



Birchington Parish Council

Planning Committee

Meeting held on:

**13 May 2025 at 6.30pm at the Parish Office,
2 Albion Road, Birchington, CT7 9DN**

Present:

Cllr Prebble (Chairman)
Cllr Blankley
Cllr Houghton
Cllr Moore
Cllr Brown

Jane Bevan – Parish Clerk

Cllr Hudson (Observer)

P/2025/01 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence was received from Cllrs Fellows and Cllr Wright.

P/2025/02 Declarations of Interest

None

P/2025/03 Minutes

The minutes of the Planning meeting held on 22 April 2025 were presented for approval and were **Agreed** as a true record.

Planning

P/2025/04 Planning Applications to be discussed (see attachment 1)

Please see attachment 1 for the applications discussed and the decided applications to be noted.

A. Please note that the recommendations made at this meeting by the Parish Council in respect of applications on the agenda are advisory only but due consideration of the Birchington Neighbourhood Plan will be taken into account when submitting comments to Thanet District Council.

B. It is recommended that any comments the public wish to make be submitted direct to Thanet District Council, either via their website or by letter.

Action

P/2025/04 Chairman's Report The Chairman said his report would be covered under the agenda items. P/2025/05 Enforcement Action The Clerk said she had an outstanding action to report regarding a property in Kent Gardens and that there was an outstanding action for Cllr Wright regarding a property in York Terrace. P/2025/06 Appeals. The Clerk reported that the Planning Inspector had dismissed the applicants appeal in respect of a planning application for development on land between Brunswick Road and Park Lane. P/2025/07 OL/TH/20/1755 - 1,600 New Homes in Birchington The Chairman said there was no further updates. P/2025/08 Proposed Working Groups Birchington Neighbourhood Plan Review Cllr Blankley said that 3 meetings of the working group had been held and he intended to update the Full Council at their next meeting. Southern Water Cllr Blankley said he was still waiting for a Southern Water representative to arrange a meeting. Local Plan Review Cllr Blankley said he was hoping to receive a progress update at the forthcoming Parish Forum at TDC on 20th May 2025. Highways P/2025/9 Brunswick Road to Park Lane - Public Right of Way The Chairman suggested that the previously discussed options should be re-considered following the Planning Inspectors report which dismissed an appeal from an applicant to develop land nearby. The Chairman said he would read the report and then discuss at a future planning meeting. P/2025/10 Proposed " Welcome to Birchington on Sea " signs Cllr Moore said a request to improve signage was made by a resident at the recent Parish Assembly. He said he had spoken to Paul Valek who suggested it was put on the KCC portal. The Chairman proposed that the issue was placed on the HIP document and also recommended that signage was placed nearer Brooksend/St Nicholas where the Parish boundary commenced. P/2025/11 Highways Reporting Log Cllr Moore said he had circulated the report log. He confirmed that he had reported issues regarding Albion Road Car Park; Kent Gardens Vehicle Access, Surrey Gardens - parking bay lines; and Epple Road parking to the Birchington TDC District Officers following non-responses from TDC officers. He said he would close the issue of the relocation of a street light in Cliff Road following no further action from a resident who initially complained about it. He said there was still an issue with the positioning of the 'No Entry' signs on Crescent Road with the junction of Albion Road as vehicles were still driving through the wrong	Clerk Cllr Wright Cllr Blankley Cllr Blankley Cllr Blankley Chairman Cllr Moore
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way. KCC said there was not a problem with the signage but they could consider installing markings on the carriageway which the Parish Council would have to pay for. Cllr Moore said he would add this to the HIP document. Cllr Moore referred to lighting on the footbridge by the railway station and said this was still ongoing. He referred to the War Memorial in The Square and suggested that consideration was given to a light being added to the street light which would illuminate the memorial. He referred to the access road at Park Lane which was raised by Cllr Brown following an issue with a resident on a mobility scooter. He said he would close this case and re-open it if further evidence of problems were received. P/2025/12 Highways Improvement Plan (HIP) Cllr Moore provided an update on HIP. He referred to the junction of Park Lane and Brunswick Road and the proposal to have a 'SLOW Down' sign on a lamp post and said costings were awaited from KCC. Cllr Moore gave a presentation on re-formatting the current HIP document. It was agreed for him to update the document to discuss at the Parish Council training workshop (date to be confirmed). P/2025/13 Clerk's Correspondence The Clerk reported that she had written to new Birchington KCC Councillors inviting them to attend future full council meetings. The Clerk said she had received an email from the Sea Link project inviting the Parish Council to register with them so that comments could be submitted. The Chairman proposed that this placed on the agenda for the next planning meeting – agreed. FC/2025/14 Date of next meeting Tuesday 2nd June 2025 at 6.30pm in The Parish Council Office, 2 Albion Road, CT7 9DN. The meeting closed at 8.15pm Signed by Parish Clerk Jane Bevan Dated: 7th May 2025	Cllr Moore Cllr Moore
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Attachment 1

[F/TH/25/0396 | Erection of a two storey 5no bedroom dwelling with single storey detached garage \(self build\), following demolition of existing dwelling | 32 Daryngton Avenue Birchington Kent CT7 9PS](#)

Previously commented on. No action required

[TPO/TH/25/0113 | TH/TPO/1\(1986\) - 2no. multi stemmed Holm Oak to reduce foliage back by up to 5m. | Tower House Spencer Road Birchington Kent CT7 9EY](#)

Support subject to arborists decision

[FH/TH/25/0399 | Erection of a single storey side extension and insertion of rooflight to side with alterations to fenestration following demolition of existing sides and rear extensions and front porch | 130 Alpha Road Birchington Kent CT7 9EA](#)

Support but concerns were raised at the effect on wildlife and light pollution to nearby properties.

[FH/TH/25/0395 | Erection of first floor terrace to rear together with erection of outbuilding to front \(Retrospective\) | 260 Canterbury Road Birchington Kent CT7 9TD.](#)

Support on the condition that the outbuilding was not used for accommodation or commercial purposes.

[FH/TH/25/0430 | Variation of condition 2 of planning permission FH/TH/23/0298 for the "Erection of a first floor extension, single storey side extension with terrace above and front porch extension together with alterations to roof and fenestration." to allow alterations to fenestration | 59 Cross Road Birchington Kent CT7 9HW](#)

Support

Decided Applications

None