

# WEST MALLING PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON FRIDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> JULY 2023, 10.30 AM THE CLOUT, 9 HIGH STREET WEST MALLING

**Present:** Mrs C Bridgeland  
Mr Keith Mann  
Mrs Lorna Miles  
Mrs Yvonne Smyth  
Ms Yvonne Stacpoole  
Mr David Thompson (Chair)

**Also Present** 1 Resident (until 10.42am)

Minute		Action by	Action	Response
23/434	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b> – Ms Izzy Jones and Ms Sara Margetts			
23/435	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b> - Mr Thompson declared a non-pecuniary interest in applications <b>TM/23/01329/LB &amp; TM/23/01328/FL</b> - 43 Swan Street West Malling ME19 6HF as his property neighbours the application site. Mr Thompson remained in the room whilst this application was considered, but took no part in the Council's deliberations and decision.			
23/436	<b>BUILDING PLANNING APPLICATIONS</b>			
436.1	<b>TM/23/01376/LB &amp; TM/23/01375/FL</b> - 147 Norman Road West Malling Kent ME19 6RW Listed Building Application: Single storey wrap around extension.  West Malling Parish Council Planning Committee commented as follows:  <i>West Malling Parish Council Planning Committee has considered this application and has decided that it does not object to the application.</i>			
436.2	<b>TM/23/01331/FL</b> - 111 High Street West Malling ME19 6NA Removal of existing railings and erection of brick wall on boundary line reusing existing railings as infill guarding.  West Malling Parish Council Planning Committee commented as follows:  <i>West Malling Parish Council Planning Committee has considered this application and objects for the following reasons:</i>  <i>The proposed removal of the railings to be replaced with a high brick wall, is not in-keeping with the Conservation Area and the street scene, this property being sited at the Southern end of the High Street where the majority of properties have railings.</i>			

	<p><i>The committee is concerned that the proposed brick wall will impact sightlines on exiting the car park and will therefore cause a danger to both drivers and pedestrians.</i></p> <p><i>It is unclear as to whether the intention is to encroach onto the public footpath, if this is the case the Council would strongly object to any reduction in the width of the pavement.</i></p> <p><i>We note that a large amount of building work has taken place at this site including the replacement of windows and cladding on the street-facing facade, works to the rear of the building and the installation of downlighters to the front of the building, as far as the Council is aware all undertaken without planning permission. Residents have also raised concerns about the dwelling being used as a commercial premises without an application for change of use. We would ask that the enforcement team visit the premises to ensure that any changes have the required permissions prior to any further application being granted.</i></p>			
<b>436.3</b>	<p><b>TM/23/01329/LB &amp; TM/23/01328/FL</b> - 43 Swan Street West Malling Kent ME19 6HF Listed Building Application: Replacement of an existing vent with a window and installation of a new conservation rooflight on the east elevation.</p> <p>West Malling Parish Council Planning Committee commented as follows:</p> <p><i>West Malling Parish Council Planning Committee has considered this application and objects to the application.</i></p> <p><i>Having considered the proposal, the committee disagrees that 'the works will not materially harm the living conditions of...neighbouring properties' and object to this application on the grounds of overlooking and loss of privacy.</i></p>			
<b>436.4</b>	<p><b>TM/23/01279/FL</b> - 9 Woodland Close West Malling ME19 6RR External alterations to the existing single storey side extension including raising up existing brick work, formation of a pitched roof with velux windows, replacing existing front and rear openings with new windows.</p> <p>West Malling Parish Council Planning Committee commented as follows:</p> <p><i>West Malling Parish Council Planning Committee has considered this application and has decided that it does not object to the application.</i></p>			
<b>23/437</b>	<b><u>QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC</u></b> - none			
<b>23/438</b>	<b><u>QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE</u></b> - none			
<b>23/439</b>	<b><u>ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT</u></b> – payments in the sum of £5051.31 were approved – see below.			
	<b>Date of next WMPC Planning meeting</b> – Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> July			
	<p>There being no further business, the Chairman thanked members for attending and closed the meeting at 10.56 am</p> <p>Signed.....</p> <p>Date.....</p>			

West Malling Parish Council				
				cheques to be drawn
<b><u>Accounts for Payment 21st July 2023</u></b>				
T&MBC (cheque 2596)				£ 975.28
(invoice 81500 - fee for uncontested Parish Council election)				
VAT				£812.73
				£162.55
Kent County Council (Laser) (single cheque 2597)				£ 16.68
(Electricity supply period June 23 at 5% VAT)				
VAT				15.89
				0.79
Kent County Council (Laser)				£ 569.23
(Electricity supply period June 23 at 20% VAT)				
VAT				474.36
				94.87
Specialist Hygiene Services Ltd (cheque 2598)				£ 664.88
(invoice 44750 - King Street toilet cleaning costs for June)				
VAT				554.07
				110.81
C&A Landscapes Ltd (cheque 2599)				£ 1,692.00
(invoice CA36632 - grounds maintenance in Churchyard for 15th & 29th June, including tree and path work).				
VAT				1410.00
				282.00
KALC (cheque 2600)				
(invoice 7119167389 - Dynamic Councillor training - C Bridgeland)				
VAT				50.00
				10.00
Four Seasons Gardens Ltd (cheque 2601)				£ 959.24
(invoice 5702 - Norman Road hedge cut)				
VAT				799.37
				159.87
West Malling Village Hall (cheque 2602 )				£ 114.00
(payment for room hire Jan - June 2023)				
TOTAL				5,051.31