

MINUTES  
OF THE MEETING OF  
**PLANS AND WORKS COMMITTEE**  
**HELD ON THE 27<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2006**

- Present:** Councillor D Bushell (in the Chair)  
Councillors Mrs K T Belcourt, Mrs A Bryan, S W Hayward  
and N H Meurice
- Also Present:** Mrs J Storti, Plans & Works Clerk
- Apologies:** Councillors N A Matthews, Mrs D Maskell and Mrs J M Nolan

**60/06 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 6<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2006**

It was

- PROPOSED BY:** Councillor Mrs K T Belcourt  
**SECONDED BY:** Councillor S W Hayward and

**RESOLVED** – That the Minutes of the Plans and Works Meeting held on the 6<sup>th</sup> June 2006, having been circulated, be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**61/06 REGISTERING DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Mrs K T Belcourt declared a prejudicial interest in Planning Application Y06/0810/SH 99 High Street, Hythe as the applicant is a personal friend. Councillor N H Meurice declared a prejudicial interest in Planning Application Y0/0810/SH 99 High Street, Hythe as the applicant is his wife. It was therefore decided that this application would not be discussed, just noted.

**62/06 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING FOR PUBLIC INCLUSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDING ORDER NO. 70**

It was

- PROPOSED BY:** Councillor Mrs K T Belcourt  
**SECONDED BY:** Councillor N H Meurice and

**RESOLVED** – That the meeting stand adjourned.

**Councillor Mrs A Bryan entered the room at this juncture.**

**Mrs Kelly addressed the meeting. \***

**Please see attachment for public comments which are attached but do not constitute part of the Minutes.**

It was then

**PROPOSED BY:** Councillor Mrs K T Belcourt  
**SECONDED BY:** Councillor S W Hayward and

**RESOLVED – That the Meeting be re-convened.**

**63/06 APPLICATIONS, PLANS & TPOs**

**PROPOSED BY:** Councillor N H Meurice  
**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Mrs K T Belcourt and

**RESOLVED – That the following observations be made:**

**i) Planning Applications**

<u>APPLICATION</u>	<u>DETAILS</u>	<u>COMMENTS</u>	<u>OUTCOME</u>
Y06/0731/SH	Hythe Cricket and Squash Club, Ladies Walk, Hythe, Kent Installation of 1 no. 300mm transmission dish on existing 15 metre high monopole telecommunications mast.	<b>Pending updated information being received by Hythe Town Council.</b>	
Y06/0652/SH	3 Sene Park, Hythe, CT21 5XB Erection of a first floor extension over existing flat roof garage.	<b>Approve</b>	
Y06/0658/SH	28 Romney Way, Hythe, CT21 6PL Erection of a two storey side extension with front canopy following demolition of existing single storey side extension.	<b>Approve</b>	
Y06/0749/SH	101 North Road, Hythe CT21 4AS Variation of Condition 1 of planning permission Y05/1312/SH to allow the insertion of additional windows and roof lights together with minor alterations to approved internal layout.	<b>Recommend refusal on the grounds that the additional windows and roof lights would exacerbate overlooking of neighbouring properties.</b>	
Y06/0633/SH	Gransden Cottage, West Hythe Road, West Hythe, Hythe, Kent Non-compliance with Condition 3 of Planning Permission 97/0451/SH to allow use of garage as living accommodation.	<b>Approve</b>	
Y06/0771/SH	St Saviours Hospital, 71-73 Seabrook Road, Hythe, Kent Installation of new external air handling equipment to operating theatre to north of main building.	<b>Approve</b>	

Y06/0768/SH	Land adjoining Westside (formerly land adjacent to 6 Elm Gardens), Seabrook Road, Hythe Erection of a pair of semi-detached town houses and associated parking.	Approve	
Y06/0767/SH	Te Moana, West Hythe Road, West Hythe, Hythe, Kent Erection of a two storey side/rear extension with rooms in the roof together with installation of dormer windows to front roof slope and enlargement of existing rear dormer window following demolition of existing garage.	Approve	
Y05/1270/SH	Seapoint Centre, Seabrook Road, Hythe, Kent Erection of predominantly 3 storey block (with 4 storey corner unit fronting Princes Parade/Seabrook Road) comprising 22 flats with one live/work unit and associated parking (re-submission of Y05/0317/SH) Amended/additional plans.	<b>Recommend refusal on the grounds that it represented over-intensive development. It was considered that the design was acceptable, notwithstanding the need for additional parking.</b>	
Y06/0810/SH	99 High Street, Hythe, CT21 5JH Installation of a new window to side (west) elevation at ground floor level.	Noted.	
Y06/0741/SH	Builders Yard, Windmill Street, Hythe Outline application for residential development.	Approve	
Y06/0693/SH	Land to south of Valebrook Close, Folkestone, Kent Removal of trees including blackthorn and whitethorn, the subject of Tree Preservation Order No. 5 of 2006.	<b>Recommend refusal on the grounds that action had taken place without the required consent. This application required close monitoring by the Arboricultural Officer and Enforcement Officer.</b>	
Y06/0827/SH	21 High Ridge, Hythe, CT21 5TE Erection of a single storey side/rear extension.	Approve	
Y06/0822/SH	Flat 2, Sandown, Marine Parade, Hythe CT21 6AW Erection of a mansard roof over existing flat roof to provide additional living accommodation.	Approve	
Y06/0670/SH	Land adjacent to Fort Lodge, Dymchurch Road, Hythe, Kent Erection of a one and a half storey detached dwelling with rooms in the roof and integral garage.	Approve	

Y06/0739/SH	Feathers Caravan Centre, Dymchurch Road, Hythe, Kent Outline application for erection of workshop/business units following demolition of existing buildings.	Approve	
Y06/0742/SH	19 Cobay Close, Hythe, CT21 6AA Erection of a single storey rear extension.	Approve	

- ii) **TPO**  
Tree Preservation Order No. 9 of 2006 (Land at 102 North Road, Hythe)  
This was noted.

