



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE **PLANNING, TRANSPORT & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE** HELD ON **WEDNESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2020** AT 19:30. THIS MEETING WAS HELD VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE CALL DUE TO THE COVID:19.

Present: Cllr S Barker, Cllr M Colman, Cllr A Petty, Cllr N Sherlaw,

Apologies Cllr C Bridger

Also in attendance: Mrs G Jackson (Deputy Clerk), two Member of the Public

**PTE20/267. To elect a Chairman**

It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr Barker be elected chairman.

**PTE20/268. To receive and accept Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr Bridger with reasons for absence. It was **RESOLVED** that the apologies be accepted.

**PTE20/269. To receive Declarations of Interest & Lobbying**

There were none.

**PTE20/270.** It was **RESOLVED** to bring forward the items relating to the speakers Mr Alan Watson and Mr David Carey.

### Transportation

#### Speedwatch

**PTE20/271.** To discuss with Alan Watson how to re-establish Speedwatch.

It was **RESOLVED** to launch the recruitment campaign in January via **Deputy Clerk** social media and on the website.

**PTE20/272.** It was **RESOLVED** to locate and retrieve the Speedwatch equipment **Deputy Clerk** consisting of battery charger, two batteries, tuning fork etc.

**PTE20/273. To discuss the role of tree warden with David Carey.**

It was **RESOLVED** to advertise for volunteers for the tree warden role in January 2021.

**PTE20/274. Minutes** – It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Planning, Transport & Environment Committee meeting held on the 7th October and 26th October 2020 be approved and the minutes will be physically signed at **SMB** the earliest opportunity.

**PTE20/275. Chairman's Announcements – to receive announcements.**

The Chairman thanked the Deputy Clerk for her work on the planning white paper.

#### Motion from Cllr Barker

**PTE20/276.** To consider response to Kent Rail Strategy 2021.

It was **RESOLVED** to respond to the Kent Rail Strategy 2021.

**Deputy Clerk**

**PTE20/277.** Q3. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the ambitions for the next South Eastern agreement as set out in the draft Kent Rail Strategy?  
It was **RESOLVED** to answer tend to agree to this question.

**PTE20/278.** Q3a. Please tell us the reason for your answer to Q3 in the box below.  
It was **RESOLVED** to respond to this question with the following statement:

Kings Hill Parish Council agrees with the ambitions set out in the Kent Rail Sector but obviously have to be mindful of the financial implications of COVID 19 for the rail sector.

At present, too many residents and those who work in Kent, rail does not provide a realistic competitive option for their journey versus using a private car. This must be addressed through a focus on orbital connectivity across the county.

**PTE20/279.** Q4. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the recommended actions for the Rail Policy in the Strategy? (See page 59 in the draft Strategy)  
It was **RESOLVED** to answer neither agree nor disagree to this question.

**PTE20/280.** Q4a. Please tell us the reason for your answer to Q4 in the box below.  
It was **RESOLVED** to answer not applicable to this question.

**PTE20/281.** Q5. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the recommended actions for the Fares Policy in the Strategy? (See page 59 in the draft Strategy)  
It was **RESOLVED** to answer tend to agree to this question.

**PTE20/282.** Q5a. Please tell us the reason for your answer to Q5 in the box below.  
It was **RESOLVED** to respond to this question with the following statement:

Pay as you go should be promoted throughout the whole of Kent and there should be ongoing work between rail partners.

**PTE20/283.** Q6. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the recommended actions for the Rail Infrastructure Enhancements in the Strategy? (See page 60 in the draft Strategy)  
It was **RESOLVED** to answer tend to agree to this question.

**PTE20/284.** Q6a. Please tell us the reason for your answer to Q6 in the box below.  
It was **RESOLVED** to respond to this question with the following statement:

The number of high speed services serving Snodland should increase.

**PTE20/285.** Q7. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the recommended actions for the Rolling-Stock Improvements in the Strategy? (See page 60 in the draft Strategy)  
It was **RESOLVED** to answer tend to agree to this question.

