



Minutes of the Planning, Highways and Environment Committee

and the Transport Sub-Committee Meeting

Held at the Westgate-on-Sea Town Council Office

78 St Mildreds Road, Westgate-on-Sea CT8 8RF

on Wednesday 7th May 2025 at 6pm

Present:

Cllr Clive Veck (Chair)
Cllr David Wallin
Cllr Stephen Fenning
Cllr Thomas King
Ms. Nabila Yakub – Town Clerk
1 Member of Public

PHE/25/32 Apologies for Absence

None.

PHE/25/33 Members' Interests

None.

PHE/25/34 Minutes

The Committee reviewed the minutes of the meeting held on 9th April 2025 and resolved to accept them as a true record.

In relation to the Minutes, Cllr Veck informed the Committee that he would circulate an amended version of the Highway Improvement Plan at the Full Council meeting to be held in June.

PHE/25/35 Public Participation Session

A resident enquired about the proposed tree pruning at St Peter's Presbytery, expressing concerns about the extent of tree trimming and seeking clarification on the timing, monitoring, and potential impact of the proposed work. Cllr Veck outlined the details of the tree pruning application, noting the proposed five-meter clearance for vehicles and the specific locations of the trees.

The resident also enquired about the Neighbourhood Plan, questioning the committee's readiness to manage potential Westgate development. They emphasized the need for an active working party, proactive preparation, and protection of the town's heritage and infrastructure against potential large-scale development.

In response, the Committee reassured the public of their ongoing engagement with the Westgate Action Group, their development consultant, and their intention to continue using the Neighbourhood Plan as a strategic tool.

PHE/25/36 Chair's Correspondence

The Chair discussed the mast issue following a meeting with a resident, noting he had sent a reply with copy to all Committee members. The Chair indicated a desire to limit further lengthy correspondence on the matter. The Chair plans to circulate the final Highway Improvement Plan at the June Council meeting, incorporating recent feedback from residents.

PHE/25/37 Thanet District Council Planning Applications

The Committee considered the following applications:

[F/TH/25/0354 | Change of use of land for the siting of benches, table and chairs | Millies Beach Bar Westbrook Promenade Westgate On Sea Kent CT8 8FF](#)

The Committee agreed to: Support

[TCA/TH/25/0469 | T2. Sycamore - Reduce height and radial spread by 2m. Current height 14m leaving at 12m. Current radial spread 7m leaving at 5m. | Countess Mountbatten Court Canterbury Road Westgate On Sea Kent CT8 8NQ](#)

The Committee agreed to: Support

[TPO/TH/25/0463 | TH/TPO2\(2009\)T2 - T31 Holm Oak - Reduce southerly extent of crown by 2m, pruning to suitable side branches, prune to provide 5m height clearance over parking area. | 117 Canterbury Road Westgate On Sea Kent CT8 8NW](#)

[TCA/TH/25/0485 | T19 -T28 - Corsican Pine and Holm Oak - Prune to provide 5m height clearance over the access track T33 - Monterey Cypress, T34 - Cherry, T35, T36 and T37 - holm Oak - Reduce southerley extent of crown by circa 2m, pruning to suitable branches. | St Peters Prestbytery 117 Canterbury Road Westgate On Sea Kent CT8 8NW](#)

The Committee agreed to: Support as a one-off, while completing the building of the property, but going forward, would prefer only a 3m height clearance.

[F/TH/25/0437 | Application for variation of condition 2 of planning permission F/TH/19/0585 for the "Erection of 1No 2 storey 3 bedroom attached dwelling with associated parking and cycle storage" to allow alterations to design, layout and landscaping \(Retrospective\) | 2 The Warren Drive Westgate On Sea Kent CT8 8JB](#)

The Committee agreed to: Support

A/TH/25/0426 | Erection and display of 1no digital display screen to front elevation |
Coop 17 - 19 Station Road Westgate On Sea Kent CT8 8RB

The Committee agreed to: Support, on condition the unit is switched off after business hours.

F/TH/25/0394 | Change of use from shop (Use Class E) to restaurant and takeaway (Sui Generis) together with replacement shopfront and entrance door (aluminium framed) (retrospective) | 54 Station Road Westgate On Sea Kent CT8 8QY

The Committee agreed to: Support

Planning Applications decided were reviewed and noted.

PHE/25/38 Date of Next Meeting

To be decided.

Signed: Ben LVE

Date: 11/6/2025