



Seaford Town Council

Minutes of a meeting of Seaford Town Council's Planning & Highways on Thursday, 6th July 2023

Held at the Council Chambers, 37 Church Street, Seaford, BN25 1HG on Thursday 6th July 2023 at 7.00pm.

Present:

Councillors L Wallraven (Chair), L Boorman (Vice Chair), R Buchanan, R Clay, O Honeyman, R Honeyman and S Markwell.

Geoff Johnson, Planning Officer

There was one member of the public in attendance.

P12/06/23 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

P13/06/23 Disclosure of Interests

No interests were declared.

P14/06/23 Public Participation

There was no public participation.

P15/06/23 Planning Applications

LDC Planning Applications received in week commencing Monday 12th June 2023

No Applications were received

LDC Planning Applications received in week commencing Monday 19th June 2023

LW/23/0371 – 5 St Wilfred's Place – Single storey rear extension and side/rear infill extension.

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

LW/23/0362 – 37 Barn Close – Two storey side extension and relocation of driveway to form new vehicle crossover.

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

With such a large two-storey extension it is important that the new building is set back from the main dwelling and that the ridge height is lower so that it is seen to be subservient to the original dwelling. The set-back and lower ridge height included in the plans following the pre application advice are not sufficient to comply with the Design Guidelines annexed to

the Seaford Neighbourhood Plan (Para GB03 P.31) The extension would therefore be too dominant and detrimental to the open character of the area as well as contrary to DM 25 of the Local Plan.

Moving the cross over and driveway to the Barn Close frontage close to the junction with Coxwell Close could also compromise highway safety.

LW/23/0339 – 4 Blatchington Hill - Single storey front side and rear wrap around extension with a new side dormer linking to existing dormer with alterations to fenestration.

It was **RESOLVED** to **OBJECT** to the application on the grounds that although the general design was in keeping with the character of the Conservation Area the side windows proposed for the south elevation would overlook the neighbouring property at no 2 and have an adverse impact on the privacy and general amenity of the occupiers It would therefore be contrary to DM 25 of the Local Plan.

LW/23/0337 - 51 Marine Drive, Bishopstone - 2no. dormers to side roof slopes, single storey extensions to sides and rear, front porch and rear terrace.

It was **RESOLVED** to **OBJECT** to the application on the grounds that the proposed dormers were too large and would adversely affect the appearance of the property and the character of the immediate area contrary to DM 25 of the Local Plan and Para GB04 of the Design Guidelines annexed to the Seaford Neighbourhood Plan

LW/23/0307 & 0308 – 44 High Street – Planning and Listed Building Consent - Demolition of modern conservatory and replacement with single storey rear extension, replacement windows including reinstatement of timber sash windows to front elevation, renovation of the external flintwork and associated internal alterations including insertion of alternate tread staircase to basement.

It was **RESOLVED** to **SUPPORT** the applications. Members commended the Conservation Officer's specialist input to the applications and the approach taken by the applicant in achieving an acceptable scheme.

LDC Planning Applications received in week commencing Monday 26th June 2023

No applications were received.

Tree Works Applications

TW/23/0049/TPO - 14 Seafeld Close T1 - Sycamore - crown lift by 4 metres all around and thin crown by 25%.

It was **RESOLVED** to **SUPPORT** the application but the lack of information in the application was noted.

TW/23/0053/TPO – Griffin Lodge Eastbourne Road - T1 - Holm Oak - Remove and replace with native deciduous species/reduction of mature branches by 1-2m.

It was **RESOLVED** to **SUPPORT** the option in the application for removing branches. The extent of the reduction should follow the advice of LDC's Tree Officer. There was no justification in the application for the removal of the tree

TW/23/0043/TCA – 4 The Crouch, Crouch Lane – T1 & T2 Sycamores – Fell to base.

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

TW/23/0044/TCA – 5 The Crouch, Crouch Lane – T1 Sycamore – To fell to ground level and grind out stumps.

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

TW/23/0045/TPO – 5 Barn Close – T17 Ash – Fell to base.

It was **RESOLVED** to **OBJECT** to the application. The Committee would not support the removal of a healthy tree simply on amenity grounds. There was, in any event, insufficient information in the application to make an informed decision.

P16/06/23 Validation of Planning Applications – South Downs National Park Authority

Committee members considered report 31/23 informing the committee of the process for the Validation of Planning Applications within the South Downs National Park Authority. The Planning Officer drew attention of members to the revised Local List which indicated the type of supporting documents required for each application category.

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

P17/06/23 Appeal by McCarthy and Stone Ltd – Seaford Constitutional Club

The Committee considered report 30/23 informing members of the latest update from Lewes District Council on the appeal submitted by McCarthy and Stone Ltd and the public inquiry that is to be held on 18th - 21st July at The Kings Church Brooks Lane Lewes. The Planning Officer answered members' queries about the Inquiry procedure.

It was **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** the contents of the report and to thank the Planning Officer for his input to the Town Council's evidence to the Inquiry in support of the objections to the proposed scheme.

P18/06/23 Update Report

Committee members considered report 29/23 reporting on decisions taken by Lewes District Council since the last meeting on applications previously considered by the Committee.

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

The meeting closed at 8.22 pm

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