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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF the Planning and Environment Committee held on Monday 17th September 2018 at Paddock Wood Primary School, at 7.00 pm

PRESENT: Cllr C Williams, in the chair
 Cllr E Wilson, Cllr R Moon, Mr. P Trent, Cllr D Henshaw, Cllr D Sargison.

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs. C Stewart, Deputy Clerk

APOLOGY: Mr. Peter Trent

PE34 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

There were none.

PE35 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 20TH August 2018 were approved.

PE36 CHAIRMANS REPORT

The Chairman noted that Churchill Retirement Homes had sent a leaflet to most Councillors and a large number of households. This is a pre-application notification and no application has been received at this point by the TWBC. There was discussion of the matter and the committee will consider the application when it is sent to them for consultation in the normal way.

Complaints have been received by Councillors and the Town Council regarding the dirt on the roads adjacent to the Mascall's Grange site. These have been communicated to the Brough Council. The Chairman advised that there is an Air Quality Action Plan out for consultation but did not feel that this was specifically relevant to Paddock Wood so is not advising the committee to consider it.

PE37 PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

Application	Address and proposal	Comments
a) 18/02409/FULL	Barth Haas UK Ltd Hop Pocket Lane Paddock Wood Tonbridge Kent TN12 6DQ. Erection of a hydrogen gas and chemical store	The Chairman suspended standing orders to permit several residents and business owners to raise concerns regarding this application. They want to be reassured that there will be due diligence to ensure that the relevant steps to protect health and safety will be taken. There are already issues with the subletting of part of the application site to a pharmaceutical manufacturer that often generates noxious fumes. They advised that there are apparently plans to stop up some of the roads adjacent to the site and that this would damage the viability of the other independent businesses that depend upon this access. In addition to this there is considerable pedestrian footfall and access to the station. The

		Hop Pocket access road is used by delivery lorries to turn around in order to turn North up Maidstone Road and this is essential in order to avoid the weight limit on the railway bridge. Standing orders were reinstated. There was discussion of: fire risk, proximity to the station and residential area, absence of highways information, underground stream beneath site. Cllr C Williams proposed, and Cllr E Wilson seconded that the Council object on the grounds that the applicant has submitted insufficient information to highways, the location is too close to residential areas for storage of hydrogen, there is no information regarding the chemicals to be stored. Unanimous. The committee also requested that Borough Cllrs be asked to call the application in to the Planning Committee.
b) 18/02654/FULL	Elm Tree Mile Oak Road Paddock Wood Tonbridge Kent TN12 6NJ. Change of Use of the ground floor from A4 to D2 use for a children's play / family leisure facility and associated external works for extended parking.	Discussion re change of use and safety at road junction. Cllr R Moon proposed and Cllr D Sargison seconded that the council object to this application on the grounds of the extra traffic movements that will be generated. 4 in favour 1 against. Carried.
c) 18/02562/FULL	157 Maidstone Road Paddock Wood Tonbridge Kent TN12 6DU. Loft conversion and rear dormer	Cllr E Wilson proposed and Cllr D Sargison seconded that the council have no objection to this application.
d) 18/02658/FULL	Little Rhoden Farm Paddock Wood Distribution Centre Paddock Wood Tonbridge Kent TN12 6UU. Reclad the exterior of the building, as well as insert additional fenestration into the elevations.	Cllr R Moon proposed, and Cllr D Henshaw seconded that the council object to this application that there is insufficient information regarding the change to office use and the additional strain on the foul drainage network and local roads. Unanimous.

PE38**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Monday 1st October 2018.

The meeting closed at 7.45

CHAIRMAN