

MINUTES  
OF THE MEETING OF  
PLANS AND WORKS COMMITTEE  
HELD ON THE 1<sup>ST</sup> JUNE 2010

**Present:** Councillor R Belcourt (In the Chair).

Councillors Mrs K Belcourt, A Ewart-James, Mrs R Griffiths, S Hayward & D Owen.

**Also Present:** Jenifer Lawford - Plans & Work Clerk

**33/10 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Councillor M Dearden (was on holiday)

Councillor Mrs Z Harris (was on an extended holiday).

Councillor A Mayne (was in hospital).

It was

**PROPOSED BY:** Councillor A Ewart-James

**SECONDED BY:** Councillor R Belcourt and

**AGREED** – That the above apologies be accepted.

**34/10 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE 11<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2010**

It was

**PROPOSED BY:** Councillor S Hayward

**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Mrs K Belcourt and

**RESOLVED** – That the minutes be approved.

**35/10 REGISTERING DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Mrs R Griffiths declared personal interest in planning application Y10/0256/SH as the architect was one she had employed.

Councillor S Hayward declared as personal interest planning application Y10/0345/SH as the applicant was a friend.

Councillor D Owen declared a personal interest in Minute No. 41/10 as he was a member of St Leonards Church.

**36/10 ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING FOR PUBLIC INCLUSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDING ORDER 1 G**

It was

**PROPOSED BY:** Councillor A Ewart-James

**SECONDED BY:** Councillor D Owen and

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

\* Mrs P Cooper & Mr N Tanner spoke regarding Minute No. 41/10, and Mr Chitty spoke regarding planning application Y10/0460/SH.

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

It was then

**PROPOSED BY:** Councillor A Ewart-James  
**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Mrs K Belcourt and

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

**37/10 HYTHE TAXI RANK PROPOSAL – MINUTE NO. 440/09 REFERS**

The Committee was informed that Mr W Fitter of Shepway District Council was awaiting feedback from Kent Highways before making his report to the Plans & Works Committee. The matter will be placed back on an Agenda as soon as Mr Fitter was in a position to provide a report.

**38/10 APPLICATIONS, PLANS & TPOs**

It was

**PROPOSED BY:** Councillor S Hayward  
**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Mrs R Griffiths and

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

**Planning Application**

<u>APPLICATION</u>	<u>DETAILS</u>	<u>COMMENTS</u>
<b>Y10/0287/SH</b>	22 Palmarsh Avenue, Hythe, Kent CT21 6NT Erection of a first floor side extension. <i>Applicant: Mrs L Hughes</i>	The Committee were concerned regarding this retrospective planning application. It was agreed that this matter be deferred and the applicant be requested to attend the next Plans & Works Committee meeting to discuss this application.
<b>Y10/0351/SH</b>	7 Bartholomew Lane, Hythe, Kent CT21 4BX Erection of a single storey rear extension following demolition of the existing conservatory. <i>Applicant: Mr W Welsh</i>	Support
<b>Y10/0392/SH</b>	19 Fairlight Road, Hythe, Kent CT21 4AD Erection of a two storey front extension, a one and two storey rear extension and provision of a pitched roof over the existing flat roof of the garage (resubmission of planning reference Y09/1187/SH). <i>Applicant: Mr P Gibbons</i>	Support
<b>Y10/0436/SH</b> <u>UNRESOLVED</u>	The Fishermans Landing Beach, Range Road, Hythe, Kent Redevelopment of former gas works site following demolition of all existing buildings to provide a mixed use development of 69 dwellings, a fishmongers, restaurant (Class A3 use) and nine huts for commercial and recreational use. <i>Applicant: Mr T Atkinson (Ossory Investments Ltd)</i>	<b>Recommended members support this application.</b>
<b>Y10/0256/SH</b>	Land adjoining 22 Naildown Close, Hythe, Kent Erection of four semi-detached dwellings together with new access road and parking area. <i>Applicant: Churchview Developments</i>	Support

<b>Y10/0300/SH</b>	5 Tanners Close, Saltwood, Hythe, Kent 40% Crown reduction of a Holm Oak tree subject of Tree Preservation Order No. 1 of 2003. <i>Applicant: Mr Jeffrey</i>	Support subject to Arboricultural Officer's approval.
<b>Y10/0340/SH</b>	Castle Ash, Lookers Lane, Hythe, Kent 30% Crown reduction of an Ash tree, subject of Tree Preservation Order No. 13 of 1993. <i>Applicant: Mr Bryan Cutler</i>	Support subject to Arboricultural Officer's approval.
<b>Y10/0391/SH</b>	6 Millbrook, Mill Road, Hythe, Kent Installation of replacement UPVC windows to front, side and rear elevations and replacement UPVC patio doors to the front elevation. <i>Applicant: Mr Guy Waterman</i>	Support
<b>Y10/0395/SH</b>	8 Seabrook Gardens, Hythe, Kent CT21 5RD Erection of a single storey replacement garage and outbuilding. <i>Applicant: Matthew Browne</i>	Support
<b>Y10/0414/SH</b>	Summer Court, Whitegates Close, Hythe, Kent Coppice a Sycamore to ground level and partial crown lift of a Horse Chestnut, both situated within a Conservation Area. <i>Applicant: Miss Alison George (Housing 21)</i>	The Committee supported the partial crown lift of the horse chestnut but recommended refusal of the coppicing of the sycamore, as the tree appeared to be a healthy specimen.
<b>Y10/0419/SH</b>	South Court Bartholomew Close, Hythe, Kent Erection of a single storey rear extension. <i>Applicant: Mrs I Rodgers</i>	Support
<b>Y10/0460/SH</b>	Sanford House, 3 Stade Street, Hythe, Kent Erection of a single storey front extension (resubmission of planning application Y09/1084/SH). <i>Applicant: Miss Cleo Drury</i>	To be noted.

