wooden planters in The Promenade, transferred to KTC from DCC in 2017, were also discussed. The planters had weathered over the years and now required replacement however, should they conform to the above house style or could they be recycled plastic? It was agreed that Kingsbridge In Bloom should replace the current planters in The Promenade with a recycled plastic model.

It was further noted that some seating around the head of the estuary also required replacement. Members considered that such seating should conform to a new house-style and for an ongoing budget to be set to replace street furniture in future financial years. An audit to take place to earmark said replacements.

22.2 Re-opening Fore Street. KTC had received £5k from the High Streets Re-opening Fund and to date monies had been spent on 3 in number cross-street banners identifying "Kingsbridge is Open". Cllr Wingate's traders forum had highlighted their wishes for Fore Street to be pedestrian-free on Saturdays to assist in maintaining social distancing on busy shopping days and to enhance the visitor experience. An application could be made to DCC for no fee. Timing had been suggested from 10.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. from mid-July. Barriers and signage would need to be positioned; Cllr Ralph, Town Clerk and 2 members of the Fair Week Committee had undertaken highways training recently to manage community event road closures. Fore Street would need to be closed throughout the time period for all traffic except the emergency services. The potential success or otherwise of a road closure was discussed and it was deemed that a consultation with traders was required; this could be undertaken via social media and a notice posted through letter boxes. Members noted that there may be an expectation of further interest and street entertainment. It was agreed to progress an application for a Fore Street road closure on Saturdays.

Members also noted the funding should be spent on:

- A radio advertisement campaign at circa £500.
- Large posters at remote entrances to Kingsbridge (using Music Festival boards) at circa £400 including graphic design.
- Professional photography of shops at circa £300.

22.3 Hospitality business outdoor licences. In tandem with government's relaxation of Covid-19 restrictions, SHDC was offering the use of certain council owned land for local food & drink/hospitality businesses. Any use to be granted via a licence, £80 fee and duration early July to end October. In Kingsbridge the following

