

Planning:

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Update on Former Princess Royal, 1 Cherry Garden, 10 Clifton Crescent, Bowen Road in Cheriton. White Lion in Cheriton, Eastcliff.

Seafront - Latest plans for seafront. A detailed and excellent overview and update on the building work taking place on the seafront. Of the four builds, A, B, C and D, section B is almost complete. Building will start on section A, nearest the coastal park, soon and discussion has taken place regarding the 'space' in front of the Leas Lift and also parking in the area. Consideration has been taken and people have voiced concern over the new build taking business and attention away from the existing town centre and creating a 'ghetto' which is apart from the town especially as the transport links are not currently concluded.

A question was raised regarding the Leas Lift and when it would be reinstated. Repair cost is now estimated at £5M. Selling some of the parts will render about £750,000, which is not in the plan.

Folca/Debenhams – comment that the health centre which has been suggested to occupy within the site, that the building is not suitable and would have to be demolished. Edwardian bit will be developed into a Dr's surgery. Façade is 1930's is not in F&H ownership. Discussion took place re Frontage as it was felt that generally people did not want to get rid of something unique to the town as they do not want to be like every other town.

It was suggested that preserving the street scape was important as it epicenter of Folkestone. Don't want some bland block – we should honour the history.

Princess Royal update. Two committee members are going to make representation to The Harbour Company. The building is much more secure and Savilles are supposed to be doing a report.

Radnor Chambers – Go Folkestone will back our representative on this issue.

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Planning: The Princess Royal can be saved if a developer can be found. There is also the possibility it could be sold to a charity.

The design for the vets surgery at Ingles Yard is being challenged.

The Park Hotel will re-open shortly.