



## Seaford Town Council

### **Minutes of a meeting of Seaford Town Council's Planning & Highways on Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> September 2022.**

Held at the **Council Chambers, 37 Church Street, Seaford, BN25 1HG** on **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2022** at **7.00pm**.

#### **Present:**

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

Geoff Johnson, Planning Officer

There were four members of the public in attendance

#### **P37/09/22 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor R Honeyman.

#### **P38/09/22 Disclosure of Interests**

Councillor J Edson declared an interest in application LW/22/0574 as a near neighbour of the property and confirmed that he would not speak or vote on the application

Councillor D Argent declared an interest in Item 5 as one of the organisers of the French Market and confirmed that he would not speak or vote on that item

#### **P39/09/22 Public Participation**

	Statement
<i>Resident A</i>	<i>Referred to the recent postponement of the appeal hearing on the proposals of Churchill Retirement Living for a block of 36 apartments on the site of 83-89 Sutton Road and hoped that the matter would not become 'drawn out'.</i>
Town Council Response	The resident was thanked for his contribution. The Planning Officer explained the possible reasons behind the postponement and hoped that an alternative date would be confirmed before the end of the year.

## P40/09/22 Planning Applications

LDC Planning Applications received week commencing Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2022

[LW/20/0382](#) - **10 Blatchington Hill** - Amendments to two-storey side extension approved under LW/17/0707 to incorporate basement level and a cantilever arrangement to the front (west) elevation, with a first floor level overhang of 800mm for Mr Amery.

	Statement
Resident A	<i>Referred to the fact that the applicant, by starting the scheme without planning consent had shown a disregard of the usual rules and called into question whether it was worth considering the application. The length of time it had taken to get to this stage also reflected Lewes District Council's lack of resources.</i>
Town Council Response	The resident was thanked for his contribution. It was acknowledged that the applicant had caused major problems by going ahead with the scheme without proper consent but the law did allow retrospective applications and this one had to be given the same consideration as the other applications on the agenda.

Members then considered the application.

It was **RESOLVED** to **OBJECT** on the following grounds

- a) That the proposed scheme was overbearing and larger than the previous proposal which had been the subject of an objection from the Town Council. It would be a significant overdevelopment of the plot which would be seriously detrimental to the character of the East Blatchington Conservation Area and the amenity of neighbouring residents. It would therefore be contrary to policies DM 25 and 28 of the Local Plan
- b) If the District Council was minded to approve the application consideration should be given to a condition restricting the use to a single dwelling and prohibiting any severance

[LW/22/0552](#) - **6 Bowden Rise** - Erection of two-storey part side and rear extensions, single storey rear extension and alterations to fenestration for Mr and Mrs H Barnard.

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

LDC Planning Applications received week commencing Monday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2022

[LW/22/0591](#) - **40 Etherton Way** - Replacement of rear window with glazed doors, with steps leading to garden area (Resubmission following refused LW/21/0794) for Mr R Tucker.

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

[LW/22/0574](#) - **6 Marine Drive** - Single storey rear extension, garage conversion with single storey front extension for S Chappell.

It was **RESOLVED** to **SUPPORT** the application. The garage conversion and provision of a single storey front extension to match the existing front extension would significantly improve the appearance of the property.

LDC Planning Applications received week commencing Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022

[LW/22/0580](#) - **8 Headland Avenue** - Demolish rear conservatory and replace with part single storey and part two storey rear extension, reinstate garage (formerly converted), and replace radial bays with square bays, replace windows, roof tiles and sand/cement render, to include associated hard/soft landscaping works for Mr J Greve.

	Statement
<i>Applicant</i>	<i>Explained the reasons behind the proposals in detail. Previous alterations to the property had not been wholly successful and the property required a new modern family-friendly and sustainable approach.</i>
Town Council Response	The applicant was thanked for his contribution.

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

LDC Planning Applications received week commencing Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2022

[LW/22/0610](#) - **8 Duchess Drive** - Replacement of existing conservatory with single storey rear extension for R Ghani.

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

LDC Planning Applications received week commencing Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2022

[LW/22/0624](#) – **7 Connaught Road** - Replacement timber windows with upvc windows to ground floor flat on all elevations for Mr D Mills.

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

Tree Works Application

[TW/22/0071/TPO](#) - **14 Badgers Copse** - Tree one, Sycamore; branches to be removed from west side of tree that is growing into and over boundary fence, work is to prevent damage being caused to the fence Tree two, Sycamore; removal of branches on the south west side of the tree which are growing over the boundary, work is to prevent falling debris into our property for J Denney.

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

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Arising from the consideration of this application there was a discussion on the lack of information supplied with tree works applications, particularly the lack of a clear site plan and/or photos. Members were keen to contribute to these applications but it was difficult to make any meaningful contribution without the necessary information. The Planning Officer was therefore requested to contact the Head of Planning to request that applicants for tree works consent should be required to comply with the rule that a plan and/or photos should be provided prior to validation of the application.

#### **P41/09/22 Road Closure Application – French Market 2022**

The Committee considered report 86/22 on an application for a revised date for the French Market.

It was **RESOLVED** to raise **NO OBJECTION** to the proposed road closure.

#### **P42/09/22 Update Report**

The Committee considered report 85/22 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 contents of the report.

The meeting closed at 7.51pm.

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