



Seaford Town Council

Minutes of a meeting of Seaford Town Council's Planning & Highways Committee on Thursday, 20th October 2022.

Held at the **Council Chambers, 37 Church Street, Seaford, BN25 1HG** on **Thursday 20th October 2022** at **7.00pm**.

Present:

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

Geoff Johnson, Planning Officer

There was one member of the public in attendance

P43/10/22 Apologies for Absence

The Chair announced that Councillor S Adeniji had confirmed that he was standing down from the Committee due to his commitments as a County Councillor.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor M Everden.

P44/10/22 Disclosure of Interests

Councillor R Honeyman confirmed an interest in LW/22/0647 (12 Quarry Lane) as a resident of the locality and would not speak or vote on the application

P45/10/22 Public Participation

There was no public participation.

P46/10/22 Planning Applications

South Downs National Park Authority Application

SDNP/21/02342/FUL – Exceat Bridge Eastbourne Road Exceat

The Committee considered report 96/22 of the Planning Officer on this application. It had previously been considered at the meeting on 25th May 2021 but the SDNPA had requested the applicants, East Sussex Highways, to provide additional measures to offset the adverse impact the proposed bridge would have on the biodiversity of the surrounding area.

The Committee considered various highway safety issues relating to the scheme

It was **RESOLVED** to **CONTINUE TO SUPPORT** the proposals **IN PRINCIPLE** subject to the following additional comments:-

- a) Further consideration should be given and action taken to make the path down the A259 from the Seaford boundary to the Bridge safe for the increasing number of walkers visiting the Seven Sisters Country Park. Currently the path is dangerous and parts of it have been completely eroded away. The path is the responsibility of ESCC so as applicants they should be required by the SDNPA to provide safe access to the Bridge and not just across it as the whole of the highway network from the Seaford boundary to the Country Park buildings and overflow car park should be regarded as part of this scheme. The alternative link between Seaford and the Bridge from Chyngton Lane is not prominently signposted and not convenient or passable for many users. The A259 will continue to be a popular direct link to the Bridge and Country Park for visitors and should therefore be made safe.
- b) There should be safe crossings provided for pedestrians at the top and bottom of the same hill on the A259
- c) There should be adequate shared crossings for walkers and cyclists on both sides of the Bridge
- d) Additional traffic calming measures should be provided for the Causeway linking the Bridge and the Country Park entrance including consideration of a 20 mph speed limit and a pedestrian crossing as close to the bend as safety factors allow in order to avoid the current 'conflict' between vehicles on the A259 and pedestrians crossing to and from the Country Park buildings and the Footpath, Bus Stop and Car Park

LDC Planning Applications received in the week commencing Monday 26th

September 2022

LW/22/0630 - 1 Norman Close Bishopstone - Single storey side and rear extension

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

- a) That the large windows proposed for the rear elevation to provide a view towards the sea would directly overlook the immediate neighbour at no.2 and would cause an unacceptable loss of privacy and amenity contrary to Local Plan policy DM25
- b) That the front extension, through the provision of the French windows, would be out of character with the frontages of other properties in the area and thereby detrimental to the overall street scene

LDC Planning Applications received week commencing Monday 3rd October 2022

LW/22/0644 - 5 Manor Road - Installation of 2no dormers to front, 1no dormer to rear, 1no dormer to side and alteration to fenestration on all elevations.

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

LW/22/0647 - 12 Quarry Lane - Installation of rear balcony with glass balustrade to existing flat roof.

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

LW/22/0634 - 42 Rookery Way, Bishopstone - Increase in height of roof pitch to create an additional storey, first floor single storey extension to front, installation of 1no dormer to front and 1no dormer to rear and alterations to fenestration on all elevations.

It was **RESOLVED** to **DEFER** consideration of this application to the Committee's next meeting on Thursday 3rd November, as the application plans had not been posted on the Lewes District Council website until Wednesday 19th October.

LW/22/0652 -17 Kingsway - Erection of single storey rear extension, rendering and re-cladding to front.

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

LW/22/0548 - Seaford Community Fire Station, Cradle Hill Road - Variation of Condition 1 (Plans) in relation to approval LW/21/0979 to increase building length by 1m and reduction in height.

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

Tree Works Applications

TW/22/0083/TPO: 7 Seagrove Way - Proposal: T1 - Elm tree - Crown Thinning 40% T2 - Elm tree - Crown Thinning 40% T3 - Sycamore - Crown Thinning 40% due to large falling branches T4 - Sycamore - Crown Thinning 40% due to large falling branches T5 - Sycamore - Crown Thinning 40% due to large falling branches.

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

TW/22/0082/TPO - 18 Manor Road North - Proposal: T10 - Sycamore - Pruning to reduce shading and leaf fall.

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

SDNP/22/04558/TCA - Middle House, Bishopstone Manor, Manor Yard, Bishopstone Village - Proposal: T1 - Acacia - To fell for (n.b Listed Building)

It was reported that this application had been approved by Lewes District Council prior to the meeting; this update was **NOTED**.

TW/22/0077/TPO - 12 May Avenue Seaford - Proposal: T1 - Corsican Pine - remove major deadwood. T2 - Sycamore - crown thin by 20% and crown lift to 2.5 metres T3 - Sycamore - crown thin by 20% and crown lift to 2.5 metres Work being undertaken forms part of a cyclical pruning regime.

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

TW/22/0080/TPO - Russet House, 46 Firle Road - Proposal: 5 large Sycamore trees;

Tree 1 (rear garden) reduce length of lowest north facing branches closest to the building by 4-5 metres (at 5 metres above ground) with 2-3 metres reduction for higher branches (up to 10 metres above ground) Tree 2 (front garden) reduce length of branch over road at 5 metres above ground by 5 metres Tree 3-5 Crown lift to max 4-5 metres from the ground (15% of branches).

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

TW/22/0076 - 17 Barcombe Avenue - Proposal: T1-T3 - Holm Oaks - Pruned by 3-4 metres and crown raised T4 - Holm Oak – Fell.

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

47/10/22 Parking Review Consultation

The Committee considered report 97/22 on the County Council's proposals for new waiting restrictions in Seaford. The County Council were proposing to implement all four proposals supported by the Committee in the informal consultation earlier in the year, including new accessible disabled spaces on the seafront

It was **RESOLVED** to **SUPPORT** the proposed restrictions.

48/10/22 Road Closure Applications

The Committee considered report 98/22 on proposed road closures for Remembrance Sunday, the 'Tour of Sussex' 2023 cycling event and Seaford Street Markets.

It was **RESOLVED** to raise **NO OBJECTIONS** to the three applications.

49/10/22 Update Report

The Committee considered report 99/22 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 report.

The meeting closed at 8.02pm.

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