

Planning & Highways Committee

Minutes of the meeting of the Planning & Highways Committee held via Zoom on Thursday 29th October 2020 commencing at 7.00pm.

Present:

Councillors L Wallraven (Chair), D Argent, J Edson, R Honeyman (Vice-Chair) and J Meek. Geoff Johnson, Planning Officer
Isabelle Mouland, Assistant Town Clerk (technical host)

2 members of the public were present

P31/10/20 Apologies for Absence and Substitute Members

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor L Boorman and Councillor J Lord.

P32/10/20 Disclosure of Interests

There were no disclosures of interest.

P33/10/20 Public Participation

A member of the public requested to speak on application LW/20/0655. The Chairman advised her that she would have an opportunity to speak on the application when it came up for debate later in the meeting. The comments are minuted under P34/10/20 below

P34/10/20 Planning Applications

Planning Applications received week commencing 28th September 2020

LW/20/0529 & 0669 - 3 Blatchington Road - Planning and Listed Building Consent for garage conversion and new summerhouse

It was **RESOLVED** to **SUPPORT** the application in principle subject to the proviso that the 'garage' doors should not open out directly on to the pavement of Blatchington Road as this would cause a hazard to pedestrians. The proposals were considered to be a significant scaling down from the schemes refused in 2015 and would not have any adverse impact on the listed building, the Conservation Area or neighbouring properties

LW/20/0655 – Fieldings 18 Firle Road – Variation of Condition 1 (approved plans) to application LW/19/0451 to offset the position of the proposed bungalow

A local resident addressed the Committee complaining that the dimensions and floor area of the proposed bungalow and the degree of offset were not clear from the submitted plans.

The Planning Officer confirmed in response that the degree of offset was minimal and, according to the information given on the application form, it arose from a revised survey revealing a change in the line of the rear fence. Any other queries about the plans should be referred to the Case Officer at Lewes D.C.

It was RESOLVED to SUPPORT the application

LW/20/0662 - 23 Old Nursery Close - Single storey rear extension

It was RESOLVED to SUPPORT the application

Planning Applications received in week commencing 5th October

LW/20/0580 - 4 Charles Close - First floor side extension

It was RESOLVED to SUPPORT the application

Planning Applications received in week commencing 19th October

LW/20/0690 – Land at 3 & 4 Dymchurch Close – Construction of three detached threebedroom houses with associated access and landscaping works

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

The erection of three two-storey detached houses on this restricted plot would adversely affect the existing character of the Close and would be an over-development and an inappropriate form of 'tandem' development which would have a significant adverse impact on neighbouring properties and other properties in the Close due to general disturbance, overlooking and loss of privacy and congestion arising from overflow parking.

LW/20/0667 - 37 Chyngton Way - Erection of garden outbuilding

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

LW/20/0698 – 57 Sutton Drove – Single storey flat roof extension to replace existing conservatory

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

Tree Works Applications

LW/20/0083/TPO - 8 May Avenue - T1 - Sycamore - rear garden - balance shape 1.5 metres on west side, 2.5 metres on east side, 2 metres on top, crown lift to 4.5 metres, lightly and then remove deadwood - to balance shape and keep at reasonable size for garden, T2 - Rowan - front garden - lightly reshape and formative prune by no more than 1 metre - formative prune

It was RESOLVED to SUPPORT the application `

P35/10/20 Planning for the Future - Public Consultation

The Committee considered report 83/20 circulating the agreed response to the consultation on the Government's recent Planning White Paper.

It was RESOLVED :-

- 1. To **NOTE** the final response to the public consultation 'Planning for the Future' white paper submitted to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government and circulated for information to SALC, NALC and the local MP. And
- 2. To **THANK** the Planning Officer for setting out the comments of the Committee in an excellent response

P/36/10/20 Update Report

The Committee considered report 84/20 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 7.44 pm.

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Councillor Linda Wallraven 26 1 2020.

Chair

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