



Seaford Town Council

Minutes of a meeting of Seaford Town Council's Planning & Highways Committee on Thursday, 7th April 2022.

Held in the Council Chambers, 37 Church Street, Seaford at 7.00pm.

Present:

Councillor L Boorman (Vice Chair in the Chair)

Councillors D Argent, J Edson, M Everden, R Honeyman, J Lord and B Payne.

Geoff Johnson, Planning Officer

There were three members of the public in attendance.

P106/04/21 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor L Wallraven.

Adam Chugg, Town Clerk, also submitted his apologies for the meeting.

P107/04/21 Disclosure of Interests

There were no disclosures of interests.

P108/04/21 Public Participation

Speaker	Statement
Resident A	<i>Expressed serious concerns about contraventions at the development site at 3 Homefield Road in respect of the protection of trees.</i>
Town Council Response	Thanked for their contribution but as the matter was not on the Agenda it could not be discussed at this meeting. There would be a report on 3 Homefield Road at the next meeting on 28 th April 2022.

P109/04/21 Planning Applications

LDC Planning Applications received in week commencing Monday 14th March 2022

[LW/22/0169 – 41 Upper Belgrave Road](#) - Installation of 1no East facing window and 1no West facing Juliet balcony, both at 1st floor level.

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

[LW/22/0166 – 8 Queensway](#) - Two storey side extension.

It was **RESOLVED** to **OBJECT** on the following grounds :-

that the extension proposed had the appearance of a separate dwelling rather than an extension and should be set back to appear as subservient to the main dwelling in line with the Seaford Neighbourhood Plan Design Guidelines para GB03

It was also noted that the style and presentation of the plans lacked detail and were extremely difficult to interpret. It was questionable whether the application should have been validated given the form of the plans posted on the website.

[LW/22/0131 – 16 Maurice Road](#) - Two-storey side extension and single-storey garage extension.

It was **RESOLVED** to **OBJECT** on the following grounds :-

- a) the large increase in the footprint of the property constituted overdevelopment of the plot and would result in a building which would be out of scale and character with the surrounding area contrary to policies DM 25 and DM 28 of the Local Plan and;
- b) that the archaeological information required had not been submitted

It was also noted that the lack of measurements made it difficult for members to assess the submitted plans

[LW/22/0190 - 10 Southdown Road](#) - Replacement single storey rear extension with flat roof and 2no. skylights.

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

[LW/22/0196 - 14 Hartfield Road](#) - Demolition of existing store and garage, erection of single storey side extension and rear extension.

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

LDC Planning Applications received in week commencing Monday 21st March 2022

[LW/21/0749 - 6 Cinque Ports Way](#) – Single storey side extension.

Members commented on the fact that the most important plan in the application submission, the proposed elevations, was missing from the Lewes DC's website and it was therefore not possible to decide on a response.

It was therefore **RESOLVED** to **DEFER CONSIDERATION** of the application and request LDC to ensure that the plan in question is posted on the website.

Tree Works Applications

[TW/22/0014/TPO - 2 Willow Drive](#) - Holm Oaks (T1 & T2) - Reduce crowns by 2-3m and crowns thin branch structure by approximately 20%. Reasons:- Maintain smaller crowns to prevent any damage to main sewers running close to trees and prevent pigeon droppings causing a serious health hazard.

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

[TW/22/0016/TPO – 8 Chapel Close](#) - The removal of one trunk of a potentially dangerous multi stemmed Sycamore.

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

[TW/22/0018/TPO - Cuckmere House School Eastbourne Road](#) - T1 - Sycamore - Crown reduction of 4m off the height and lateral branches to include a crown lift of 5m for Mr R Newton.

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

Appeals Received

[LW/19/0656 – 6 Steyne Road](#) – Redevelopment of site to create 13 apartments – Refused at Lewes District Council’s Planning Applications Committee on 6th October 2021 on the following grounds:-

The proposed development, due to its size, massing, scale and design, would result in an overdevelopment of the site and would have a detrimental impact on the setting of the adjacent conservation area and upon the character and appearance of the surrounding street scene, contrary to Seaford Neighbourhood Plan Policies SEA2 and SEA3, SF01 of the Seaford Neighbourhood Plan Design Guidelines, and Policies DM25 and DM33 of the Lewes District Local Plan, and Para 130 (c) of the NPPF.

The Planning Officer reported that he had submitted a statement supporting dismissal of this appeal to the Planning Inspectorate based on the Council’s previous objections and refuting the grounds of appeal submitted by the applicant.

It was **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** the action taken.

P110/04/21 Glover Landscape Review

The Committee considered report 189/21 of the Planning Officer on the consultation being carried out by DEFRA on this recently published Review of the protected landscapes of the UK’s National Parks and AONBs. The item had been deferred to this meeting at the previous meetings on 24th February and 17th March.

It was **RESOLVED** :-

- a) To **NOTE** the report and,
- b) In view of the need to respond prior to the deadline of 9th April, to **AUTHORISE** the Planning Officer to prepare and submit a response to DEFRA based on the issues discussed at the meeting .

P111/04/21 Talland Parade Update – April 2022

The Committee considered report 201/21 providing an update on recent developments at Talland Parade.

It was **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** the update.

P112/04/21 Telecommunications Infrastructure – Changes to Permitted Development Rights

The Committee considered report 202/21 presenting details of the Government's proposals surrounding permitted development rights for telecommunications infrastructure.

It was **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** the report.

P113/04/21 Proposed Road Closures for Jubilee Street Parties and 'Tour of Sussex'

The Committee considered report 203/21 presenting details of proposed road closures for the Committee to comment on.

The Planning Officer reported that following further discussions between the Town Council's officers and the Organiser of the Tour of Sussex event it had been agreed that the length of the proposed closure of The Esplanade should be reduced to allow traffic to turn right on to the seafront from the junction with Dane Road.

Also it was agreed that additional marshals would be provided to deal with parking and access issues in the residential roads leading on to the closed section of The Esplanade.

It was **RESOLVED** :-

- a) To raise **NO OBJECTION** to the proposed road closures requested including the amended proposals for the 'Tour of Sussex' event and ;
- b) That the Town Council's Project Support Officer, Sharan Brydon, be **THANKED** for negotiating a satisfactory amendment to the 'Tour of Sussex' proposals.

P114/04/21 Update Report

The Committee considered report 204/21 of the Planning Officer and the schedule of recent decisions made by Lewes District Council on applications previously considered by this Committee.

It was **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** the report and the decisions notified within.

The meeting closed at 8.56pm.

Councillor L Boorman
Vice-Chair in the Chair