



Seaford Town Council

Minutes of a meeting of Seaford Town Council's Planning & Highways Committee on Thursday, 9th September 2021.

Held at 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, J Meek, B Payne and G Rutland.

Geoff Johnson, Planning Officer (meeting clerk)

Georgia Raeburn, Executive Support Officer

There were two members of the public physically in attendance.

P34/09/21 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor M Everden (Councillor G Rutland substituting).

P35/09/21 Disclosure of Interests

Councillors Boorman, Lord, Rutland and Wallraven declared a non-pecuniary interest in LW/21/0373 as the applicant is a fellow Conservative Lewes District Councillor, but that this will not prevent those councillors voting or discussing on this item.

Councillor Payne declared a non-pecuniary interest in LW/21/0644 as he knows the applicants personally and that he would not be discussing or voting on this item.

P36/09/21 Public Participation

There was no public participation.

P37/09/21 Planning Applications

LDC Planning Applications received in week commencing Monday 16th August 2021

LW/21/0644 – 2 Firlie Drive

Single-storey rear extension with roof terrace.

It was **RESOLVED** to **SUPPORT** the application noting that if officers consider there are privacy concerns that they would be recommended to use obscure glass for the new balcony. *JW*

LW/21/0496 & 0497 – Bishopstone Railway Station

(Listed Building Consent and Planning Applications) Proposed internal restoration and alterations to a partially active Grade II listed station building including - Combine the former Ticket and Parcel offices into a single multi-purpose space with new accessible toilet Foyer to be redecorated and refurbished.

Councillor Wallraven explained that she ran a business within the station building for 40 years, which finished seven years ago so does not prevent her from discussing or voting on this item.

It was **RESOLVED** to **SUPPORT** the application noting the following comments:

- a) As a listed building it was felt that the original coal hatch on far right-hand side of the ground floor, as you face the building, should be retained on a like for like basis, rather than being replaced with a window and;
- b) that the original parquet flooring should, if possible, either remain in situ or be lifted and reused.

LW/21/0495 – 44 Homefield Road

Loft conversion including front and rear dormer.

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

LW/21/0485 -13 Broad Street

Proposed flue extraction pipe at first floor level to rear of commercial property.

It was **RESOLVED** to **SUPPORT** the application based on the appearance of the proposed pipe but that any noise concerns relating to the impact on residents in the first and second floors of the building in the response from Environmental Health should be addressed prior to any consent being granted.


LW/21/0659 – 14 Kedale Road

Erection of front open porch.

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

LW/21/0502 – 32A High Street

Advertisement Consent Application for an illuminated (retro) barber's pole, in keeping with the industrial era and time of the street.

It was **RESOLVED** to **SUPPORT** the application subject to the sign being illuminated only during opening hours. 

LW/21/0626 – 8 Holters Way

Single-storey rear extension and two-storey side extension.

Resident A	<i>As the applicant, explained their family's reasons for requiring the extension and future-proofing their family home. Explained that there have been similar extensions in nearby roads. Talked the committee through the material consideration risks they had considered with their architect, such as the risk of terracing and any light issues, which they were happy were not issues relevant to this application.</i>
Town Council Response	Thanked for attending and speaking regarding his application.

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

LW/21/0653 - 46 Kingsmead

First floor front extension.

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

LDC Planning Applications received in week commencing Monday 23rd August 2021

LW/21/0373 – Newhaven and Seaford Sailing Club

Retrospective planning permission for a temporary prefabricated wooden cabin for the provision of hot and cold drinks and snacks.

It was **RESOLVED** to **SUPPORT** the application subject to a two-year temporary condition.

LW/21/0619 – 53 Kingsmead


Two-storey rear extension.

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

LW/21/0661 – Camberley, 43 Firle Road

Single-storey rear and front extensions, two-storey side extension.

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

- That, notwithstanding the size of the plot, the significant proposed increase in the footprint of the house constituted overdevelopment
- The extension, due to its size and design would not be subservient to the existing dwelling and would therefore be contrary to para GB03 of the Design Guidelines incorporated into the Seaford Neighbourhood Plan
- The proposed extension would be out of scale and character with other properties in the locality, detrimental to the spacious character of the designated Area of Existing 

Character in which it is situated and thereby contrary to policy DM 34 of the Lewes Local Plan Part 2 and policy SEA 5 of the Seaford Neighbourhood Plan.

Tree Applications

TW/21/0055/TPO – 1 Barn Close

To remove the two sycamore trees in the garden.

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

That the reasons given by the applicant for the application could be achieved by a 30% crown reduction rather than removal.

TW/21/0059/TPO – Greenholm, Chyngton Lane


1. Cut back laterals approx. 30%. 2. Remove lower branches to allow lorries to unload 3. Reduce height by approx. 30% 4. Infection pimples on tree leaves.

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

P38/09/21 Consultation on Improving Bus Services

The Committee considered report 76/21 of the Planning Officer presenting a consultation by East Sussex County Council on improving bus services.

It was **RESOLVED** to **DELEGATE** to the Planning Officer to submit a response to the survey on the Committee's behalf, based on comments from the Committee at this meeting, as follows;

- The 12X limited stop Eastbourne /Brighton service should have at least one additional stop between Seaford Library and Newhaven to serve residents in the Claremont Road/Belgrave Road area (i.e. at Claremont Road) and, ideally, a second stop at Hill Rise or Bishopstone Crossroads to serve Bishopstone residents.
- Too many 12 buses terminate at Seaford Library, discouraging Seaford West residents from using public transport if visiting east of Seaford.
- Currently anyone attempting to go by bus to Eastbourne District General Hospital from Seaford is required to get two tickets for the two separate journeys. There should be an easier ticketing system for Seaford residents making this journey. If this route is covered by a rover ticket, this should be better publicised.
- The use of hydrogen buses should be encouraged.
- At the present time the 120 Bishopstone service, which is the most successful local bus route, is restricted on a Saturday by the fact that the Compass buses are too wide to negotiate Hawth Park Road due to the parking on both sides. This problem should be resolved by the use of the narrower Cuckmere buses which operate on the route during the rest of the week. 

- To encourage more passengers, fares need to be decreased.

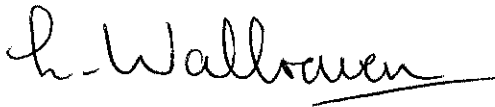
P39/09/21 Update Report

The Committee considered report 75/21 of the Planning Officer notifying the Committee of decisions taken by Lewes District Council on applications previously considered by the Committee.

The Planning Officer updated the Committee on the quashing by the High Court on Judicial Review of the planning permission granted earlier this year by the South Downs National Park Authority for the repair and reconstruction of the sea defences at Cuckmere Cottages, Cuckmere Haven. The Planning Officer also drew the Committee's attention to application decisions within the report.

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

The meeting closed at 8.12pm.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading 'L Wallraven', with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Councillor L Wallraven

Chair of Planning & Highways

