



## Seaford Town Council

### Minutes of a meeting of Seaford Town Council's Planning & Highways Committee on Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> March 2022.

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

#### Present:

Councillors L Boorman (Vice Chair in Chair)

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

Geoff Johnson, Planning Officer

Adam Chugg, Town Clerk

There were ten members of the public in attendance.

#### **P96/03/21 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor L Wallraven.

#### **P97/03/21 Disclosure of Interests**

Councillor D Argent explained that he was involved in the organisation of the French Market referred to in the Road Closures report. He would not speak or vote on that application.

#### **P98/03/21 Public Participation**

Residents interested in the two items relating to 3 Homefield Road and representatives of the Seaford Community Partnership involved in the CARES Cycling Study notified the Committee that they intended to address the Committee on these items later in the meeting

#### **P99/03/21 Planning Applications**

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

LW/21/0661 – Camberley 43 Firle Road - Single-storey rear extension and front porch.

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

LW/22/0102 – 18 Landsdown Road - Rear/side wrap around extension.

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

LW/22/0096 – 21 Grosvenor Road - Erection of single-storey rear extension and porch, new garage roof and a loft enlargement facilitated by hip to gable extension, 1no rear dormer and front dormer extension.

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

LDC Planning Applications received in week commencing Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2022

**LW/22/0107 – 82 Chichester Road** – Single storey rear extension.

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

**LW/22/0125 – 22 North Way** - Garage conversion to form bedroom with ensuite.

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

LDC Planning Applications received in week commencing Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022

**LW/22/0109 – 6 Bishopstone Road** -Single-storey rear and part side extension, together with a new roof over the existing garage and reformed front dormer and loft conversion.

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

**LW/22/0127 – 2 Fairways Road** - Demolition of conservatory, erection of flat roof two-storey rear extension and installation of solar panels; resubmission of LW/21/0916.

Speaker	Statement
Resident A	<i>The applicant explained the revisions which had been made to the initial proposals and explained that the intention was to extend the current small dwelling into a three-bed dwelling more in scale with the surrounding properties. The neighbours' objections could not be justified as there would be minimal impact on their properties in terms of loss of daylight etc.</i>
Town Council Response	Thanked for their contribution.

It was considered that this application had dealt with the issues which had led to the objection to the previous application LW/21/0916 and it was therefore **RESOLVED** to **SUPPORT** the application.

**LW/22/0074 – 3 Chyngton Way** - Single-storey front porch extension, single-storey rear extension and alterations to roof to facilitate a loft conversion, including front, side and rear dormers. Resubmission of LW/21/0528 with amendments including change of hip to gable roof at rear and additional 300mm length of rear extension.

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

**LW/22/0137 – 6 Pelham Place, Pelham Road** - Demolition of existing double garage and erection of 1no single-storey 1 bedroom dwelling.

It was **RESOLVED** to **SUPPORT** the application. There were some concerns that the dwelling would have a sub-standard level of amenity due to being dwarfed by the large

adjoining dwellings but on balance members considered that the provision of a much needed 'starter home' in a sustainable location outweighed those concerns.

**LW/22/0135 – Hindover, Alfriston Road** - Semi-detached house (self-build) to existing house (Hindover) including two storey side extension and rebuild of front bay and 2no. garages, shared parking and repositioned crossover to both properties.

It was **RESOLVED** to **SUPPORT** the application although there were still some concerns at the parking area not been visible from the two properties.

**LW/22/0128 – 53 Micklefield Way** – Single storey rear extension.

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

**LW/22/0133 – 38 St Andrews Drive, Bishopstone** – Single storey front/side extension.

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

**LW/22/0080 – 30 High Street** - Erection of two awnings to the front of the property.

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

LDC Planning Applications received week commencing Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2022

**LW/22/0146 – 11 Hamsey Lane** – Listed Building Consent Only -First floor internal alterations.

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

Tree Works Application

**TW/22/0006/TCA – 4 The Crouch, Crouch Lane** - T1 and T2- Sycamores - To repollard both trees by approximately 3m back to old pollard heads.

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

**TW/22/0011/TPO – 28 Kedale Road** - Reduce Sycamore trees (2), Reduce overhanging to edge of hedge and light thinning of secondary branches and shape to growth points.

It was noted that the trees in question were on land owned by the District Council so the Committee assumed that the request to carry out the work would be dealt with by the Council's officers without the need to go through the formal application process

### **P100/03/21      3 Homefield Road – Planning Appeals**

The Committee considered report 188/21 of the Planning Officer explaining the recent appeals submitted in respect of 3 Homefield Road and the action taken.

