



Seaford Town Council

Minutes of a meeting of Seaford Town Council's Planning & Highways Committee on Thursday, 11th November 2021.

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

Present:

Councillors L Wallraven (Chair) and L Boorman (Vice Chair).

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

Geoff Johnson, Planning Officer (meeting clerk)

There was one member of the public in attendance.

P56/11/21 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors M Everden and J Meek.

P57/11/21 Disclosure of Interests

There were no disclosures of interests.

P58/11/21 Public Participation

There was no public participation.

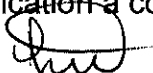
P59/11/21 Planning Applications

LDC Planning Applications received in week commencing Monday 11th October 2021

LW/21/0776 - 17 Marine Drive Bishopstone

Single-storey front extension to incorporate larger-vehicle parking, single storey rear extension, part with roof terrace, patio area and small side porch roof.

It was **RESOLVED** to **OBJECT** to the applications on the grounds that the proposal for the two garages at the front of the property would be a jarring feature which would adversely affect the appearance of the property and the character of the locality. Also the proposed balcony would be detrimental to the amenity of neighbouring properties through overlooking and loss of privacy. The proposals are therefore contrary to policies DM 25 & 28 of the Local Plan Part 2.

If the District Council is minded to approve the application a condition should be imposed requiring the use of obscure glass for the balcony. 

LW/21/0787 - 14 Grosvenor Road

Demolition of rear conservatory and erection of single-storey rear extension and new single storey front extension with balcony

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

LDC Planning Applications received in week commencing Monday 18th October 2021

LW/21/0777 - 60 North Way

Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of single-storey rear extension (re-submission of approved applications, LW/19/0280 and LW/21/0541).

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

LDC Planning Applications received in week commencing Monday 25th October 2021

LW/21/0742 – 2 Bramber Road

Demolition of existing conservatory, erection of single-storey rear extension, garage conversion and erection of single-storey rear outbuilding.

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

LW/21/0766 - 18 Buckland Road

Creation of family garden room in rear garden.

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

LW/21/0715 - 33 Coxwell Close

Loft conversion with insertion of front and rear roof light .

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


LW/21/0703 - 53D Sutton Drove

Erection of front outbuilding for use as a home office .

It was **RESOLVED** to **SUPPORT** the application subject to conditions to protect the adjacent tree and the provision of some planting to soften the impact of the building on the street scene.

LW/21/0767 - 33 Heathfield Road

Single storey rear extension.

It was **RESOLVED** to **SUPPORT** the application subject to a condition requiring matching materials. 

LDC Planning Applications received in week commencing Monday 1st November 2021

LW/21/0815 - 5 Churchill Road

Erection of single storey rear extension and partial conversion of garage to form ancillary annexe.

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

LW/21/0684 - Seaford Rugby Football Club Salts Recreation Ground Marine Parade

Installation of access ramp and new stairs to clubhouse, and erection of terrace/viewing platform.

It was **RESOLVED** to **SUPPORT** the application. The Rugby Club was commended by the Committee for proposing a scheme which would make a significant improvement to the appearance of the clubhouse and to the Club's facilities

LW/21/0818 - 19 Jevington Drive

Single-storey side and rear extensions.

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

LW/21/0842 - 19 Duchess Drive

Single storey rear extension & creation of new driveway for Mr E Phipps.

It was **RESOLVED** to **SUPPORT** the application subject to consideration being given to the use of a permeable surface for the driveway

LW/21/0809 - 17 Connaught Road

Proposed side extension, replacement side shed and alterations to existing extension.

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


LW/21/0840 – 23 Hawth Hill

Part demolition of garage and erection of single storey side extension for Mr and Mrs J Powell.

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

LW/21/0827 - 58 Vale Road

Two storey side and rear extensions and covered car port.

It was **RESOLVED** to **OBJECT** to the applications on the grounds that the scale of the two-storey extension would add significantly to the existing floor area of the property and would constitute overdevelopment. It would also have an adverse impact on the character of the property and the neighbouring properties and street scene and by dominating the existing property would be contrary to the requirement in the Seaford Design Guidelines for 

extensions to be sub servient to the main property and contrary to policy DM28 of the Local Plan Part 2.

The set of plans posted on the website was incomplete although the limited information provided was sufficient for the Committee to come to a view on application.

Tree Works Applications

TW/21/0075/TCA - St Andrew's Church The Street Bishopstone

T1. 1 x Mountain Ash - Remove Dead Limb T2. 1 x Cherry Plum - Heavy reduction to lateral growth by approx.. 5% T3. 1 x Hawthorn - Remove dead wood T4 - T6. 3 x Elm (Dead) - Fell to ground level (Dutch elm disease).