**64/06 BUS SHELTERS AT RED LION SQUARE, HYTHE**

Members considered the previously circulated correspondence from Shepway District Council regarding potential improvements.

It was

**PROPOSED BY:** Councillor N H Meurice  
**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Mrs K T Belcourt and

**RECOMMENDED** – That the existing wooden shelters be maintained and ensure they are built substantially with a brick base so that maintenance costs are kept to a minimum.

**65/06 LEGAL EVENT ORDERS**

The correspondence from Kent County Council regarding Legal Event Orders which modify the Definitive Maps and Statements was considered and the contents noted.

**66/06 MINERALS DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK (MDF)**

The correspondence from Kent County Council regarding the new Minerals Development Framework (MDF) which is being developed to replace the existing Minerals Local Plans was considered and the contents noted.

**67/06 TACKLING CONGESTION OF THE TRUNK ROAD NETWORK**

The attached correspondence from InterRoute which works on behalf of the Highway Agency within the South East to manage the motorway and trunk road network was considered.

It was

**PROPOSED BY:** Councillor D Bushell  
**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Mrs K T Belcourt and

**RECOMMENDED** – That:

1. Traffic lights at the bottom of Horn Street should be installed and
2. That a by-pass or other system be introduced in respect of the A259 from Dymchurch to Hythe taking into account the proposed development at Nickolls Quarry.

**68/06 DEFECTS – RUBBISH**

Lesley Jones, the Cleansing Manager of Landscape Services at Kent County Council addressed the Committee regarding the clearance of rubbish bags and keeping the area of Hythe as litter free as possible. She was organising a different rota of collection including weekend working. A machine has been introduced to sweep the roads thus enabling more time to litter pick. As the Hythe Festival was commencing next week it was important to keep the area as clean as possible. She was seeking more assistance to combat litter dropping. It was also noted that, when the band concerts took place in Oaklands, the area would be cleansed.

It was

**PROPOSED BY:** Councillor S W Hayward  
**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Mrs K T Belcourt and

**RESOLVED – That:**

1. Hythe Town Council liaise with Lesley Jones in regard to rubbish issues.
2. Shepway District Council provide additional funding to continue this programme of reform.
3. A vote of thanks to be given to the street cleaners in Hythe for their commitment to this work.

The meeting closed at 10.30 am.

Dated this                      Day of                      2006

.....CHAIRMAN

- \* **Mrs Kelly of 25 Fisher Close, Hythe re objection to Y06/0731/SH, Hythe Cricket and Squash Club, Ladies Walk, Hythe – installation of 1 no. 300mm transmission dish on existing 15 metre high monopole telecommunications mast.**

I have been asked to speak on behalf of some Hythe residents who will be affected by this mast.

These residents were disappointed when the original approval was granted to erect a mast in a Conservation Area.

The original mast is certainly an eyesore and can only be described as a blot on the landscape. This latest application for the mast to be extended to 18 metres and a high output transmission disk to be fitted is a total outrage.

We appreciate that Vodaphone are not concerned with Hythe or its' residents, their only concern being profit. However, why should we be prepared to allow Vodaphone to profit at our expense and spoil the area with an unsightly mast.

We appreciate that mobile phones are deemed essential in many cases these days. However, radio masts and large antennas are not the only method of transmitting. There are alternative methods. Unfortunately Vodaphone choose not to use these methods due to the expense which would eat into their profits.

We also fully appreciate that the Cricket club must raise revenue, but surely not at the expense of the community as a whole.

The mast has little effect on the Cricket club members. They are only at the club for a few hours each week over a relatively short season. We have to live with this 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

When Vodaphone made a previous application to extend the mast in 2003, we were told that we were not allowed to bring in health issues because the Government deemed these masts to be safe. (Obviously the Government would say this in view of the vast amount of money they made by selling the phone companies' licences).

However, things have now changed and in a recent Court case a Judge revoked a Local Council's permission for a mast saying that Governmental guidelines listed public health concerns as a material consideration in any planning issues and this decision certainly opens up the whole subject.

The dangers of these masts may still not be certain, but the fear of residence living under the shadow of these masts certainly is. In this particular case, there are houses within 30 metres of the mast and residents live under the constant worry as to what effect the radiation is having on their health and that of their families.

May I suggest that you ask yourself as to whether you would be happy living near one of these masts.

In 2003, Hythe Town Council planning officers rejected the application for the extension of the mast and their rejection was supported unanimously by the full Hythe Town Council.

We would therefore respectfully request that you reject this latest planning application.