



Seaford Town Council

## Planning and Highways Committee

Minutes of the meeting of the **Planning and Highways Committee** held at the **Council Chambers, 37 Church Street, Seaford** on **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2018** commencing at **7.00 p.m.**

### **Present:**

Councillors, L Wallraven (Chairman), D Argent, J Elton, L Freeman, N Freeman,  
R Honeyman, A Latham and P Lower  
James Corrigan- Town Clerk  
Geoff Johnson - Planning Officer  
6 members of the public present

### **P 93/03/17 Apologies for Absence and Declaration of Substitute Members**

Apologies were received from Councillors P Boorman and T Goodman.

### **P 94/03/17 Disclosure of Interests**

Councillor L Wallraven declared a non-pecuniary interest as a member of the Lewes District Council's Planning Applications Committee and did not speak or vote on any item.

### **P 95/03/17 Public Participation**

None

### **P 96 /03/17 Planning Applications**

Planning Applications week ending 16th February 2018

**Seaford**  
LW/18/0004

#### **21 Cliff Close**

Planning Application - Erection of a two- storey side extension, alterations to existing glazing a creation of enclosed balcony

It was **RESOLVED** to **SUPPORT** the development in principle. There were concerns about the restricted nature of the site and its access and potential problems for neighbouring residents arising during the works. Conditions were therefore requested on access to the site and delivery of materials etc as well as working hours, in order to protect the amenities of the residents

**Seaford**  
LW/18/0069

#### **19 Westdown Road**

Variation of Planning Condition - Variation of planning condition No 1 relating to Planning Reference LW/17/0458

It was **RESOLVED** that the Committee was unable to make any decision on the variation due to the lack of clear information available as to which plans were to be amended and on the detail of the amendments.

**Seaford**  
LW/18/0099

**14 Barn Close**  
Planning Application - Two storey side extension

It was **RESOLVED** to **SUPPORT** the application. The proposals were an improvement on the previous application and had overcome the Committee's objections.

Planning Applications week ending 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2018

**Seaford**  
LW/18/0123

**24 Chichester Road**  
Planning Application - Loft conversion with dormer to rear to include Juliette balcony

It was **RESOLVED** to **SUPPORT** the application

**Seaford**  
LW/18/0124

**14 Belgrave Road**  
Planning Application - Roof extension and dormers

It was **RESOLVED** to **SUPPORT** the application

**Seaford**  
LW/18/0109

**Thyme Dean 85 Firle Road**  
Planning Application - Create an open undercover, patio area at rear

It was **RESOLVED** to **SUPPORT** the application. It was a large extension but appropriate in scale to the host property and would not have any adverse impact on the character of the area.

Planning Applications week ending 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2018

No applications received

Tree Works Applications

**Seaford**  
TW/18/0018/TPO

**7 Harison Road**  
Tree Works Application- Sycamore (T1) Remove large limb and Sycamore (T2) Remove encroaching branches

It was **RESOLVED** to raise **NO OBJECTION** to the application

**Seaford**  
TW/18/0020/TPO

**12 May Avenue**  
Tree Works Application- Works to T1 Pinus Nigra and T2 Sycamore

It was **RESOLVED** to raise **NO OBJECTION** to the application

**Seaford**  
TW/18/0021/TPO

**11 May Avenue**  
Tree Works Application- Ash Tree (G4) Crown lift and reduction  
of lateral branches

It was **RESOLVED** to raise **NO OBJECTION** to the application

**P 97/03/17**

**Construction Site at Talland Parade**

It was **RESOLVED** to withdraw Standing Orders for this item to enable members of the public to comment

The Planning Officer updated the Committee on this matter. The deadline imposed by Lewes District Council for the commencement of works had not been complied with. The District Council was now drafting a formal notice under s.215 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to require removal of the scaffolding and tidying up of the site. The notice would be served during the week commencing Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March. The Town Council had recently arranged for some rubbish to be removed from the site

Traders and residents referred to the continuing problems caused by the scaffolding and the delay in the carrying out of the works.

A further update would be given at the next meeting

It was **RESOLVED** that Standing Orders be re-imposed and:

It was **RESOLVED** that the update be **NOTED**

**P 98/03/17**

**Fisher's Wharf, Newhaven Harbour (LW/799/CM)**

The Committee considered report 146/17 on the further consultation being carried out by East Sussex County Council on this application following the withdrawal of Stage 4 of the proposals; the concrete block-making plant.

It was **RESOLVED** to reiterate the previous strong objections to these proposals on the following grounds:-

Adverse impact on views across the bay from Seaford to Newhaven and the Harbour which could affect the town's tourist economy

Interference with the public's use of adjacent beaches and footpaths

Detrimental impact on the local environment, including Tidemills and the National Park, from noise, dust and increased heavy goods traffic

Contrary to the 'clean and green' objectives for new industrial activities at the Harbour as set out in the Lewes Local Plan

**P/99/03/17**

**Consultation by ESCC on Proposed Changes to Grass Cutting**

The Committee considered report 148/17 on proposals by the East Sussex County Council to reduce the frequency of grass cutting of Highway verges during the summer

The County Council was inviting Town and Parish Councils to pay the additional costs if they wanted to avoid the reduction in service

It was acknowledged that the reduction in service could encourage the development of wildlife verges but there was concern that this required proper management rather than a random reduction in the number of seasonal cuts.

Comments from local amenity societies were reported

It was **RESOLVED** as follows:-

That the additional costs would not be paid as the offer had been made too late for the consideration of provision in the Town Council's budget for 2018/19.

That the County Council be requested to issue a Press Release to inform the public of the reduction in service

That if wildlife verges were to be developed the cuts should be properly timed and managed. The County Council should be requested to inform the Town Council of the likely timings and whether cuttings were to be removed by the contractors.

The County Council be requested to identify junctions where failure to cut the verges could cause traffic safety and visibility issues

That the service be closely monitored through the summer and a further report be submitted to the Committee at the October meeting

(James Corrigan left the message after this item)

**P/100/03/17**

**Traffic Sensitive Streets**

The Committee considered report 149/17 on a review by East Sussex County Council of streets in the local area where additional advance notice of proposed street works should be given by utility companies and other contractors

It was **RESOLVED** that:-

Cradle Hill Road and Alfriston Road should be designated as roads where additional notice should be given of any proposed works and:

That consideration be given for the designation of Marine Drive and Hawth Hill under one of the three categories.

**P/101/03/17 Update Report**

The Committee considered report 145/17 informing members of the decisions taken by Lewes District Council on planning applications since the last meeting

Reference was also made to the Inspector's decision on appeal to grant consent for the proposed development at James Waste Ltd, Cradle Hill Industrial Estate which had been refused by ESCC in February 2017 under reference LW/786/CM

It was **RESOLVED** that the report and appeal decision be **NOTED** and that a copy of the appeal decision be circulated to the members for information

The meeting closed at 8.10 p.m.

Councillor L Wallraven  
Chairman