It was **RESOLVED** to **SUPPORT** the application subject to following additional comments:-

1. It was assumed that the reduction in the lateral growth should be **50%** rather than the **5%** referred in the description
2. The Committee has only been supplied with the application form containing the basic description of the proposed works for this application and the other six tree applications on the agenda, although some applications also have rough location plans. In order for the Committee to give an informed response it would be helpful if each application could be supported by a report on the proposed works from the tree contractor acting as Agent and photographs of the trees concerned
3. Lewes DC is also requested to supply the Town Council with a copy of its policy relating to applications for works on protected trees and trees in Conservation Areas.
4. As the Church is within the National Park there was a query as to why the application had an LDC reference.


TW/21/0074/TCA - 7 Blatchington Hill

(1) Ash Tree: Previously crown reduced now needs re-growth trimmed at sides, top 10% A
(2) Sycamores - 3 - reduce height by 30% of crown and re-shape S1, S2, S3 (3) Sycamore
- 1 Fell - diseased with long split in trunk (4ft) S4 S1 & S2 partially overhanging bungalow
No3 Blatchington Hill (there is no No5 Blatchington Hill).

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

TW/21/0073/TPO - 6 St Marys Close

Wych Elm - Fell due to Dutch Elm disease or remove all branches and see if the epicormic growth survive.

It was **RESOLVED** to **SUPPORT** the application but that the option to cut off the branches rather than remove the tree should be adopted as this species of Elm was comparatively rare and this option would make it possible for the tree to self-seed. 

TW/21/0071/TPO - 3 Elm Close

T14 Holm Oak 30% Reduction owing to proximity.

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

TW/21/0068/TPO - 9 Wilkinson Way

Holm oak (T4) We wish to reduce the crown of the tree to its previous pruning points. This is part of a programme of continuing maintenance: the tree has been pruned four times before, most recently in 2019.

It was **RESOLVED** to **OBJECT** to the applications on the grounds that on the grounds that, although it is accepted that trees require pruning as part of basic maintenance, the tree in question should not require pruning after two years and that the normal cycle for pruning should be every 5-10 years.

TW/21/0063/TPO - Chyngton House South Hamsey Lane

T1 Holm Oak - Reduce and reshape crown by approximately 1-2 m all over. Selective crown raise over parking area Reason - Maintenance of crown spread and height.


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

SDNP/21/05422/TCA - Bishopstone Village Green The Street Bishopstone Village

Reduce two sycamore, one cherry and two hawthorn to maintain stability of tree. Remove one ash tree suffering ash die-back. Reduce six sycamore trees hindering access/parking for Mr S Taylor.

It was **RESOLVED** to give limited **SUPPORT** to the application. The removal of the ash tree was supported together with the reduction of the two sycamores, cherry and two hawthorn but it was considered that the six sycamores referred to had no connection to the application site, the Village Green, and that it was misleading to include them in the application. They are part of the adjacent Pound used for parking and as such any proposed works should be the subject of a separate application.

**P60/11/21 Outdoor Planning Measures for High Streets -
Consultation**

The Committee considered report 116/21 of the Planning Officer on proposed planning reforms to support hospitality businesses, markets, and historic building attractions. The Committee agreed answers to the list of questions making up the online survey provided by the Department for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities and **RESOLVED** that this should be forwarded to the Department as the Council's response 

P61/11/21 Planning and The Budget 2021

The Committee considered report 117/21 of the Planning Officer updating on relevant planning aspects of the Government's recent 2021 Budget announcements.

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

P62/11/21 Proposed Road Closures – Seaford Christmas Magic 2021 and Tour of Sussex 2022

The Committee considered report 118/21 of the Planning Officer on applications for proposed closures for Seaford Christmas Magic 2021 and the Tour of Sussex 2022.

Cllr L Boorman reported a late amendment to the proposed closures for Christmas Magic 2021 which she had received by e mail shortly before the meeting. The amended proposals were for the following:- *“Fixed Closure (06:00 to 23:59) East Street Seaford, from the junction with High Street to the junction with Crouch Lane. Rolling Closure (16:00 to 17:00) High Street Seaford from junction with East Street to junction with Broad Street; Broad Street from the junction with High Street to junction with Clinton Place.”*

It was **RESOLVED** :-

1. For the Christmas Magic 2021 application that **NO OBJECTION** be raised to the amended proposals and:
2. That ,as regards the Tour of Sussex application, the Committee was concerned at the 24-hour closure applied for, the length of the seafront covered by the application and the fact that it was arranged for a Sunday in the peak summer season. There had been no prior consultation with the Town Council's Facilities and Events team as is usual in these applications. Although there was no objection to the event in principle it was **RESOLVED**; To request Lewes DC to place a **HOLDING OBJECTION** on the application to give time for consultations to take place between the Organisers and the Town Council officers to clarify the requirements of the organisers both for the period of closure , the length of the seafront required and associated arrangements.

P61/11/21 Update Report

The Committee considered report 115/21 of the Planning Officer and the schedule of recent decisions made in October 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 8.55pm.

L. Wallraven 26/01/2022

Councillor L Wallraven

Chair of Planning & Highways

