



Seaford Town Council

Minutes of a meeting of Seaford Town Council's Planning & Highways on Thursday, 7th September 2023

Held at the Council Chambers, 37 Church Street, Seaford, BN25 1HG on Thursday 7th September 2023 at 7.00pm.

Present:

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

Geoff Johnson, Planning Officer

There was 3 members of the public in attendance.

P34/07/23 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were reported from Cllr O Honeyman.

P35/07/23 Disclosure of Interests

Councillor L Wallraven declared in respect of item 8, that she was a member of the Seaford Bonfire Society.

P36/07/23 Public Participation

Speaker	Statement
Resident A	<i>Thanked the Council members and officers for their efforts in opposing the recent appeal by McCarthy and Stone in respect of the development at Crouch Lane. She had also been asked by District Councillor to add her thanks to the Town Council</i>
Town Council Response	Thanked the resident for attending the meeting and for her comments. The Chair also reported that District Councillor had been unable to attend the meeting and had sent their apologies. She had also asked for her support for the recommendations in the Florence House report to be reported.

P37/07/23 Planning Applications - For Comment

Lewes District Council Planning Applications received in week commencing Monday 7th August 2023

LW/23/0466 - Duncreggan Cuckmere Road - First floor 2 storey side and rear extension and 2no rear dormers.

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

Lewes District Council Planning Applications received in week commencing Monday 14th August 2023

LW/23/0474 – 14 Green Walk - Erection of detached double garage with first floor office and associated widening of driveway.

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

LW/23/0457 – 4 Cricketfield Road - Single-storey side extension with associated landscaping works.

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

LW/23/0478 – 65 Upper Belgrave Road - Erection of dormer to the rear elevation with 2no. Juliet balconies (resubmission of LW/23/0238)

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

The minimal reduction in the width of the proposed rear dormer did not deal with the objections raised to the previous application LW/23/0238. The height of the dormer still exceeded the ridge line of the host property, and its bulk and over-dominance would still adversely affect the character of the property. It would therefore be contrary to policy DM 25 of the Local Plan Part 2 and the Design Guidelines in the Seaford Neighbourhood Plan para GB04.

Lewes District Council Planning Applications received in week commencing Monday 21st August 2023

LW/23/0421 – 3 Katherine Way - Prior Notification Under the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended) Schedule 2, Part 1, Page 2 Class AA for Enlargement of a dwelling house by construction of additional storeys to increase the total height from 4.2m to 5.6m.

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

The height, design, and use of materials in the proposed garage extension would be out of character with the host dwelling and would form a jarring feature in this part of Katherine Way contrary to policy DM 25 of the Local Plan Part 2. This would be emphasised by the fact that the garage is adjacent to and on the same frontage line as no 1 Katherine Way

and appears to identify more with that property than with the host property which lies at a different angle to the highway.

There would also be concern that the extended garage could, at some time, be converted to a separate unit of accommodation.

LW/23/0504 – 61 North Way - Erection of single storey rear/side extension connecting to existing external garage.

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

LW/23/0517 – 9 Milldown Road - Replacement single-storey rear flat roof extension with lantern skylight and alterations to rear fenestration.

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

Tree Works Application

TW/23/0071/TPO – 9 Harison Road - T1 - Sycamore - Crown reduction and of all encroaching/overhanging branches at source up to 3m T2 - Sycamore - Crown reduction and of all encroaching/overhanging branches at source up to 3m.

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

P38/09/23 Planning Applications – To be Noted

TW/23/0075/TPO – Land North of Lexden Drive - W1 - Elm (Multiple) - Crown thin and removal of dead trees

The Planning Officer informed the Committee that this application had been submitted by Seaford Town Council in respect of its own land. It was reported for members' information and for noting.

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

P39/09/23 Exceat Bridge (A259)

The Committee considered report 64/23 on the recent granting of consent by the South Downs National Park Authority for the replacement bridge on the A259 at Exceat and the completion of the accompanying s.106 Planning Agreement.

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

P40/09/23 Land at Florence House, Southdown Road

The Committee considered report 65/23 on the proposed development on this site, the recent notification of appeal and arrangements for the Appeal Hearing.

It was **RESOLVED**:-

1. To note the contents of the report
2. To give authority for a representative to attend the Hearing into this appeal to support and present the Town Council's objection to the proposed development.

3. To agree that as soon as the date and venue are confirmed the Town Council issues a media release to publicise the Appeal Hearing.

P41/09/23 - Road Closure Application – Seaford Bonfire

The Committee considered report 66/23 on the application for road closures for the various phases of the bonfire celebrations on Saturday 21st October 2023.

It was **RESOLVED** to raise **NO OBJECTION** to the application.

42/09/23 - Seaford Constitutional Club – Appeal Decision

The Committee considered report 67/23 informing committee members of the decision on the Seaford Constitutional Club appeal. The appeal had been allowed by the Inspector following the Public Inquiry held on 18th to 21st July 2023.

It was **RESOLVED** that the decision be **NOTED**.

P43/09/23- Consultation on Reform of Local Plans

The Committee considered report 68/23 informing the Committee on the consultation being carried out by the Department of Levelling Up Housing and Communities on the reform of Local Plans. The National Association of Local Councils was organising a joint consultation response on behalf of member Parish and Town Councils.

It was **RESOLVED**:-

1. To **NOTE** the contents of the report.
2. To **REQUEST** the Planning Officer to draft the Town Council's response to the consultation and agree it with the Chair of the Committee before forwarding it to the National Association of Local Councils prior to the deadline on 22nd September.

P44/09/23 Update Report

Committee members considered report 63/23 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 8.44pm

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