**PTE20/286.** Q7a. Please tell us the reason for your answer to Q7 in the box below.  
It was **RESOLVED** to respond to this question with the following statement:

There should be continued improvement to stations to accommodate any new rolling stock.

**PTE20/287.** Q8. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the recommended actions for Passenger Services in the Strategy? (See pages 60-61 in the draft Strategy)

It was **RESOLVED** to answer tend to agree to this question.

**PTE20/288.** Q8a. Please tell us the reason for your answer to Q8 in the box below.

It was **RESOLVED** to answer no comment to this question.

**PTE20/289.** Q9. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the recommended actions for Community Rail Partnerships in the Strategy? (See page 61 in the draft Strategy)

It was **RESOLVED** to answer tend to agree to this question.

**PTE20/290.** Q9a. Please tell us the reason for your answer to Q9 in the box below.

It was **RESOLVED** to answer no comment to this question.

**PTE20/291.** Q10. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the recommended actions for the Rail Freight Provision in the Strategy? (See page 61 in the draft Strategy)

It was **RESOLVED** to answer strongly agree to this question.

**PTE20/292.** Q10a. Please tell us the reason for your answer to Q10 in the box below.

It was **RESOLVED** to respond to this question with the following statement:

There should be more freight by rail.

**PTE20/293.** Q11. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the recommended actions for International Rail Services in the Strategy? (See page 62 in the draft Strategy)

It was **RESOLVED** to answer strongly agree to this question.

**PTE20/294.** Q11a. Please tell us the reason for your answer to Q11 in the box below.

It was **RESOLVED** to answer no comment to this question.

**PTE20/295.** Q12. Do you have any other comments on the draft Kent Rail Strategy? Please write in below.

It was **RESOLVED** to answer no comment to this question.

**PTE20/296.** Q13. We welcome your views on our equality analysis and if you think there is anything we should consider relating to equality and diversity, please add any comments below:

It was **RESOLVED** to answer no to this question.

**PTE20/297.** Q14. How did you find out about this consultation? Please select all that apply.

It was **RESOLVED** to answer, Rail Summit, to this question.

**PTE20/298.** To note report relating to electric scooters will be on the next agenda.

This was **noted**.

**PTE/ Deputy Clerk**

## Planning

**PTE20/299.** **To note letter sent from Leader of the Borough Council and the Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning and Infrastructure to the**

**Secretary of State regarding the proposals for planning reform.**  
This letter was **noted**.

**Planning applications – to consider applications and agree responses**

**PTE20/300. TM/20/02201/RD – Phase 3, Kings Hill**  
24. Landscaping, 28. Services, 33. Lighting, 36 Remediation

Kings Hill Parish Council has no comment on this planning application. **Deputy Clerk**

**PTE20/301. TM/20/02212/FL – 29 Mitchell Road, Kings Hill**  
Single storey rear extension to existing detached dwelling

Kings Hill Parish Council has no comment on this planning application. **Deputy Clerk**

**PTE20/302. TM/20/02257/TPOC - 9 Redwell Grove Kings Hill**  
Large Oak tree to left of the property needs a width reduction to get clearance off the property and neighbouring property. Also top of 3 small trees, Silver Birch, Chestnut and Sycamore tree which might have TPOs on them too.

Kings Hill Parish Council has no comment on this planning application. **Deputy Clerk**

**PTE20/303. TM/20/02239/FL - Development Site South Of 1 And 2 Orwell Spike West Malling.**  
Construction of 9 detached dwellings together with associated access, landscaping and drainage works.

Kings Hill Parish Council fully support the objections raised by West Malling Parish Council. **Deputy Clerk**

**PTE20/304. To consider planning applications received after agenda has been submitted.**  
There are none.

**PTE20/305. To report on Planning decisions.**  
The planning decisions were **noted**.

**Blaise Farm**

**PTE20/306.** To receive decision notice in relation to temporary development of an Anaerobic Digestion plant with ancillary gas-to-grid plant and associated infrastructure (part retrospective).  
The decision notice was **noted**.