*(Standing Orders were suspended to allow interested residents to address the Committee on this item.)*

Speaker	Statement
Resident B	Confirmed that work had begun on site and there was concern that the condition requiring agreement of a

	<i>construction and environmental management plan had not been discharged. Also there had been no consideration of the issue of noxious weeds on site and the proper disposal of soil from the site.</i>
Town Council Response	Thanked for their contribution.
<i>Resident C</i>	<i>Concerned that the procedures agreed by Lewes DC for the three appeals did not allow input from the objectors. The applicant had effectively gagged the residents. There was also concern that the District Council had failed to submit a comprehensive set of conditions as part of the appeals process. No consideration of the need to protect existing trees during construction and failure to require obscure glazing where appropriate. It all went against the plea from the Chair of the Planning Applications Committee for the surrounding area to be treated sensitively.</i>
Town Council Response	Thanked for their contribution.

*(Standing Orders were reinstated.)*

It was **RESOLVED** :-

- 1) To **SUPPORT** the action taken by the Town Council in respect of the appeal. and
- 2) To **REPORT** concerns to the District Council's Planning department regarding :-
  - a) the current excavation works,
  - b) the unregulated disposal of soil,
  - c) the issue of the clearance of noxious weeds,
  - d) the failure to require the protection of existing trees around the site and
  - e) the status of and compliance with the Construction and Environmental Plan

**P101/03/21 Update on Meeting with Lewes District Council Planning Officers**

The Committee considered report 193/21 of the Planning Officer confirming the arrangements for the meeting with the District Council officers requested at the meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> February and request additional questions from members, on the 3 Homefield Road case and other relevant matters, to put to the Officers at the meeting.

*(Standing Orders were suspended to allow interested residents to address the Committee.)*

Speaker	Statement
<i>Resident D</i>	<i>Thanked the Planning Officer for his work in support of the residents' objections and concerns. The District Council was ignoring the residents' complaints and had taken no responsibility for its failures during the processing of the applications. Could objectors be included in the delegation attending the meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> March?</i>
Town Council Response	Thanked for their contribution.
<i>Resident E</i>	<i>Referred to a list of questions produced for the meeting relating to the weight placed on the Neighbourhood Plan, the concern expressed by the Chair at the District Council's January Committee meeting and the mixed messages from the Head of Planning regarding the input of the Design and Conservation Officer. Is the Town Council willing to call the officers to account?</i>
Town Council Response	Thanked for their contribution.

*(Standing Orders were reinstated.)*

It was confirmed that the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Committee, the Town Clerk and Planning Officer would be attending the meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> March. The Town Clerk and the Planning Officer explained the purpose of the meeting and went through some of the questions which would be put to the District Council's officers.

It was **RESOLVED** to **REQUEST** that the questions listed by the Planning Officer on the processing and determination of the applications relating to 3 Homefield Road be raised at the meeting with Lewes District Council officers on 30<sup>th</sup> March:

### **P102/03/21      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 meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> February

That in view of the likelihood of this meeting extending beyond 10.00 pm if this item were to be discussed, it was **RESOLVED** that it be **DEFERRED** to the next meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> April.

This would still enable the Council's response to the Review to be submitted prior to the formal consultation closing on 9<sup>th</sup> April.

*(The meeting was adjourned at 8.55pm to allow members of the public to leave the meeting. The meeting resumed at 9.10pm)*

### **P103/03/21 Seaford Community Partnership CARES Cycling Study**

The Committee considered report 192/21 providing the Committee Councillors with core information about the study to complement the presentation in the meeting.

Standing Orders were suspended to enable representatives of the Seaford Community Partnership to address the Committee

*Keith Blackburn and Mark Strong of the SCP addressed the meeting to cover the key points from the work undertaken so far.*

*Members then had the opportunity to ask questions or provide feedback and a number did so.*

*Among the points raised were:-*

- Narrowing of main routes may risk slowing down buses and thereby reduce the attractiveness/take up of public transport.*
- Could there be a cycle lane on the Buckle Bypass so that this carriageway could reduce from 3 lanes to 2 for motor vehicles and thereby reduce speeds and increase safety?*
- There should not be cycling on The Salts, as it is an area for families including those with young children.*
- Route N04 - around the edge of town - excited some positive interest.*
- Members were also invited to attend the public meeting on March the 29<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm at Seaford Baptist Church.*

*(Standing Orders were reinstated.)*

It was **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** the report and presentation, and request Seaford Community Partnership to note the feedback from members.

### **P104/03/21 Proposed Road Closures for The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Street Parties and French Market**

The Committee considered report 190/21 of the Planning Officer on applications for temporary road closures.

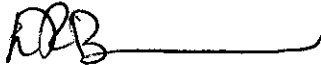
It was **RESOLVED** to **SUPPORT** the proposed road closures.

## **P105/03/21 Update Report**

The Committee considered report 191/21 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 9.50pm.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'L. Boorman', followed by a horizontal line extending to the right.

Councillor L Boorman

Vice Chair of Planning & Highways

