



## Seaford Town Council

### Planning & Highways Committee

Minutes of the meeting of the **Planning & Highways Committee** held at the **Council Chamber, 37 Church Street, Seaford**, on **Thursday 21 November 2013**, at **7.00 pm**.

#### **Present:**

Councillor L Wallraven (Chairman) Councillor R Allen (Vice Chairman),  
Councillors M Brown, A Campbell T Goodman, S McStravick, A White and I White.  
Mrs L Clark and Mrs G Hamilton  
4 members of public

#### **P&H 46 Apologies for Absence and Declaration of Substitute Members**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A Latham and R Scarfe. I White substituted for R Scarfe.

#### **P&H 47 Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 31 October 2013 were **AGREED** as a correct record and signed by the chairman.

#### **P&H 48 Public Participation**

##### Questioner

##### Question Concerning

*Mr R Gower*

*Welcomed Mrs L Clark in her new role as Support Services Manager.*

*Mr Gower also commented on the result of the accident fatality on Wednesday 20 November. He asked whether Seaford Town Council will make a recommendation to East Sussex County Council that a safety survey is undertaken.*

**Cllr I White**

Cllr I White commented that Seaford Town Council has been campaigning for a long time to reduce the speed limit and the Town Council will be pursuing this further after the previous night's accident. He also commented that this will now strengthen Seaford Town Council's campaign.

*Mr Brown*

*Mr Brown has received a letter from a resident regarding Blatchington road works that are due to start on Monday 28 November 2013. Mr Brown also commented on the accident fatality that happened the previous day and said that it is a very dangerous stretch of road. Something needs to be done about the transport in and around Seaford when accidents happen.*

**Chairman** *Double decker buses are unable to get under the bridge at Bishopstone since East Sussex County Council installed the new cycle path, so buses cannot operate if an accident does happen.*

**Cllr I White** The accident caused an enormous diversion but there is no other way of traffic getting around unless a flyover was put in, but we would not want this to happen.

**Cllr S Adeniji** *Commented on item 6. HWRC and said he would like to make a tribute to the Mayor who chaired the public meeting in relation to the closure of the tip and to thank Seaford Town Council for their support. He also commented that we are doing all we can to stop East Sussex County Council from closing the HWRC.*

**P&H 49 Planning Applications**

Planning Applications week ending 8 November 2013

**Seaford 18 Church Street**  
LW/13/0725 Planning Application - Change of use from wellness centre to takeaway outlet for Mr P Hatt.

*No objection*

**Seaford Chyngton C P School, Millberg Road**  
LW/3183/CC Consultation by ESCC - Retention of wood fired outdoor pizza oven.  
AR/DV

*No objection*

Planning Applications within the South Downs National Park Authority

**Seaford School House, The Street, Bishopstone Village**  
SDNP/13/048 Removal of greenhouse and brick outbuilding, erection of two  
45/FUL greenhouses and a garden storage building for Ms K Rayner & Mr W Wilson.

*No objection*

*It was **AGREED** that item 7, Mercread Road – Extension of Double Yellow Lines was discussed before item 6, Household Waste Recycling Sites Service Review 2013.*

**P&H 50 Mercread Road – Extension of Double Yellow Lines**

Members considered report 105/13.

It was **AGREED** that there is **NO OBJECTION** to this proposal.



## P&H 51 Household Waste Recycling Sites Service Review 2013

Members considered report 104/13.

It was **AGREED** that Seaford Town Council **STRONGLY OBJECT** to the proposed closure of Seaford HWRS as per the ESCC HWRS Service Review for the following reasons:

- Increase to the already proven poor air quality to Newhaven.
- Congestion which will increase due to inadequate road infrastructure at Newhaven causing traffic jams and tail backs leading to the obstruction of the highway. This would also lead to the driving time from Seaford to the Newhaven HWRS of more than 20 minutes which does not comply with the NACAS recommended guide lines.
- Potentially more fly tipping.
- Newhaven tip will not be able to cope with an extra 14,000 houses including outlining villages. (Newhaven closed three times during the summer because it was full).
- People may recycle less and therefore LDC will lose recycling subsidies and may therefore reduce the targets as set out in the Environmental Protection Act 1990 - Section 47A , 1A Targets Recycling & composting: duty to report to Parliament.
- Cost of collecting bulk waste has not been taken into consideration.
- High population of 27,000 using Seaford which is proposed for closure and 20,000 using Hailsham to remain open.
- Only four HWRS sites along the coastal strip servicing 70% of the population, three would be inadequate.
- The document does not meet the needs of Seaford as pointed out on bullet point 2 of page 2 of the ESCC HWRS Service Review 2013.
- Continual loss of essential facilities to Seaford.
- This is a cost cutting measure by ESCC. Because of the additional kerb side collections, the cost will transfer to L.D.C
- Cradle Hill HWRS is the fourth most used site and together with Newhaven HWRS (the third most used) this would create more waste than Hastings which has the highest waste tonnage.
- Seaford HWRS site is open 7 days a week where other sites are only open for 6. This shows a need for the Seaford site to remain open.
- This Council would like an independent environmental impact assessment to be carried out.
- Referring to Section 51, Paragraph 2 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990, Newhaven will not be reasonably accessible to all residents in Seaford and the surrounding areas.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm

*L. Wallraven 12/12/13.*

Councillor L Wallraven  
Chairman.

