



FRESHWATER PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON 20th APRIL 2021 AT 6.45 PM VIA ZOOM MEETING PLATFORM.

PRESENT: Councillors G Cameron (Chair) A Bamford, C Fleury, J Young, G Kennett, D James, B Hobbs, T Dimmick, A Harris and C Bray

Members of the Public: None

Clerk: H Rowell

1. **APOLOGIES:** Councillors B Hinton MBE, T Murphy.

ABSENT: Councillor V Lowthion

2. **TO INVITE CLLRS TO DECLARE ANY INTEREST THEY MIGHT HAVE IN THE MATTERS ON THE AGENDA.**

None

3. **TO INVITE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK ON A PLANNING APPLICATION ON THE AGENDA, AT THE CHAIRMAN'S DISCRETION.**

None

4. **TO AGREE THE MINUTES OF LAST MEETING HELD ON 6th April 2021.**

The minutes of the meeting held on 6th April (having been circulated) were agreed, (GK /JY)

5. **UPDATES FROM LAST MEETING AND IWC PLANNING DECISIONS.**

Approval

21/00278/HOU Oak Lee Afton Road, Freshwater.

Demolition of porch; proposed single storey side extension; front porch

6. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS TO BE DISCUSSED (AT TIME OF SENDING OUT NOTICE).**

21/00601/HOU Highbury, Heathfield Road, Freshwater.

Demolition of store; proposed single storey extensions on the front and rear elevations.

No objections

21/00609/FUL The Piano Café, Gate Lane, Freshwater.

Proposed canopy to the front façade.

No objections

21/00628/3MPA The Old Bank Octopus workshop, Avenue Road, Freshwater.

Prior approval for change of use from retail to residential.

It was agreed unanimously to strongly object for the following reasons: Reduced retail spaces will set a precedent within a row of shops, and could reduce critical mass needed for sustainability in the area, as stated in the Neighbourhood Plan. Concerns about retrospective applications, permission should be applied for and granted prior to changes being made.

Concerns about the pathway which has been closed by the applicants and doesn't fall within the planning application. Agreed to pursue the designated Rights of Way application in respect of the footpath.

Agreed to write to enforcement and planning to stall the application until the enforcement issue is resolved.

Emergency Item – Planning application for Buoys at Colwell Bay

A planning application has been submitted by Planning Research for swimming buoys at Colwell Bay. Cllr James is a partner in the company (recorded in the register of interests) and declared an interest. The application has been prepared pro bono by the company and it was unanimously agreed to proceed with the application.

he planning meeting closed at 7.30 pm