

### **Planning & Highways Committee**

Minutes of the meeting of the Planning & Highways Committee held via Zoom on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021 commencing at 7.00pm.

#### Present:

Councillors L Wallraven (Chair), D Argent, L Boorman, J Edson, M Everden, R Honeyman (Vice-Chair) and J Meek.

Geoff Johnson, Planning Officer (meeting clerk)

Georgia Raeburn, Executive Support Officer (technical host)

There were two members of the public were present.

## P50/01/20 Apologies for Absence and Declaration of Substitute Members

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Lord.

#### P51/01/20 Disclosure of Interests

Councillor Wallraven declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 5 as a member of Seaford Rotary Club.

# P52/01/20 Public Participation

There was no public participation.

## P53/01/20 Planning Applications

Planning Applications received in week commencing Monday 7th December 2020

LW/20/0773 - 11 Rodmell Road - Erection of a first-floor side extension and garage conversion.

It was RESOLVED to SUPPORT this application.

LW/20/0772 - 34 Quarry Lane - Demolition of side lean-to, erection of single storey rear extension, erection of single storey rear garage extension, internal alterations & associated hard and soft landscaping works.

It was RESOLVED to SUPPORT this application.

LW/20/0845 – 14 Bramber Road - Part section 73A retrospective application to retain safety rails to flat roof and reconfigure roof construction, to create gable ends in lieu of hips.

Resident A – clarified that they have resubmitted the planning application unchanged. Felt that Lewes District Council did not treat the previous application fairly and were unreasonable in its refusal. Explained how the application is sympathetic to the local area, has neighbours support and will improve certain aspects, such as current privacy issues with neighbouring properties.

Resident B — having visited the property, supported the statement of resident A in particular where privacy is concerned. Aware that the level of service given to the applicant is not the usual standard from the District Council, largely due to the effect of COVID-19 and staff shortages, and that it had apologised for this.

It was RESOLVED to SUPPORT this application.

(7.18pm – Member of the public joined the meeting)

LW/20/0815 – 2 Homefield Road – Removal of high-level cladding and side conservatory. New external cladding to the first floor and formation of entrance and side canopy.

It was **RESOLVED** to **SUPPORT** this application. The new cladding would enhance the appearance of the property and the general character of the area

(7.22pm – Member of the public exited the meeting)

Planning Applications received in week commencing Monday 14th December 2020

LW/20/0807 - 84 Marine Parade - Extension of existing rear dormer and internal alterations.

It was RESOLVED to SUPPORT this application.

Planning Applications received in week commencing Monday 21st December 2020

LW/20/0833 - 11 Chyngton Gardens - Proposed single storey rear extension.

It was RESOLVED to SUPPORT this application.

LW/20/0799 - Elm Court Blatchington Road - Erection of 9 new dwellings and associated infrastructure.

It was RESOLVED to OBJECT to this application for the following reasons:-

The Council acknowledges that the site is allocated in the Local and Neighbourhood Plans for 9 dwellings and welcomes the inclusion of solar panels and the provision of electric vehicles charging points in the plans; however the objection is to the design of the dwellings.

While there is no objection in principle to contemporary designs in appropriate locations it was felt that this prominent location warranted a less austere development and one more sympathetic to the characteristics of the neighbouring Conservation Area and the area to the east of the site both in the design itself and the nature of the materials used

LW/20/0853 - 10 Bracken Road - Erection of two storey side/rear extension.

It was RESOLVED to SUPPORT this application.

LW/20/0847 - 61 Cuckmere Road - First floor rear extension.

It was RESOLVED to SUPPORT this application.

LW/20/0820 - 2 Fitzgerald Avenue - Erection of single storey dwelling.

It was RESOLVED to SUPPORT this application

(8.03pm – Member of the public exited the meeting)

LW/20/0770 - 2 Lucinda Way – Loft conversion to include raising ridge height and south facing Juliet balcony. Installation of 3 x dormers in west elevation and 2 x rooflights in east elevation

It was RESOLVED to OBJECT to this application on the following grounds:-

The proposals involve a significant increase in the ridge height of the property. The visual bulk of the roof extension would have an adverse impact on the character and appearance of Lucinda Way which is of modest bungalows with shallow pitch roofs. Also, the granting of consent could make it more difficult to resist similar proposals at other properties in the area and this would further erode the existing character of Lucinda Way. The proposals should therefore be regarded as being contrary to the advice and guidelines in para GB04 of the Seaford Neighbourhood Plan Design Guide-'Roof Extensions and Modifications'

LW/20/0817 - The Cottage Grove Road - Demolition of existing garage and erection of two storey side and rear extension to include a Juliet balcony, internal and external alterations and rear terrace

It was RESOLVED to SUPPORT this application.

P54/01/20 Road Closure Application - Over the Rainbow Charity Walk

The Committee considered report 114/20 of the Planning Officer on road closures required for the 'Over The Rainbow' Charity Walk on 21st March 2021.

It was RESOLVED to raise NO OBJECTION to the application

P55/01/20 Update Report

The Committee considered report 115/20 of the Planning Officer on recent decisions made by Lewes District Council on applications previously considered by this Committee.

It was RESOLVED to NOTE the contents of the report.

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The meeting closed at 8.06pm.

Councillor Linda Wallraven

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