

**SNODLAND TOWN COUNCIL**

**PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

**19 OCTOBER 2017**

Committee Members present:	Cllrs P Hickmott (C), Mrs K Mordecai-Woolf (VC), Mrs S Bell, Mrs D Crook, Mrs L Downes, P Misy and D Purll
Council Members present:	Mrs K Sowten (CEO) and Miss E Jones
Members of the public:	None present

1.	<u>Apologies for absence</u> Apologies were received from Cllrs B Garlick, M Sawkins and J Minter.		
2.	<u>Declaration of Interests</u> Item 5.4.2 – All Councillors		
3.	<u>Minutes - To agree the minutes of the meeting held on 7 September 2017</u> The minutes of 7 September 2017 were agreed as a correct record.		
4.	<u>Questions from the public</u> ( <i>Members of the public are advised that they may speak for up to three minutes</i> ). There were no members of the public present.		
5.	<u>Planning Applications</u>		
5.1.	<u>Decisions Received</u> The decisions list was distributed to the Councillors.		
5.2.	Planning applications considered outside Council Meetings (as per our terms of reference)	<b>TM/17/02421/RD – 1 Recreation Avenue, Snodland</b> – Details of condition 2 (subdivision) submitted pursuant to planning application TM/16/00001/FL (Subdivision of existing residential dwelling to form two dwellings). <b>No objection</b>	
5.3	<u>Planning applications considered at other Council Meetings</u>		
5.4	<u>Applications for consideration:</u>		
5.4.1	<b>TM/17/02411/FL</b>	14 Dowling Close, Snodland	Proposed two storey rear extension – <b>No objection</b>
5.4.2	<b>TM/17/02470/FL</b>	4 Waghorn Road, Snodland	Provision of external disabled access lift to first floor – <b>No objection</b>
5.4.3	<b>TM/17/02535/FL</b>	2 Charles Close, Snodland	Pitched roof to porches – <b>No objection</b>

6.	<u>Any additional plans that arrive after agenda circulated</u>		
6.1	<b>TM/17/02799/FL</b>	Holly Hill House, Holly Hill, Meopham, DA13 0UB	Demolition of existing extension and the addition of a new larger extension – <b>No objection</b>
7.	<p data-bbox="304 394 1482 465"><u>To receive an update following a meeting with TMBC Officers relating to parking in Snodland</u></p> <p data-bbox="304 506 1482 611">The CEO gave a report on the outcome of the parking meeting with TMBC which was held on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2017. A copy of enforcement visits for the last 3 months from TMBC was also provided to the Councillors.</p> <ol data-bbox="355 651 1482 2007" style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) <b>Inconsiderate parking on pavements, yellow lines, parking in disabled bays and loading bays</b> – Parking on pavements and causing an obstruction is a police matter. Parking on yellow lines and parking in disabled and loading bays can be enforced by TMBC enforcement officers;</li> <li>2) <b>Use of Enforcement Officers</b> – Enforcement by TMBC is to ensure that the flow of traffic is continuous. It was agreed that weekly updates of visits from the enforcement officers would be useful. Also, it was agreed that STC would request spot checks on certain problematic areas such as the 2 local schools and night time patrols;</li> <li>3) <b>Abuse of the 1 hour short stay section of the car park and the possibility of extending this section into the main car park</b> – Enforcement in the car park at present is very difficult due to time restraints and loop holes surrounding the parking; Extending the short stay area along the entire length of the car park adjacent to the Cricket Meadow was deemed to be a solution;</li> <li>4) <b>Commuters using side roads and main Rocfort Road car park instead of utilising the station car park</b> – The CEO reported that TMBC suggested that consideration should be given to the employees of South East Water (SEW) as parking is only problematic during office hours. The CEO advised that if SEW decided to relocate, the land could be used for a housing development and this would cause further parking problems. It was also suggested that enforcement officers could patrol the Rocfort Road car park to ensure spaces are available for the market;</li> <li>5) <b>Charges in Rocfort Road car park</b> – TMBC Officers advised that charges in Rocfort Road Car Park were not being considered within the next two years. If and when charges are introduced they indicated that the cost would be low (i.e.20p for half hour). TMBC would like to work with STC to ensure residents and business views are taken into consideration;</li> <li>6) <b>Parking review</b> - Snodland has been included in the last three parking reviews whereas other Parishes have not had such extensive reviews; Phase 9 parking review includes one area in Snodland (Coombe Close) It was <b>RECOMMENDED</b> to discuss this further at Full Council when reasoning behind the yellow lines had been obtained; Phase 10 which may include areas of concern will not start until this time next year and will take a year to implement therefore looking at 2019;</li> <li>7) A further meeting with TMBC Officers and Councillors to be arranged to visit problem areas in Snodland.</li> </ol>		

8.	<p><u>To discuss the potential problems at the intersection of Constitution Hill with Birling Road relating to parking on double yellow lines and motorists using the wrong side of the Island</u></p> <p>The matter of potential problems at the intersection of Constitution Hill and Birling Road was raised. It was reported that motorists are turning right before the island/bollards instead of using the correct filter lane to turn right; parking on the corner and on double yellow lines. It was <b>RECOMMENDED</b> that this issue be raised with TMBC at their meeting with STC and raised with the Highways Steward by the CEO at the Parish Seminar on Monday 23 October 2017. Comments would also be added to Item 9 – KCC Highways and Transport Survey</p>
9.	<p><u>To consider responses to KCC Highways and Transport survey – Please refer to Appendix 1</u></p> <p>The CEO asked the Committee for their comments to be put forward in the KCC Highways and Transport Survey. This was duly completed at the meeting.</p>
10.	<p><u>Correspondence</u></p>
10.1	<p>The CEO advised that STC had received the standard residents' notification letter from TMBC Planning for the impending lift to be installed at the Council offices.</p>
10.2	<p>The CEO reported that she had received an invitation from Highways England to engage in a Webinar regarding the future investment in England's Strategic Roads. This would take place on <b>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November at 14.00pm</b>. Any Councillor would be welcome to take part.</p>
10.3	<p>The CEO asked who had attended the Smart Motorways exhibition. Councillors Mrs S Bell, Mrs L Downes and P Misy had attended the exhibition and reported that it was very interesting and was a very good idea to ease the traffic flow. They reported that it would take 2 years to complete and the collapsed bridge would be replaced during this time to ease congestion.</p>

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.34pm.