



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 30th July 2015** at **7.00 pm**.

Present:

Councillor L Wallraven (Chairman)
Councillor R Honeyman (Vice Chairman)
Councillors D Argent, D Burchett, M Lambert, A Latham, P Lower and A McLean.
Lucy Clark, Support Services Manager – Seaford Town Council
Georgia Raeburn, PA to the Town Clerk – Seaford Town Council (Minutes)

3 members of the public.

P18/7/15 Apologies for Absence and Declaration of Substitute Members

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor L Worcester.

P19/7/15 Disclosure of Interests

No declarations were made of discloseable pecuniary interests or 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.

P20/7/15 Public Participation

Christine Brett Read out a letter on behalf of Sarah McStravick who was unable to attend the meeting, with regards to the proposed development of the Buckle Car Park site in Seaford and urging the Town Council to take action where possible against the sale and development; calling an extraordinary meeting of the Council to register the site as a community asset (if not already done), give consideration to the petition and any outcome of a formal complaint made to Lewes District Council regarding the plans before any decisions are made by Full Council and stressing the urgency of a neighbourhood plan.

A written response to the letter was requested.

Cllr Wallraven Confirmed that Council Officers would respond in writing and was also able to confirm that an extraordinary meeting of the Full Council will be held on Wednesday 19th August 2015 at Seaford Baptist Church; this meeting will be publicised as per the Council's current procedures so the public are aware.

Bob Gower Requested that rather than just noting the information in the report on item 8 of the agenda regarding the Cradle Hill Mobile Classroom, a response is made to East Sussex County Council Officers pointing out the severity of the error with the potential consequence that without relevant planning permission the school may not have been able to accommodate all it's

children. Recommended that the Council pass comment on the plans (reference LW/15/0624), which were submitted to the District and Town Councils today, making no objection in order to avoid further delay.

Questioned who at the District Council decides to override the suggestions from the Town Council on planning applications; looking specifically at the two applications on item 9 of the agenda where the Town Council's recommendations were not upheld.

Cllr Wallraven Thanked Mr Gower for his first comment and clarified that the majority of planning applications are decided on by District Council Officers; only a small percentage go to the District's Planning Committee for consideration. It is possible to view the Officers report and reasons therein on the District Council website's Planning Portal.

P21/7/15 Planning Applications

Planning Applications week ending 4th July 2015

Seaford **3 Cliff Tops Cliff Road**
LW/15/0474 Planning Application - Erection of conservatory to the front for Mr D Foulkes.

It was **RESOLVED** to make **NO OBJECTION**.

Seaford **34 Hawth Crescent**
LW/15/0536 Planning Application - Erection of single storey rear extension, loft conversion including rear dormer, front porch and extension to garage for Mr A Tucknott.

It was **RESOLVED** to **OBJECT** on the grounds of being unneighbourly and creating a loss of privacy for the neighbouring property.

Seaford **Cuckmere House School Eastbourne Road Seaford East Sussex**
LW/15/0548 **BN25 4BA**
Consultation by ESCC - Retention of existing 'mobile' classroom for a further five years for ESCC (ESCC Ref: LW/3286/CC).

It was **RESOLVED** to reinforce the decision of the Committee at its meeting on 9th July 2015 (planning ref LW/3286/CC) and make **NO OBJECTION** however it was suggested that it be a 3 year term with serious consideration to a permanent structure.

Planning Applications week ending 11th July 2015

No planning applications to consider in respect of Seaford.

Planning Applications week ending 17th July 2015

No planning applications to consider in respect of Seaford.



Tree Works Applications

Seaford **4 Sycamore Close Seaford East Sussex BN25 4BY**
TW/15/0054/ 1 x Holm Oaks (T24 of the Order) - reduce and reshape crowns by 2.5 -
TPO 3m
 1 x Holm Oaks (T23 of the Order) - reduce and reshape crowns by 2.5 -
 3m
 1 x Holm Oak (T22 of the Order) - reduce and reshape crowns by 2.5 -
 3m and reduce canopy over road by up to 4m
 1 x Holm Oak (T21 of the Order) - reduce and reshape crowns by 2.5 -
 3m and reduce canopy over road by 2.5 - 3m
 1 x Holm Oak (T20 of the Order) - reduce and reshape crowns by 2.5 -
 3m and reduce canopy over road by 2.5 - 3m
 1 x Holm Oak (T19 of the Order) - reduce and reshape crowns by 2.5 -
 3m and reduce canopy over road by 2.5 - 3m.

It was **RESOLVED** to make **NO OBJECTION**.

Seaford **2 The Barn House Firle Road Seaford East Sussex BN25 2HJ**
TW/15/0055/ 2 x Beech Tree (G1 of the Order) - Prune top part of trees by around 5%.
TPO

It was **RESOLVED** to make **NO OBJECTION**.

Seaford **4 Manor Road North Seaford East Sussex BN25 3RB**
TW/15/0056/ 2 x Sycamore (T2 and T3 of the Order) - re-pollard as part of on-going
TPO pruning scheme.

It was **RESOLVED** to make **NO OBJECTION**.

P22/7/15 Road Closure Request for French Market

Members considered report 51/15 regarding a request to close part of Sutton Road to facilitate the French Market.

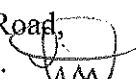
It was **RESOLVED** to **STATE** that the Committee welcomes the request and the new location for the French Market and sees no reason that an Order under Section 21 of the Town Police Clauses Act 1847 should not be made.

P23/7/15 Road Closure Request for Italian Market

Members considered report 52/15 regarding a request to close part of Sutton Road to facilitate the Italian Market.

It was **RESOLVED** to **STATE** that the Committee welcomes the request and the introduction of an Italian Market to the town and sees no reason that an Order under Section 21 of the Town Police Clauses Act 1847 should not be made.

P24/7/15 Road Closure Request for Remembrance Day Parade

Members considered report 50/15 regarding a request to close parts of Avondale Road, Sutton Park Road, Broad Street and Place Lane for the Remembrance Day Parade. 

It was **RESOLVED** to make **NO OBJECTION** providing the Police are in agreement with the proposals, furthermore that it be ensured that the traffic diversion does not lead vehicles the wrong way down a one way road (in 2014 traffic was diverted the wrong way down Clinton Lane by marshals) or where this is unavoidable, that marshals be at both ends of the road in question to alert vehicles attempting to enter the road as they would do normally.

The Committee **NOTED** it's thanks to the Police and volunteer marshals for all their efforts at previous years Remembrance Day Parades.

P25/7/15 Cradle Hill Mobile Classroom

Members considered report 53/15 regarding an administration error by East Sussex County Council relating to Seaford Town Council not receiving the plans for Cradle Hill School Mobile Classroom.

It was **RESOLVED** to **INSTRUCT** Council Officers to write to East Sussex County Council on the Committee's behalf expressing regret and disappointment that the Town Council had not been informed of the plans in the usual consultation method and urging that the work on the mobile classroom be undertaken as fast as possible.

P26/7/15 Update Report

Members considered report 54/15 informing the Committee of Lewes District Council decisions on previous planning applications.

It was **RESOLVED** to **INSTRUCT** Council Officers to enter in to discussions with Lewes District Council regarding the following requests, reporting back to the Committee at a later date:

1. When the Town Council recommend an objection to a planning application that it automatically be considered by the District Council's Planning Committee rather than District Council Planning Officers; and
2. Once decisions are made by the District Council, whether by Officers or the Planning Committee, that the Town Council receive an email with the Officers Report/notice of the decisions and reasons.

The meeting closed at 7.45pm.

L Wallraven 24/9/15

Councillor L Wallraven
Chairman