



Seaford Town Council

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 21st November 2019** at **7.00 p.m.** which you are summoned to attend.

James Corrigan
Town Clerk
13th November 2019

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 for week commencing 21st October 2019

Seaford LW/19/0708	15 Sandore Road Planning Application – Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of single storey rear extension for Mr P Childs and Ms V Neylen
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Planning Applications for week commencing 28th October 2019

Seaford LW/19/0789	62 Dane Road Planning Application – Single storey rear extension with creation of first floor balcony, internal layout modifications and replacement façade finishes for Mr O Machan
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Planning Applications for week commencing 4th November 2019

No applications received

Planning Applications for week commencing 11th November 2019

No applications received

Tree Works Applications

Seaford **33 Barn Close**
TW/19/0076/TPO Tree Preservation Order – 30% reduction in Holm Oak in rear garden for Mr C Lowmans

Seaford **1 Barn Close**
TW/19/0091/TPO Tree Preservation Order – Fell two sycamores by rear garden fence and six surrounding leylandii and one holly tree in danger due to infection from sycamores for Ms Amanda Steup

Seaford **Griffin Lodge Eastbourne Road**
TW/19/0096/TPO Tree Preservation Order – Reduce Holm Oak (T1) to old pruning points to allow more light to dwelling for Fern Ketley

5. Parking of Motorhomes on the Seafront

To consider the report 108/19 of the Planning Officer on this matter

6. Fieldings 18 Firle Road

To consider the report 109/19 of the Planning Officer on this matter

7. Update Report

To consider report 110/19 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 N Adil, J Edson, M Everden, A Latham and J Lord.

For Information: Councillors L Boorman, P Boorman, M Brown, J Cash, S Dunn, M Hayder, R Hayder, O Honeyman, J Meek, R Morland, R Reed, G Rutland and B Webb .



Seaford Town Council

Report 108/19

Agenda Item No: 5
Committee: Planning & Highways Committee
Date: 21st November 2019
Title: Parking of Motorhomes on the Seafront
By: Geoff Johnson Planning Officer
Purpose of Report: To inform the Committee of the decision made by ESCC
Parking on this matter

Recommendations

You are recommended:

- 1. To comment on the issues raised in the report.**
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1. Information

At the meeting on 18TH July 2109 the Committee considered proposals from ESCC Parking for implementation early in the new year. One of the proposals discussed was the Town Council's request for a relaxation in the restriction on the overnight parking of motorhomes at The Buckle and Esplanade car parks to relieve the problem of motorhomes being parked on the seafront overnight

As part of the consultation exercise connected with the proposals ESCC arranged for NSL to carry out surveys along Marine Parade and the Esplanade during the months of June, July, and August. The signs banning motorhomes were also removed in May to allow them to determine the scale of the problem.

44 objections were received to the proposals for the car parks, along with 3 expressions of support. 15 of the objectors were from Cliff Close, 2 were from Martello Road, and 3 from Cricketfield Road. There was no clear public support for these proposals, especially from residents living near the car park.

In addition NSL carried out 89 seafront visits during the months of June, July, and August. On 48 of these visits there were no motorhomes or caravans parked in Marine Parade or the Esplanade. On the other 41 visits, a total of 69 motorhomes and 7 caravans were logged. Of these 69 motorhomes, only two were identified as being in the same location on subsequent days.

The on street surveys indicated that during this year's summer months of June, July, and August, there clearly wasn't an issue which warranted ESCC banning motorhomes from the seafront. They have also received only one complaint about the seafront parking and

that complaint was asking why motorhomes and caravans were being banned (although this was before the signs were taken down).

Following the survey and the receipt of the objections the ESCC officers have concluded that no further action is needed and a report will be submitted to their Planning Committee next month to reflect this conclusion.

The Town Clerk had held a series of meetings with ESCC over a lengthy period regarding measures to deal with motorhomes on the seafront. He has replied to ESCC noting the recordings taken through the year and the conclusions. He was surprised the quantity was as high as it was as, he acknowledged that, for whatever reason, the number of motorhomes this year has been noticeably less than previous years.

He also commented that had they been able to arrange a further meeting he did want to discuss the potential impact from the introduction of parking changes at the Newhaven ferry terminal. He hoped that this would have been taken into account as it meant that there would be on average 65 lorries and 20 – 40 motor homes looking for parking outside of the port who previously would have been able to park within it.

In view of the likelihood of the problem of the seafront parking of motorhomes arising again next summer and further complaints being received members are invited to consider adopting the following 'Position Statement' i.e

“Seaford Town Council Position Statement on Motorhome parking on the seafront.

