



Birchington Parish Council

Planning Committee

Meeting held on:

**15th July 2025 at 6.30pm at the Parish Office,
2 Albion Road, Birchington, CT7 9DN**

Present:

Cllr Prebble (Chairman)

Cllr Moore

Cllr Blankley

Cllr Houghton

Bill Anderson - Deputy Clerk

P/2025/49 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Fellows and Wright, and the Parish Clerk, Jane Bevan.

P/2025/50 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Blankley said he knew the residents of planning application FH/TH/2025/0695 and would therefore not comment on this application

P/2025/51 Appointment of Vice-Chairman

The Chairman confirmed that Cllr Brown had stepped down from the Committee. Cllr Hudson had been nominated to replace him and due to his previous long experience on Planning Committees he was also nominated to be Vice-Chairman.

P/2025/52 Minutes

The minutes of the Planning meeting held on 24th June 2025 were presented for approval and were **Agreed** as a true record pending one amendment.

Planning

P/2025/53 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/2025/53 Chairman's Report The Chairman placed on record his thanks to Cllr Blankley for arranging the presentation by Southern Water on 15 July 2025. P/2025/54 Enforcement Action The Deputy Clerk said there was still one outstanding action for Cllr Wright. P/2025/55 Appeals. None. P/2025/56 OL/TH/20/1755 -1,600 New Homes in Birchington The Chairman said he understood that the Thanet Link Road was now on the Government's priority list to go ahead. He said he had spoken to Sir Roger Gale who said he would try and find out an update on progress. Cllr Blankley referred to ongoing research that was being undertaken by a member of the public into the history of land ownership of the development site and a historical trust which affected the land and whether St John's college had the legal right to sell the land. He said landowners had to have full and equitable ownership before development could take place. He suggested he wrote to both TDC and KCC to ask them what evidence they had that the land could legally be sold-Agreed. P/2025/57 TDC Draft Housing Allocation Policy The Clerk would be sending a response to TDC. P/2025/58 Working Groups Birchington Neighbourhood Plan Review Cllr Blankley said that the recommendations were agreed at Full Council. The next stage was to draft a work plan. Southern Water The Committee noted the presentation earlier in the day by Southern Water representatives to the Parish Council and other local stakeholders. Local Plan Review Cllr Blankley said the review had been put back to 2028. Highways P/2025/59 Highways Reporting Log Cllr Moore referred to the revised reporting log with the latest update shown in red. Cllr Moore referred to reports of dangerous driving on a daily basis (in the evenings). Cllr Moore said he had visited the area at various times but did not see any evidence of this. He would be reporting it to PC England. P/2025/60 Highways Improvement Plan {HIP} Cllr Moore said only 3 responses had been received from Councillors regarding prioritising the list. An email would be sent to those who had not yet responded. P/2025/61 Clerk's Correspondence None	Cllr Wright Cllr Blankley Cllr Blankley Cllr Moore Deputy Clerk
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P/2025/62 Date of next meeting

Tuesday 5th August 2025 at 6.30pm in The Parish Council Office, 2 Albion Road, CT7 90N.

The meeting closed at 7.25pm

Signed by Parish Clerk Jane Bevan

Dated: 18 July 2025

Attachment 1

TPOLTHL25L0729 | THLTPOL4{1983}A3 - T1 - Holm Oak - lift the lower hanging branches to leave the remaining crown about 7 m above the ground, and reduce the crown all over by: 1.5 - 2.5 m, to leave it with a crown radius of about 3m and a height of about 12m and T2 - Holm Oak - Cut all the stems to ground level. | 43 Hunting Gate Birchington Kent CT7 9JB

Support subject to arborists report

FHLTHL25L0610 | Alterations to roof to facilitate loft conversion | Casa Mare Queens Avenue Birchington Kent CT7 9QN

Neutral - The Committee requested clarification of roofing materials to be used which should be consistent with neighbouring properties.

FHLTHL25L0695 | Erection of single storey: side/rear extension together with reduction of existing side store and installation of new side window | IA Tudor Close Birchington Kent CT7 9BD

Support

FHLTHL25L0754 | Erection of 2no. metal balustrade balconies and alterations to fenestration at first and second floor front elevation including a Qriva screen to the first floor together with SUQQOrting metal eosts | 8 Arthur Road Birchington Kent CT7 9NG

Support