

## Planning and Licensing Committee

Held at: Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Folkestone

Date: Tuesday, 12 December 2023

Present: Councillors Mike Blakemore, Polly Blakemore,  
Tony Cooper, Gary Fuller, Clive Goddard,  
Mrs Jennifer Hollingsbee, Anita Jones, Nicola Keen (Vice-  
Chair), Jackie Meade (Chair), Rebecca Shoob,  
Paul Thomas and Belinda Walker

Apologies for Absence

Officers Present: Robert Allan (Principal Planning Officer), Rob Bailey (Development Enforcement Manager), David Campbell (Development Management Team Leader), Ellen Joyce (Democratic Services Trainee) and Sue Lewis (Committee Services Officer)

Others Present:

### 48. **Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Anita Jones declared voluntary announcement in respect of application 23/1172/FH – 120 High Street, Hythe in that she used to sit on the Plans and Works Committee, Hythe Town Council. She remained in the meeting but did not take part in the discussions or voting on the item.

Councillor Paul Thomas declared a other significant interest in respect of application 23/1208/FH – Maude Pavilion & Community Hall, New Romney in that he is chair of the Project Steering Group, New Romney Town Council. He left the meeting during discussion and voting on this item.

### 49. **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 7 November 2023 were submitted, approved and signed by the Chairman.

### 50. **21/2035/FH - Fairfield Court Farm, Brack Lane, Brookland, TN29 9RX**

Demolition of existing buildings, removal of soil business and areas of hardstanding and construction of 3 dwellings, together with gardens, parking and use of existing accesses to Brack Lane., reconfigured larger garden area and associated strategic landscaping and biodiversity enhancements.

The Development Management Team Leader informed that the drawings in condition 2 would be updated to reflect the amended plans and that a further comment had been received re an existing objection but the main issues raised were covered in the report. He also clarified that the development would be CIL liable although the proposed floorspace would be less than the existing.

George Staple, local resident, spoke against the application.  
Scott Balcomb, applicant, spoke on the application.

Proposed by Councillor Mrs Jenny Hollingsbee  
Seconded by Councillor Nicola Keen and

**Resolved: That planning permission be granted subject to the conditions set out at the end of this report and the applicant entering into a S106 legal agreement securing contributions towards education and a requirement to extinguish the current lawful use of the site and that delegated authority be given to the Chief Planning Officer to agree and finalise the wording of the conditions and the legal agreement and add any other conditions that he considers necessary.**

(Voting: For 10; Against 1; Abstentions 1)

51. **23/1208/FH - Maude Pavilion & Community Hall, Station Road, New Romney, TN28 8BB**

Demolition of the existing Maude Pavilion and adjacent Community Hall. Erection of a new sports pavilion, with community hall above. New nursery building and associated external works.

The Development Management Team Leader updated the committee informing that KCC highways had asked for conditions to be added in respect of a construction and environmental management plan, wheel washing and parking on site. He also clarified that the new nursery would be closer to neighbours than the existing although because it is single storey and the existing use on site, this was not considered to be a reason to refuse.

He also informed that KCC ecology had provided some updated comments and had requested further information with regards to water voles. This would need to be addressed with the applicants prior to the application being approved.

Cllr Rivers spoke on behalf of New Romney Town Council  
Cllr David Wimble, Ward Councillor, spoke on the application.  
Alex Richards, agent, spoke on the application.

Proposed by Councillor Nicola Keen  
Seconded by Councillor Jackie Meade and

**Resolved:**

- 1. That delegated authority be given to the Chief Planning Officer to approve the application, subject to no objection being raised by KCC Ecology, to the conditions set out at the end of the report and to an additional condition requiring two electric vehicle charging points to be installed at the site.**
- 2. That delegated authority be given to the Chief Planning Officer to agree and finalise the wording of the conditions and add any other conditions that he considers necessary,**

(Voting: For 11; Against 0; Abstentions 0)

**52. 23/1172/FH - 120 High Street, Hythe, Folkestone, CT21 5LE**

Internal alterations & alterations to fenestration to provide 2 no. holiday lets. Amendment to existing approved single holiday let as approved as per applications 22/0497/FH & 22/0498/FH.

Proposed by Councillor Mrs Jenny Hollingsbee  
Seconded by Clive Goddard and

**Resolved: That planning permission be granted subject to the conditions set out at the end of the report and that delegated authority be given to the Chief Planning Officer to agree and finalise the wording of the conditions and add any other conditions that he considers necessary.**

(Voting: For 11; Against 0; Abstentions 0)

**53. 23/1375/FH - 118 Cheriton Road, Folkestone, CT19 5HQ**

Erection of first floor and single storey rear extensions, together with other external alterations to form an additional, self-contained dwelling.

Proposed by Councillor Paul Thomas  
Seconded by Councillor Tony Cooper and

**Resolved: That planning permission be granted subject to the conditions set out at the end of the report.**

(Voting: For 12; Against 0; Abstentions 0)