

# To the Members of the Planning and Highways Committee

A meeting of the Planning and Highways Committee will be held at the Council Chambers, 37 Church Street, Seaford on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at 7.00 p.m. which you are summoned to attend

James Corrigan Town Clerk 4<sup>th</sup> October 2018

#### **AGENDA**

# 1. Apologies for Absence

## 2. Disclosure of Interests

To deal with any disclosure by Members of any disclosable pecuniary interests and interests other than pecuniary interests, as defined under the Seaford Town Council Code of Conduct and the Localism Act 2011, in relation to matters on the agenda

# 3. Public Participation

In accordance with Standing Order 3 and Seaford Town Council Policy members of the public will be entitled to speak on general issues concerning this Committee on non-planning application matters at this point. People wishing to speak on planning applications may do so immediately before each planning application.

## 4. Planning Applications

Planning Applications Week Commencing 9th September 2018

Seaford

80 Stafford Road

LW/18/0725

Planning Application- Single storey rear extension for Mr Steve

Byrne

# Planning Applications Week commencing 16<sup>th</sup> September 2018

Seaford

2 Downsview Road

LW/18/0730

Planning Application – Two storey rear extension with internal

alterations for Mr Nick Hunter

# Planning Applications Week commencing 23rd September 2018

Seaford

16 Kingston Avenue

LW/18/0768

Planning Application- Single storey side extension

# Planning Applications Week commencing 30<sup>th</sup> September 2018

No applications received

# Tree Works Application

Seaford

4 Blatchington Hill

TW/0075/TCA

Works on Trees in Conservation Area – Fell 1 x Sycamore

# 5. Cutting of Highway Verges

To consider the report of the Planning Officer (115/18)

# 6. Update Report

To consider report 116/18 of the Planning Officer on decisions taken by Lewes D.C on applications previously considered by this Committee

## Circulation:

Committee: Councillor L Wallraven (Chairman) and Councillor R Honeyman (Vice Chairman).

Councillors D Argent, L Freeman, N Freeman, J Elton, A Latham. J Lord and P Lower.

For Information: Councillors S Adeniji, P Boorman, M Brown, D Burchett, B Burfield, T

Goodman, R Hayder, O Honeyman, M Wearmouth, B Webb and C White.



# **Report 115/18**

Agenda Item No:

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Committee:

**Planning & Highways Committee** 

Date:

11th October 2018

Title:

**Cutting of Highway Verges** 

By:

**Geoff Johnson Planning Officer** 

Purpose of Report:

To review the reduced ESCC verge cutting services and

discuss future policy

## Recommendation:

You are requested to make recommendations to full Council on the matter

## 1. Information and Background

At the meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2018 the Committee discussed proposals from East Sussex County Council reducing the number of summer cuts of grass verges in the town from six to two (i.e June and September). Additional cuts could be carried out on payment of around £13,000

It was not possible for the Town Council to consider paying for these additional cuts as the budget for 2018/19 had been set well before the 'offer' from ESCC.

It was resolved that the situation would be reviewed at the October meeting following the second and final cut in September

Several complaints were received early in the season at the untidy and overgrown condition of verges. There were also complaints of the grass cuttings being left on the verges following the June cut. Over the last few months complaints have ceased. This may be down to the fact that there was very little growth during the summer 'heatwave' and/or that residents have begun to cut the verges themselves.

The cost to the Town Council of restoring the six cuts would be £13,431. The other option offered by ESCC for 2019/20 would be for the ESCC to pay over to the Town Council the cost of the two cuts (estimated at £6715) and for the Town Council to make its own arrangements with contractors for the verge cutting.

The Town Council's budget for 2019/20 is due to be discussed initially at the Community Services Committee meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> November. The level of expenditure is likely to be subject to the usual tight constraints and, in view of the lack of any complaints since the

early summer, members may consider that the reduced service, although regrettable, is not a priority item.

The other issue would be that if the Town Council did take on the additional cuts, as mentioned above, this would be done through a contractor. If there were any issues and subsequent complaints then these would all have to be fielded by the Town Council and there is not really any capacity for the additional workload. Dealing with a third party contractor would further complicate issues.

# 2. Financial Appraisal

The financial implications to the Council are set out in the report.

# 3. Contact Officer

The Contact Officer for this report is Geoff Johnson, Planning Officer.

Planning Officer





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**Update Report** 

By:

**Geoff Johnson Planning Officer** 

**Purpose of Report:** 

To inform the Committee of LDC decisions

#### Recommendations

#### You are recommended:

1. To note the contents of the report.

#### 1. Information

1.1 Please see the attached list in Appendix A showing LDC decisions on previous applications put before this Committee, which is for reference only.

The decision notices for these applications can be found in the LDC Planning Decisions File placed in the Members' Room or via the Lewes Planning Portal www.lewes.gov.uk/planning/15501.asp.

# 2. Financial Appraisal

There are no financial implications to the Council as a result of this report.

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#### **APPENDIX A**

## **UPDATE REPORT 116/18 for PLANNING AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE**

THURSDAY 11TH OCTOBER 2018. ITEM 6

DECISIONS MADE BY LEWES D.C SINCE THE LAST COMMITTEE MEETING.

### APPROVED BY LDC-NO OBJECTION FROM STC

LW/18/0629 1 WELLINGTON PARK – Proposed single storey rear extension (30/08)

LW/18/0512 63 HURDIS ROAD – New front retaining wall (30/08)

LW/18/0603 5 TROON CLOSE – Single storey side extension (30/08)

LW/18/0614 AVONDALE HOTEL – Change of use to six flats (30/08)

LW/18/0616 5 SOUTH STREET – Variation of approved plans (30/08)

LW/18/0632 GABLE END COTTAGE, ARUNDEL ROAD- Variation of approved plans (20/09)

LW/18/0416/7 15-17 HIGH STREET – Amended Layout (20/09)

## **APPROVED BY LDC – OBJECTION FROM STC**

None

## REFUSED BY LDC-OBJECTION FROM STC

None

#### TREE WORKS APPLICATIONS

TW/18/0064 17 BADGERS COPSE – Crown raising to two sycamores - Works Approved (20/09)

Geoff Johnson Planning Officer

4th October 2018