



Seaford Town Council

Planning and Highways Committee

Minutes of the meeting of the **Planning and Highways Committee** held via **Zoom** on **Thursday 27th August 2020** commencing at 7.00pm.

Present:

Councillors R Honeyman (Vice-Chair as Chair), D Argent, L Boorman, J Cash, J Edson
M Everden and J Lord
Geoff Johnson, Planning Officer
Georgia Raeburn, Executive Support Officer (technical host)
No members of the public were present

P07/08/20 Apologies for Absence and Substitute Members

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr L Wallraven (Cllr J Cash substituted).

Cllr J Lord confirmed that he had submitted his apologies for the previous meeting on 6th August 2020 as he personally had an application on the agenda.

P08/08/20 Disclosure of Interests

Cllr J Lord confirmed that he had a pecuniary interest in application LW/20/0478 18 College Road, as the owner of that property, although noted that this application was not due to be discussed at this meeting due to being wrongly included on the agenda.

P09/08/20 Public Participation

There was no public participation.

P10/08/20 Planning Applications

Applications received week commencing 2nd August 2020

LW/20/0508 14 Corsica Close - Addition of a 'cube' open veranda to the rear elevation of the property in the private garden

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

LW/20/0394 Cranford Alfriston Road – Erection of front extension

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

That a flat roofed front extension of this size as opposed to a pitched roofed structure would be unattractive and out of character with the host and attached properties and the surrounding residential area. It would therefore be contrary to policy DM25 of the Lewes Local Plan Part 2 and policy SEA2 of the Seaford Neighbourhood Plan

LW/20/0464 Malvern House Alfriston Road – Demolition of existing outbuilding and erection of timber prefabricated single storey granny annexe for ancillary use to main dwelling

It was **RESOLVED** to **SUPPORT** the application provided a condition is attached to any consent granted requiring the occupation of the annexe to remain subservient to the main dwelling and for the

use of the annexe to remain ancillary to the use of the main dwelling and not as an independent unit of accommodation

LW/20/0388 Homefield Place Homefield Road – Demolition of existing building and redevelopment of the site to provide a new 55-bed care home with associated access road car parking landscaping and amenity space

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

LW/20/0478 18 College Road – Conversion of existing care home to semi-detached 3 bedroom houses and detached house to 3 flats (1 x 1 bed, 1 x 2 bed and 1 x 3 bed)

It was **NOTED** that this application had incorrectly been included on the weekly planning list as it is yet to be validated. If and when it is validated, it will be presented to this Committee. No discussion on this application took place.

LW/20/0491 53 Alfriston Road – Conversion of existing bungalow into 3 self-contained 2 bed units

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

The floor areas of the three proposed flats are not specified in the application but appear to be well below the Minimum Space Standards for 2-bed flats. Also very little thought has been given to the division of the rear garden into three separate amenity areas This reinforces the view that the proposed conversion would create an extremely cramped form of development which would provide a poor standard of amenity for the occupiers. The sub-division would also generate a high level of general activity for a single property and would be out of character with the surrounding area which is mostly defined by single dwellings. Consent would also make it more difficult to resist other similar proposals.

The proposed conversion would therefore be contrary to policy DM8 of the Lewes Local Plan Part 2

LW/20/0487 21 Rother Road – Demolish existing conservatory and build larger single storey extension to an existing property

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

LW/20/0500 9 Hastings Avenue – Single storey rear extension and garage extension

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

LW/19/0869 Ground Floor 41-43 High St – Retrospective application to change the door at front of shop

It was **RESOLVED** to **SUPPORT** the application but it was **NOTED** with regret that this was the fourth retrospective application submitted by this applicant in the past 18 months

LW/20/0416 28 Hawth Crescent – Single storey front extension

It was **NOTED** that the application was for 26 Hawth Crescent not 28.

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

LW/20/0502 38 Hawth Park Road -Garage conversion with front and rear extensions

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

Planning Applications received in week commencing 9th August 2020

None.

Planning Applications received in week commencing 16th August 2020

LW/20/0318 13 Fitzgerald Avenue – Conversion of integral garage into a study/storage area by removing garage doors and installing UPVC windows and doors for Jonathan Medlycott

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

South Downs National Park Application

SDNP/20/02124/FUL – Seven Sisters Country Park Exceat – Phase 1 of redevelopment – Additional toilet facilities. Improvements to pedestrian and vehicular access. Minor alterations to Visitor Centre and Dairy Building to provide additional office accommodation. Improvements to the public realm to enhance the farmstead character of Exceat; Foxhole Camping Barn-Extension of facilities block. 1-3 Foxhole Cottages-Erection of extensions and sub-division of cottages to provide one unit of warden accommodation and 3 holiday lets

It was **RESOLVED** to **DEFER** consideration of the application to the Committee's next meeting on Thursday 17th September to give more time for members to consider the plans and supporting documents posted on the SDNPA website

Tree Works Applications

TW/20/0062 The Lodge Eastbourne Road – T31 Sycamore and T33 Ash - Fell to ground level and poison the stump to prevent regrowth- T34 – Reduce the crown overhanging the boundary of The Lodge by 2.5m and reduce/rebalance the remaining crown as required

It was **RESOLVED** to **SUPPORT** the application subject to appropriate new planting being required to replace any trees removed

P11/08/20 Changes to the Current Planning System – Public Consultation

The Committee considered report 41/20 of the Planning Officer regarding a Committee response to the public consultation on the changes to the current planning system.

It was **RESOLVED** to **DEFER** consideration of the report to the Committee's meeting on Thursday 8th October and that it be considered alongside the further report from the Planning Officer on the White Paper 'Planning for the Future'.

P12/08/20 Proposed Footpath Diversion Order – Tidemills Rail Crossing

The Committee considered report 42/20 of the Planning Officer presenting details of the proposed footpath diversion at Tidemills railway crossing.

It was **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** the report and to **REQUEST** the Planning Officer to notify members of the date and time of the proposed site meeting with the officer from Network Rail

P13/08/20 Update Report

The Committee considered report 43/20 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.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm.

Councillor R Honeyman
Vice-Chair as Chair