



## Seaford Town Council

### Planning & Highways Committee

Minutes of the meeting of the **Planning & Highways Committee** held via **Zoom** on **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2020** commencing at 7.00pm.

#### **Present:**

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

Geoff Johnson, Planning Officer

Isabelle Moulard, Assistant Town Clerk (technical host)

No members of the public were present

#### **P22/10/20 Apologies for Absence and Substitute Members**

There were no apologies for absence.

#### **P23/10/20 Disclosure of Interests**

Councillor J Meek declared that he lived close to the property in LW/20/0635 but did not know the applicant and that as the proposed development had no impact on him he would not refrain from speaking and voting on the application.

#### **P24/10/20 Public Participation**

There was no public participation.

#### **P25/10/20 Planning Applications**

Planning Applications received week commencing 14<sup>th</sup> September

**LW/20/0592 – 89 Stafford Road – Single storey rear extension, front entrance porch and summerhouse in the rear garden for Miss Wah See Li.**

It was **RESOLVED** to **SUPPORT** the application in principle subject to:-

1. Consideration being given to the neighbour's request for obscure glazing to replace the cavity wall at the end of the sun-room and
2. A condition attached to the summerhouse to restrict its use to purposes ancillary to the main dwelling i.e no commercial use or separate occupation

**LW/20/0575 – 75 Sutton Avenue – Two storey front extensions and first floor front extension for Mr J Crowther.**

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

**LW/20/0593/CD – Land South and West of the East Sussex County Council Port Access Road Southern Roundabout - Discharge of conditions 2 (Surface Water Drainage Rates), 3 (Details of Outfall), 4 (Management of Surface Water), 5 (Swale & Pond Design), 6 (Drainage Maintenance & Management Plan), 8 (Seed Mix), 10 (Method Statements), 12 (Details of Fencing), 13 (Details of Lighting Columns) and 16 (Details of Cycle Stands) of application LW/19/0371 for Newhaven Port and Properties.**

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

**LW/20/0617 – 11 Crown Hill – Single storey side extension for Dr S Thorp.**

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

**LW/20/0569 – 49 Tudor Close – Proposed front extension and clear glazing to windows  
Installed in proposed dormers for Mr and Mrs Nye.**

It was **RESOLVED** to **SUPPORT** the application. The neighbouring resident's concern over the design of the roof and his request for traditional dormers was noted but it was considered that as there was already a wide variety of roof designs in the area his objection could not be supported

**LW/20/0618 – 40 Cuckmere Road – Proposed side and rear extension for Mr A Booth.**

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

Planning Applications received week commencing 21<sup>st</sup> September


**LW/20/0605 – 15 Albany Road – Creation of porch at front of property for Mr S Curtis.**

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

**LW/20/0635 – 5 Sherwood Road – Single storey rear extension for Mr and Mrs Swadling.**

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

**LW/20/0387 – 127 North Way – Alterations to approved plans of LW/19/0607 for amendments to windows/doors, for the increase in the height of the extension, to extend the balcony, and various other amendments for Mr C Parker.**

It was **RESOLVED** to **OBJECT** the application. The Committee took into account the the scheme approved last year under ref LW/20/0607 but considered that the current application should be refused on the following grounds: 

The rear extension and balcony constitutes a gross overdevelopment of the plot. The scheme is completely out of character with other properties in the area and akin to grafting a new dwelling on to the rear of the original property.

The enlargement of the balcony space and the increase in the height of the extension, notwithstanding the extension of the side screens, would have a seriously adverse impact on the amenities and privacy of neighbouring residents and on the use of their rear gardens through overlooking, overdominance and general disturbance

The new kitchen window and side window would also have an adverse impact on the neighbour through overlooking and loss of privacy.

The proposals are therefore contrary to local plan policies DM25 and DM29

In addition, there is no detail supplied on the proposed treehouse and the letters of support submitted should be largely disregarded as, apart from one, they are not from residents in the immediate locality of the property

#### Tree Works Applications

**LW/20/0078/TCA – 25 Hamsey Close – T1 Mulberry tree, to reduce top height by 1.5 metre and reshape lateral growth to match, reasons due to tree falling over last year and has now stabilised and can be reduced to a more manageable size. T2 Acer, 1 metre down and reshape. T3 Conifer, cut to boundary, reasons due to maintaining compact size to trees.**

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

#### **P26/10/20 Planning for the Future – Public Consultation**

The Committee considered report 73/20 of the Planning Officer on the recently published Planning White Paper 'Planning for the Future' which proposed major changes to the current planning system. The Paper had been published for consultation on 6<sup>th</sup> August 2020


Following a lengthy debate it was **RESOLVED** to **REQUEST** the Planning Officer to prepare a draft response to the Secretary of State based on the issues of concern raised by members during the debate and for the draft to be circulated to members for comment and approval prior to the formal deadline for the submission of responses, Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2020

#### **P27/10/20 Annual Review of Parking Restrictions**

The Committee considered report 67/20 of the Planning Officer on initial informal proposals to introduce new parking and waiting restrictions to various locations in the town.

It was **RESOLVED** to **SUPPORT** the proposals for the four local sites included in the Review

#### **P28/10/20 Proposed Footpath Diversion Order- Tidemills Railway Crossing**

The Committee considered report 68/20 of the Planning Officer on the request from Network Rail for the Council's initial views on the proposed Footpath Diversion Order. The Order was needed to divert the current path across the proposed new rail footbridge. 

It was **RESOLVED** that in view of the fact that consent for the new footbridge had been granted by the SDNPA the Committee would not have any objection to the proposed Diversion Order.

**P29/10/20 Proposed Road Closures – Seaford Christmas Magic – Revised**

The Committee considered report 69/20 of the Planning Officer on the road closures requested for the revised Seaford Christmas Magic event on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December

It was **RESOLVED** to raise **NO OBJECTION** to the proposed road closures

**P30/10/20 Update Report**

The Committee considered report 72/20 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 report.

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

 26/11/2020

Councillor Linda Wallraven  
Chair