



Birchington Parish Council

Planning Committee

Meeting held on:

**24th June 2025 at 6.30pm at the Parish Office,
2 Albion Road, Birchington, CT7 9DN**

Present:

Cllr Prebble (Chairman)

Cllr Blankley

Cllr Moore

Jane Bevan – Parish Clerk

P/2025/32 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Houghton, Brown, and Fellows.

Absent: Cllr Wright

P/2025/33 Declarations of Interest

None

P/2025/34 Minutes

The minutes of the Planning meeting held on 2nd June 2025 were presented for approval and were **Agreed** as a true record pending one amendment.

Planning

P/2025/35 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/2025/36 Chairman’s Report The Chairman said his report would be covered by the agenda items. P/2025/37 Enforcement Action The Clerk said there was still one outstanding action for Cllr Wright. P/2025/38 Appeals. None. P/2025/39 OL/TH/20/1755 - 1,600 New Homes in Birchington Cllr Blankley said a response was still awaited from the Secretary of State to the second letter he had sent. He said he recently spoken to TDC Senior Planner, Emma Fibbens, who said discussions were still ongoing between TDC and the applicant regarding 106 funding. Cllr Blankley referred to a recent Environment Agency report which concluded there could be a serious nationwide water crises unless changes were made to water usage and leakages. He requested that he send a further letter to the Secretary of State referring to this report and the consequences of further house building in Thanet – agreed. P/2025/40 Sea Link Project Consultation The Clerk said the Parish Council had registered its interest for the next stage of the consultation which had to be complete by 23rd June 2025. P/2025/41 TDC Draft Housing Allocation Policy The Clerk said she would draft a response to TDC P/2025/42 Cornerstone 11216126 - proposed upgrade to existing telecommunications base station at Quex Park. Following discussion it was agreed that the Clerk would write to Cornerstone requesting that the proposed antenna was disguised as a tree as it would be located as located in a protected open space. P/2025/43 Working Groups Birchington Neighbourhood Plan Review Cllr Blankley said that the review report would be discussed at the Full Council meeting on 8th July 2025 Southern Water Cllr Blankley said he had a new contact, Mike Russell, who agreed to have a meeting and to include other representatives from Southern Water. Once a date had been confirmed other local stakeholders would be invited to attend the meeting. Local Plan Review There were no further updates. Highways P/2025/44 Brunswick Road to Park Lane - Public Right of Way The Chairman confirmed he had circulated his report to members following the Planning Inspectorate’s decision to reject the planning application. It was agreed not to take any further action at the present time regarding options for the public right of way. P/2025/45 Highways Reporting Log Cllr Moore provided an update on his reports which he had circulated to the new members of the committee. Following discussion it was agreed to circulate in future just	Cllr Wright Cllr Blankley Clerk Clerk Cllr Blankley Clerk
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the updates. The Committee reviewed the existing log and removed ones where no further action was required.	Cllr Moore
P/2025/46 Highways Improvement Plan (HIP) Cllr Moore provided an update on HIP. It was agreed to re-prioritise the plan and circulate to all members for their comments.	Cllr Moore
P/2025/47 Clerk's Correspondence The Clerk said she had circulated to all members the consultation document on the plans to redevelop King Ethelbert school.	
FC/2025/48 Date of next meeting Tuesday 15 th July 2025 at 6.30pm in The Parish Council Office, 2 Albion Road, CT7 9DN. The meeting closed at 8.00pm Signed by Parish Clerk Jane Bevan Dated: 3 July 2025	

Agenda - Planning Committee Meeting 24th

June 2025 Attachment 1

[TPO/TH/25/0636 | TH/TPO/13\(1977\) - T3 - Holmoak - Re-pollard, to maintain the established pollard cycle. T4 - 1No Holmoak - Fell | Lyell Court Lyell Road Birchington Kent CT7 9JD](#)

Support subject to arborists report

[TPO/TH/25/0651 | TH/TPO/5\(1988\) T1 - Tree of Heaven- Remedial tree work in the form of a reduction of crown width up to 5m to balance up with the low centre of crown. | 331 Canterbury Road Birchington Kent CT7 9TY](#)

Support subject to arborists report

[F/TH/25/0573 | Removal of 6no. antenna and supporting equipment and installation of 3no. commscope antenna and supporting equipment | Telephone Exchange Albion Road Birchington Kent CT7 9DN](#)

Neutral

[FH/TH/25/0646 | Erection of a single storey rear extension and 1no dormer to front, together with addition of cladding | 12 King Edward Road Birchington Kent CT7 0EQ](#)

Neutral – concerns raised of overdevelopment of the site and lack of off-street parking

[F/TH/25/0648 | Erection of a single storey outbuilding \(Retrospective\) | 63 Yew Tree Gardens Birchington Kent CT7 9AL](#)

Neutral – Recommend that that the legal situation regarding ownership is verified. If TDC approves the application, Birchington Parish Council requests that there should be a condition that the building is not used for habitable purpose.

[FH/TH/25/0575 | Erection of a single storey side extension together with alterations to fenestration | 6 Alpha Road Birchington Kent CT7 9EQ](#)

Support

[FH/TH/25/0603 | Extension of existing garage to create annexe | 6A Colemans Stairs Road Birchington Kent CT7 9HJ](#)

Object – Concerns raised over lack of detail on application; conflict of the stated purpose on application – drawings show it as a garage but the description shows it as an annex. If TDC

approves the application, Birchington Parish Council requests that there should be a condition that the building is not used for commercial purposes but for residential use only.