**PTE20/307.** To note press release regarding the odour from the anaerobic digestion plant.  
The press release was **noted**.

**PTE20/308.** It was **RESOLVED** to investigate if the temporary licence from the Environment Agency has been obtained. **Deputy Clerk**

**Highway Improvement Plan**

**PTE20/309.** To note that the Deputy Clerk has contacted Discovery School and is awaiting a return phone call regarding the Highway Improvement Plan.  
It was **RESOLVED** to take this item off the agenda.

**PTE20/310.** To note Kent County Council project regarding putting notices on cars on Milton Lane has been postponed due to COVID19.  
It was **RESOLVED** to take this item off the agenda.

### **Local Plan**

**PTE20/311.** To note that after the October hearings the Planning Inspectorate have halted the November sessions due to the Planning Inspectorate having some serious concerns in relation to the legal compliance of the plan.  
It was **noted** there will be an update on the Local Plan at the Parish Partnership meeting next Thursday.

### **Environment**

**PTE20/312.** **To receive the parish portal fault report.**  
The parish portal fault report was **noted**.

### **Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council draft Climate Change Strategy**

**PTE20/313.** To receive climate change policy and action plan and consider any actions by Kings Hill Parish Council. (climate change emergency report).  
It was **RESOLVED** to defer this item to the next Planning, Transport & Environment Committee to be held in December by which time the final policy should be available. **PTE**

### **Motions from Cllr Barker**

**PTE20/314.** To discuss the role of tree warden with David Carey.  
This item was moved to PTE/273

**PTE20/315.** **To report external meetings with representatives of the Planning, Transport & Environment Committee**  
22/10/2020 – Berkeley Homes Meeting. Cllrs Barker and Waller attended.

### **To report Correspondence and matters for information**

- PTE20/316.** 02/10/2020 – Email from resident regarding Amber Lane. **Noted**.  
**PTE20/317.** 02/10/2020 – Email from resident regarding Amber Lane. **Noted**  
**PTE20/318.** 02/10/2020 - Parish bus service report for September 2020. **Noted**  
**PTE20/319.** 03/10/2020 – Email from resident regarding Amber Lane. **Noted**  
**PTE20/320.** 05/10/2020 – Email from KALC regarding MHCLG / NALC Right to Contest Snapshot Online Survey - Deadline 9 October. **Noted**  
**PTE20/321.** 07/10/2020 – Email from resident regarding Amber Lane. **Noted**  
**PTE20/322.** 09/10/2020 – Email from Kent County Council regarding roadworks on A228. **Noted**  
**PTE20/323.** 09/10/2020 – Email from KALC regarding Urgent: Local Electricity Bill – Parliamentary Debate next Wednesday. **Noted**  
**PTE20/324.** 15/10/2020 – Email from KALC regarding Planning White Paper & Housing, Communities and Local Government Committee inquiry on the planning system. **Noted**  
**PTE20/325.** 25/10/2020 – Email from resident regarding buzzing noise. **Noted**  
**PTE20/326.** **Date of next meeting** – 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2020.  
**PTE20/327.** **Questions from Committee Members and future agenda items**  
Cllr Colman stated that a resident had enquired about the boxes that had

appeared on the side of the Discovery Dive on the way to the golf club.  
Cllr Barker confirmed that she believed this is fibre broadband.

**PTE20/328.** Cllr Barker shared the government consultation on managing pavement parking with the Planning, Transport & Environment Committee.

**PTE20/329.** Cllr Barker stated that there was a select committee consultation regarding planning. This will be forwarded to the Planning, Transport & Environment Committee.

**PTE20/330.** Cllr Barker informed the Planning, Transport & Environment Committee that two students would be undertaking the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award by helping the community in phase 1.

**PTE20/331.** Cllr Barker informed the Planning, Transport & Environment Committee of a planning application for 9 flats on the A20 at Ditton which had been refused.

The meeting was closed at 21.05

Signed.....

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