Seaford Town Council is aware that some residents and some motorhome users are not in agreement with the current parking restrictions on the seafront. Unfortunately proposals to address these were rejected.

Accordingly, anyone who wishes to make comment on these is advised to contact East Sussex County Council on the email address, Parking.ESCC@eastsussex.gov.uk or telephone the parking team at ESCC on 01323 466244. “

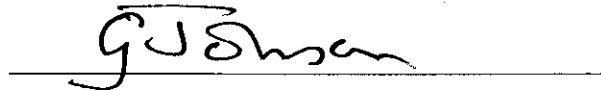
2. Financial Appraisal

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

3. Contact Officer

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

Planning Officer





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Report 109/19

Agenda Item No: 6
Committee: Planning & Highways Committee
Date: 21st November 2019
Title: Fieldings 18 Firle Road
By: Geoff Johnson Planning Officer
Purpose of Report: To update members on the ongoing dispute re Fieldings

Recommendations

You are recommended:

1. To comment on the matters raised in the report
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1. Information

Members will recall that at the meeting on 10th October 2019, following consideration of a detailed report on the granting of consent, under delegated powers, for a new dwelling at the rear of Fieldings 18 Firle Road it was RESOLVED that objections be forwarded to Lewes D.C on the grounds:-

‘That the District Council should acknowledge in clear terms that a serious error was made both in the failure to refer the application to Committee once the recommendation to grant consent was decided on and in the granting of consent. It is clear that material planning considerations were ignored and that the Town Council's objection was wrongly interpreted as 'unreasonable and unsustainable'. If the proper course of action had been followed then at least the issues could have been raised for consideration before the determination of the application.

The failure to give due weight to the Town Council's objection was a major flaw in the process and could lead the Planning and Highways Committee to consider using the call-in process to protect its interests in future applications. This would lead to more applications being referred to Committee and additional delay in the process but given the way in which this application has been dealt with it would be fully justified.

That the acknowledgement of the error should be followed by a clear statement from the District Council to reassure the residents and the Town Council that the granting of consent in this case for tandem development was a 'one-off' aberration which will not create a precedent and will not weaken the application of Local Plan Saved Policy ST4 and successor policies.

That you made an error in citing the lack of an objection from the host property as a further justification for granting consent.

Apart from the points raised above there are additional concerns that the District Council is relying on conditions to enforce important issues relating to the development e.g provision of an adequate turning area, rather than requesting plans prior to the granting of consent.

I look forward to receiving your response'

The response received from the Interim Head of Planning at LDC did not answer any of the points directly and did not add anything to the response made previously.

LDC's position on the matter is clear there is little more which can be done through the normal processes. However, given LDC's actions there is clearly the need for the Town Council to identify sensitive applications such as this earlier in the process and ensure that cases where a reference to Committee is warranted are flagged up prior to the determination of the application

The residents who objected to the approved application are continuing their challenge to the decision It seems likely that it will lead to a reference to the Local Government Ombudsman

Members' comments are invited on the matters raised above

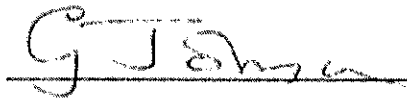
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Report 110/19

Agenda Item No: 7
Committee: Planning & Highways Committee
Date: 21st November 2019
Title: 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.
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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.

3. Contact Officer

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

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APPENDIX A

UPDATE REPORT 110/19 for PLANNING AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE- THURSDAY 21ST NOVEMBER 2019. ITEM 7

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

APPROVED BY LDC-NO OBJECTION FROM STC

LW/19/0154 – 30 Dukes Close – Replacement outbuilding (retrospective)

LW/19/0484- Crypt Gallery Church Street – Display of two wall-mounted signs

LW/19/0632- Seaford House Crouch Lane – Partial rebuilding of flint wall

LW/19/0654- 9 Meads Road – Single storey extension to replace conservatory. Two storey side extension and infill extension at front

LW/19/0655- 39 Claremont Road – Replacement of four windows

APPROVED BY LDC – OBJECTION FROM STC

None

REFUSED BY LDC-OBJECTION FROM STC

None

REFUSED BY LDC-NO OBJECTION FROM STC

None

TREE WORKS DECISION

TW/19/0066/TCA – 59 Belgrave Road – Removal of two sycamores and replace with 2 x birch trees

**Geoff Johnson
Planning Officer**

13th November 2019