### **39/10 SEABROOK SIGNAGE & PRINCES PARADE PARKING**

The previously circulated e mail from Katrina Harris was considered.  
It was

**PROPOSED BY:** Councillor R Belcourt  
**SECONDED BY:** Councillor A Ewart-James and

**RECOMMENDED** – That

1. a response be made to Katrina Harris to explain Seabrook is considered to be part of Hythe, and therefore the Committee could not support the unnecessary expense of providing signage.
2. It was understood by the Committee that parking charges were only to be enforced in car parks, not along Princes Parade. (It was noted that this was a Shepway District Council matter).

### **40/10 E MAIL FROM MR OSBOURNE – STREET SIGNAGE & FIRE HAZARDS IN RESPECT OF REAR OF 55 HIGH STREET / BARTHOLOMEW STREET**

The previously circulated e mail was considered.  
It was

**PROPOSED BY:** Councillor Mrs K Belcourt  
**SECONDED BY:** Councillor A Ewart-James and

**RECOMMENDED** – That Mr Osbourne’s e mail be forwarded to Shepway District Council and that the Town Council request the schedule of road sign painting.

**41/10 FUTURE OF ST MICHAEL’S (TIN CHURCH) HYTHE, KENT – SAVE OUR CHURCH PETITION**

The previously circulated letter from Mrs P Cooper was considered. It was noted that the petition had 872 signatures. Whilst the Committee supported the general principle of saving the Church, it was not considered to be a function of the Council to do so. The Committee suggested the people involved in the petition form an organisation to work on this project and perhaps raise necessary funding. The Mayor was keen to offer her support and assistance, but only once the organisation had been formed.

**42/10 APPOINTMENT TO SUB-COMMITTEES & WORKING GROUPS**

**(i) ALLOTMENTS WORKING GROUP**

It was

**PROPOSED BY:** Councillor R Belcourt  
**SECONDED BY:** Councillor A Ewart-James and

**RESOLVED** – That the Plans & Works Committee Chairman & Vice-Chairman, together with Councillor Mrs R Griffiths be nominated as the Town Council’s Allotments Working Group members.

**(ii) BOOT FAIRS SUB-COMMITTEE**

It was

**PROPOSED BY:** Councillor A Ewart-James  
**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Mrs K Belcourt and

**RECOMMENDED** – That Councillors S Hayward & A Ewart-James and one other Councillor from the Finance & General Purposes Committee be nominated as the Boot Fairs Sub-Committee.

**(iii) ALLOTMENT (APPEALS) SUB-COMMITTEE**

It was

**PROPOSED BY:** Councillor R Belcourt  
**SECONDED BY:** Councillor A Ewart-James and

**RECOMMENDED** – That the Mayor/Deputy Mayor, Chair & Vice Chairman of the Finance & General Purposes Committee be appointed.

**43/10 KENT COUNTY COUNCIL ENVIRONMENT, HIGHWAYS AND WASTE DIRECTORATE – STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: DRAFT FOR CONSULTATION**

This was noted.

**44/10 DEFECTS – OVERGROWN VEGETATION**

It was

**PROPOSED BY:** Councillor R Belcourt  
**SECONDED BY:** Councillor Mrs K Belcourt and

**RESOLVED** – That the following areas be reported to as having overgrown vegetation which required attention:

1. Green, near Portland Road access (North side).
2. Oaks View, the road sign is obscured.
3. Mill Road, outside Eastbridge Court (trees overhanging).
4. The corner of Sun Lane & Prospect Road – privet hedge causing obstruction on path way.

The meeting finished at 10.28 am

Dated this                      Day of                                              2010

.....CHAIRMAN

\* Mrs P Cooper spoke regarding her concern for the future of St Michael's Church in Hythe. She reported that 872 signatures had been collected to date. Mrs Cooper accepted that this church as a place of worship was at its end, but considered the church to be an integral part of Hythe history (a Victorian landmark). Mrs Cooper wanted the Town Council to make an effort to save the church as a "working, living building" perhaps as a community centre. Mrs Cooper proposed that the Town Council request financial assistance from various charitable organisations in the Town. She explained that she has already written to the Churches Conservation Trust & the Victorian Society. Mrs Cooper urged the Town Council to consider this matter seriously, and save the building for the people of Hythe.

Mr N Tanner reiterated Mrs Cooper's points and requested that the Councillors consider forming a Committee to save the Church.

Mr Chitty spoke regarding planning application Y10/0460/SH. He was concerned that the drawings within the application did not represent the current design of the building and were therefore a little misleading. Mr Chitty wanted assurance that the bars on the windows would be removed. He also considered that the ragstone wall required extending to conceal all of the building. Mr Chitty also held concerns in regards to the sewerage system. Mr Chitty agreed to forward any correspondence to the Office, which would pass his comments to the District Council.