

COWES TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Planning & Licensing Committee Meeting held in the Town Council Office, Northwood House, Cowes on Wednesday 21 June 2023 at 6.15pm.

Present: Councillors Hollis (Chairman), Brown, Nicholson, Sanders & Wardrop.

In attendance: Debbie Faulkner, Town Clerk.

1729 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence were received.

1730 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

1731 MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the Planning & Licensing Committee meeting held on 31 May 2023 be taken as read, approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

1732 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Town Clerk submitted details of planning applications received and following Committee's consideration it was:

RESOLVED

1. That Cowes Town Council has no objections to the following planning applications.

- (i) **Application No:** 23/00887/HOU
Location: 19 York Street
Proposal: Proposed single storey rear extension.
- (ii) **Application No:** 23/00919/FUL
Location: Osborne Court, The Parade
Proposal: Removal of existing external wall insulation (EWI) and installation of a new EWI with enhanced fire and thermal performance.

2. That Cowes Town Council OBJECTS to the following planning application on the grounds that the proposed powder coated aluminium replacement shop front is out of character with the heritage and ambience of the High Street. The loss of the historic wooden shop front is deemed to be unacceptable. Also, will a change of use for the building be required.

- (i) **Application No:** 23/00833/FUL
Location: Watson Bull and Porter, 126 High Street
Proposal: Alterations to shop front; replacement side door; and external repairs; use of property as Cowes Neighbourhood Police Team.

1733 PLANNING DECISIONS

To receive planning decisions as detailed below:

- (i) **Application No:** 23/00589/HOU
Location: Lower Stanhope, 22 Queens Road
Proposal: Proposed outbuilding/summerhouse to form home office.
Decision: Planning Permission Granted.
- (ii) **Application No:** 23/00262/FUL
Location: Royal Corinthian Yacht Club, Castle Hill
Proposal: Proposed extension at ground floor level to form additional club offices, bar and restaurant space (revised scheme).
Decision: Planning Permission Granted.

It was agreed:

ACTION

Cowes Town Council will write to the local IW Councillor and the Planning Officer to ask why Cowes Town Council's objection and request to have this application considered at the IW Council's Planning Committee did not take place.

- (iii) **Application No:** 23/00622/HOU
Location: 80 Newport Road
Proposal: Demolition of lean to extension; proposed single/two storey rear/side extension.
Decision: Planning Permission Granted.
- (iv) **Application No:** 23/00655/HOU
Location: Windrush, Baring Road
Proposal: Proposed single-storey side extension and adjoining two-storey side extension; proposed rear-facing terrace decking at first-floor level; existing render replaced with cement board cladding all round.
Decision: Planning Permission Refused.

1734 PLANNING APPEALS

There were no planning appeals to consider.

1735 PLANNING STRATEGY FOR THE COWES AREA

Suggestions raised at the Planning & Licensing Committee meetings so far are:

- Protection of historic buildings – revisiting potential listed buildings and heritage assets.
- Protection and designation of industrial land by zoning, to include boat yards, ship yards and other working areas.
- Harmonious building in context with the area e.g. Cowes Library.
- Protection of community areas reflecting on their history: The Parade; The Bandstand; sea frontage; the High Street; shops; car parking; Northwood House and grounds and surrounding walls; Cowes Green.
- Protection of the conservation area, expected standards of design.
- Neglected buildings.
- Infrastructure.

1736 PLAN TO PRIORITISE AREAS TO UTILISE FUTURE S106 MONIES IN COWES

Suggestions raised at the Planning & Licensing Committee meetings so far are:

- Grants / loans for infrastructure i.e. community assets.
- Public conveniences.
- School playing fields.
- Recreation grounds.
- Public shelters.
- LCWIP (Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan).
- Prefabricated housing on prison land.
- Planning enforcement.
- Listed buildings.
- Conservation Team.
- Improving footpaths and road safety.
- Planning guidelines and protecting heritage.
- Maintenance of public realm i.e. the Bandstand.
- Better information signage.

1737 NALC PLANNING SURVEY 2023

Councillors were asked to consider making a response to the NALC Planning Survey 2023 which involved providing a case study setting out the planning work that Cowes Town Council has undertaken and how the community has benefitted. It was:

RESOLVED

That Cowes Town Council does not respond to the NALC Planning Survey 2023.

1738 LICENSING APPLICATIONS

(i) Application for a Premises Licence – Minor Variation – Vectis Tavern, 103 High Street

Councillors discussed this Application for a Premises Licence, Minor Variation for the Vectis Tavern for the removal of some of the existing licensing conditions and adding a number of further conditions including making available the monitoring of the CCTV footage, if necessary. Also, to extend the hours for late night refreshments on 24, 26 & 31 December and Public Holiday Sundays until 02:00 and to reduce the hours for recorded music on Sundays to midnight. It was:

RESOLVED

That Cowes Town Council OBJECTS the following existing conditions / numbers being removed from the existing Premises Licence:

2. Free drinking water will be available at all times when the premises are open to the public.

15. A sign shall also be displayed stating that it is an offence for any person under 18 years of age to attempt to purchase alcohol.

16. Appropriate posters, point of sale material and window stickers shall be displayed to dissuade youngsters from trying to purchase alcohol and to remind staff.

19. Staff shall be given advice about what Age ID cards are acceptable.

(ii) Application for Street Trading Consent – Gastronomy - The Parade – 9 July 2023

Councillors discussed this Application for a Street Trading Consent for Gastronomy on the Parade on Sunday 9 July 2023 for the sale of tacos, tortilla chips and soft drinks from 10:00 to 18:00. It was:

RESOLVED

That Cowes Town Council has no objections to this Application for a Street Trading Consent for Gastronomy at The Parade on 9 July 2023.

(iii) Application for a Premises Licence – Comicoffee – The Arcade

Councillors discussed this Application for a Premises Licence for Comicoffee at The Arcade for the opening hours of 07:00 to 23:00 Monday to Saturday and 09:00 to 23:00 on Sunday; the showing of films from 07:00 to 22:00 Monday to Saturday and 09:00 to 22:00 on Sunday; the supply of alcohol from 07:00 to 22:30 Monday to Saturday and 09:00 to 22:30 on Sunday. It was:

RESOLVED

That Cowes town Council has no objections to this Application for a Premises Licence for Comicoffee, The Arcade.

1739 TREE PRESERVATION ORDERS

There were no tree preservation orders to consider.

The proceedings terminated at 7.07pm.

CHAIRMAN