

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 26th October 2017 commencing at 7.00 p.m

Present:

Councillors, L Wallraven (Chairman), J Elton, A Latham, T Goodman and R Honeyman. Geoff Johnson - Planning Officer 4 members of the public present

P 45/10/17 Apologies for Absence and Declaration of Substitute Members

Apologies were received from the Councillors D Argent, P Boorman, L Freeman, N Freeman and P Lower

P 46/10/17 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

Councillor R Honeyman declared a non-pecuniary interest in LW/17/0501 as a member of the Seaford Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group and did not speak or vote on that application

P 47/10/17 Public Participation

Jill Wilson of Dorcas Cottage Saxon Lane spoke on the continuing problems with the scaffolding at Talland Parade. She had been surrounded by debris from the site for six years. Over the stormy weekend of $21^{st}/22^{nd}$ October three scaffold planks had fallen into her garden but fortunately did not cause any damage. Falling plastic sheets had also taken tiles off her roof and damaged her guttering. There was no one working on the site. It was unbearable living next to it worrying about what was going to happen next. The Police and Fire Service had been called over the weekend to deal with the falling Plastic sheets. The Owners should refund her Council Tax which she would then donate To charity. The fence at the rear prevented her from gaining access to the rear of her Property.

Councillor Goodman mentioned that he had been in contact with ESCC regarding the blockage of the highway. The Planning Officer confirmed that he was in regular contact with Lewes D.Cs Enforcement Officer to put pressure on the District Council to take some positive action.

Barry Groves mentioned that he visited the Talland Parade site weekly and was also concerned about the traffic hazard from speeding cars which put pedestrians and people on mobility scooters in danger.

He also referred to the continuing traffic problems due to parking in the Marine Drive/Bishopstone Road area. Double yellow lines were required urgently to remedy the problems.

The Planning Officer informed the Committee that the area was likely to come under consideration in the next Parking Review to be carried out by ESCC Highways early in the new year

P 48/10/17 Planning Applications

Planning Applications week ending 29th September 2017

Seaford

30 Tudor Close

LW/17/0776

Planning Application-Extension of garage to side of property

It was RESOLVED to SUPPORT the application

Seaford

36 Rookery Way Bishopstone

LW/17/0801

Planning Application- Demolition of existing conservatory and loggia and erection of single storey rear and side extensions and raised rear decking

It was RESOLVED to SUPPORT the application

Planning Applications week ending 6th October 2017

Seaford

2 Hindover Crescent

LW/17/0624

Planning Application- Replacement single storey rear extension for Mrs S Hampton

It was RESOLVED to SUPPORT the application. The proposed extension was large but could be accommodated without causing any amenity problems for occupiers of neighbouring properties

Seaford

2 Beacon Drive

LW/17/0775

Planning Application- Erection of fence with trellis on top for Mr R Cotter

It was **RESOLVED** to **SUPPORT** the application. The fence was to replace a dying untidy tall hedge and there was already a 6 ft fence at the property opposite. Additional planting would soften the impact on the street scene

Seaford

1 Roedean Close

LW/17/0790

Planning Application- Two storey rear and side extension for Mr & Mrs Bowers

It was **RESOLVED** to **SUPPORT** the application. Although it was a substantial extension its location and the size of the plot would ensure that it would not give rise to any amenity problems

Seaford

3 St Margaret's Rise Bishopstone

LW/17/0813

Planning Application- Entrance porch and bedroom extension

It was RESOLVED to OBJECT to the application on the grounds that it was larger than other front extensions in the area and its intrusion in front of general line of the properties would harm the street scene and amount to overdevelopment in this particular location. contrary to policy ST3 of the Local

Plan

Seaford

15 Rother Road

LW/17/0836

Planning Application-Single storey rear extension and loft conversion

It was **RESOLVED** to **SUPPORT** the application The amended description to 'Proposed two-storey extension and loft conversion' was **NOTED**

Seaford

19 Green Walk

LW/17/0839

Planning Application- Demolition of detached garage, two storey side and rear extension, single storey front extension and internal alterations

It was **RESOLVED** to **SUPPORT** the application on the grounds that the property was able to accommodate a large extension without affecting its character or causing any amenity problems.

Seaford

72 Vale Road

LW/17/0842

Planning Application- Erection of a four-bed detached dwelling

It was **RESOLVED** to **SUPPORT** the application on the grounds that it was a like for like replacement of the property previously demolished following a fire.

Planning Applications for week ending 13th October 2017

Seaford

83 Stafford Road

LW/17/0833

Planning Application- Removal of existing front porch & erection of new UPVC porch

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

Seaford

16 Churchill Road

LW/17/0847

Planning Application- Demolition of garage and erection of semi detached split bungalow

It was **RESOLVED** to **OBJECT** to the application on the grounds that it would form a cramped development which would be out of character with the area. The proposals did not overcome the objections of the Inspector as outlined in the appeal decision letter on the previous application LW/16/0007

Seaford

Sutton Corner Garage, Sheep Pen Lane

LW/17/0849

Planning Application- Demolition of existing garage workshop, erection of terrace of three x 2 bedroom houses and a single storey dwelling

It was **RESOLVED** to **SUPPORT** the application on the grounds that it was a simple renewal of the scheme approved by Lewes D.C in 2014

Reconsultation

Seaford

11 Blatchington Road

LW/17/0501

Planning Application- Remove single storey kitchen building, erection of replacement two storey building accommodating three self-contained flats with associated parking alterations to the fenestration on the west elevation of The main clubhouse building and change of use of the Old Wagon Factory Building from B1 to Sui Generis- amended plans

It was **RESOLVED** that the amended plans be **SUPPORTED**. The potential hazard to pedestrians caused by the narrow access, on which Lewes D.C planning officers were basing their recommendation to refuse, was not considered to carry sufficient weight to justify refusal. It was not an area which attracted many pedestrians and any potential impact would be outweighed by the benefit of the provision of new residential units close to the Town Centre.

Tree Works Applications

Seaford

16 Manor Road North

TW/17/0102

Tree Works Application (TPO)- 1 Elm (T8) and 1 Sycamore (T9) 30% reduction in size

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

Seaford

6 Firle Grange

TW/17/0101

Tree Works Application-(TPO) Crown Lift by removing secondary growth only to provide 2 ft. clearance under canopy. Reduce crown by 3 metres

It was RESOLVED to SUPPORT the application

Seaford

Martello Cottage Bramber Lane

TW/17/0098

Tree Works Application-(TPO) 1 x Monterrey Cyprus (T1) Fell to ground level

It was **RESOLVED** to **OBJECT** to the application on the grounds that it was a landmark specimen tree which contributed greatly to the character of the area. No evidence or reason had been put forward to justify the removal.

P/49/10/17 South Downs National Park-Local Plan-Submission Draft

Members considered report 76/17 on the latest draft of the SDNPA Local Plan, the Submission Draft. The consultation period would run to 21st November 2017 following which the Plan would be considered by an Inspector at the Examination in Public in the new year. It was **RESOLVED** that the following comments be sent to the SDNPA:-

- 1. That as the Plan would eventually supersede the saved policies of the Lewes Local Plan consideration should be given to additional special protection for Bishopstone Village to to replace the specific protection currently given by saved policy SF11.
- 2. That similar consideration is given to additional protection for the Tidemills area in view of its historical significance, again to replace the special protection provided in the Lewes Local Plan

P/50/10/17 Update Report

Members considered report 77/17 informing the Committee of Lewes District Council decisions on previous planning applications.

It was RESOLVED that the report be NOTED

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The meeting closed at 8.02pm

Councillor L Wallraven

Chair