



Minutes of a meeting of Seaford Town Council's Planning & Highways Committee on Thursday, 3rd April 2025

Held at Council Chambers, 37 Church Street, Seaford, BN25 1HG at 7.00pm.

Present:

Councillors L Wallraven (Chair), L Boorman (Vice-Chair), R Buchanan, O Honeyman, R Honeyman and J Lord

Isabelle Mouland, Community Engagement & Democratic Services Manager

There were 6 members of the public in attendance.

P89/04/24 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

P90/04/24 Disclosure of Interests

Councillor J Lord declared a pecuniary interest in item 5 due to planning to attend, and having paid a contribution towards the event; Cllr J Lord did not take part in discussion nor vote on item 5.

Councillor R Buchanan declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 4, application LW/25/0041 due to being involved in advising the applicant in the application; Cllr R Buchanan did not take part in discussion nor vote on item 4, application LW/25/0041.

P91/04/24 Public Participation

Speaker	Statement
<i>Resident A</i>	<i>Item 6</i> <i>Expressed concern that ROW are not accessible – especially at Seaford Head and Coastguard Cottages as the path is not safe.</i>
Town Council Response	Thanked the resident for their contribution.
<i>Resident B</i>	<i>Item 6</i> <i>Shared a response from ESCC in relation to a report made by the resident about damage to the costal path.</i> <i>Expressed concerns that ROW are not accessible.</i>

	<i>Made suggestions for the Town Council's response to the ROW survey, referring to the LDC Seaford GBI Settlement Appraisal which highlights areas in Seaford which are in need of major improvements.</i>
Town Council Response	Thanked the resident for their contribution.
<i>Resident C</i>	<i>Item 6 Expressed concerns that ROW are not accessible; urged the Town Council to maintain the Miles without Stiles paths; highlighted that filming can cause damage to paths and filming companies should pay to repair; urged the Town Council to improve signage at South Hill Barn and look at managing BBQ usage; discussed Hope Gap Steps pathway improvements needed; and expressed concern for members of the public walking from Chyngton Lane to Exceat Bridge.</i>
Town Council Response	Thanked the resident for their contribution.

(7.14pm - 3 members of the public exited the meeting)

P92/04/24 Planning Applications

Planning Applications received in week commencing Monday 23rd December 2024

(Missed off previous agenda as incorrectly dated on Planning Portal – LDC has extended consultation to 4th April)

LW/24/0817 – 51 - 53 Blatchington Road – Outline application for the demolition of existing garages/workshops, erection of 5 no. two bed & 1 no. one bed terraced houses, and conversion/redevelopment of 51-53 Blatchington Road to form two 2 bed houses and one 1 bed house.

It was **RESOLVED** to **SUPPORT** the application, but to request that the Planning Authority assess that the proposals are in line with the Dane Valley Project in the Seaford Neighbourhood Plan (SEA15) which stipulates that: "Development proposals must demonstrate how they take into account the following: High quality design; flood risk; contaminated land; biodiversity; sustainable patterns of movement; surface and foul drainage; highway safety; phasing."

Planning Applications received in week commencing Monday 10th February 2025

LW/25/0041 – Mercread Youth Centre, Mercread Road – Installation of bike rack with 5 hoops to front and installation of an air source heat pump to rear.

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

Planning Applications received in week commencing Monday 3rd March 2025

LW/25/0088 – 66 Homefield Road - Erection of porch at side elevation, addition of 1no. dormer at front, 1no. dormer and 1no. Juliet balcony at rear, addition of painted render finish at ground-floor level, moving front door to the side

It was **RESOLVED** to **OBJECT** to the application. The proposal for the front dormer goes against GB04 of the Seaford Neighbourhood Plan which stipulates under Dormers and Roof-lights: "Dormer windows will not be permitted on front or side roof slopes where they would unbalance a building or disrupt the continuity of a terrace or group." It was however noted that there is a property in the same road which does have a similar front dormer, however this was prior to the adoption of the Seaford Neighbourhood Plan.

Planning Applications received in week commencing Monday 10th March 2025

LW/25/0112 – Chesterton, 1 Chyngton Gardens - Erection of 1No. dwelling.

It was **RESOLVED** to **SUPPORT** the application, feeding back that there was very little information uploaded to the Planning Portal, it was noted that this was a repeat of a previous application, but this has not been explained anywhere with the application.

Tree Works Applications

TW/25/0023/TPO – 7 Chapel Close – T1 - Sycamore - Reduce and reshape crowns by approximately 2.5-3.0 metres, crown thin by 10% and remove internal epicormic growth; **T2** - Sycamore - Reduce and reshape crowns by approximately 2.5-3.0 metres, crown thin by 10% and remove internal epicormic growth; **T3** - Sycamore - Reduce and reshape crowns by approximately 2.5-3.0 metres, crown thin by 10% and remove internal epicormic growth; **T4** - Sycamore - Reduce and reshape crowns by approximately 2.5-3.0 metres, crown thin by 10% and remove internal epicormic growth.

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

TW/25/0025/TPO - 2 Elm Close – T1 - Holm Oak - Removal of low limb over lane, reduce and reshape crown beyond last pruning points by up to 2m (by approx 2m); **T2** - Holm Oak - front garden - multi stemmed - reduce and reshape by up to 2 metres beyond last pruning points (by approximately 2 metres); Part of a cyclical pruning regime to keep trees at a reasonable size of the garden.

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

P93/04/24 Road Closure Application – Cricketfield Road Residents

The committee considered report 180/24 206/24 presenting details of a proposed road closure application for Cricketfield Road Residents for the Committee to consider and comment.

P93.1 It was **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** the contents of the report.

P93.2 It was **AGREED** to support the application.

P94/04/24 Rights of Way Access Plan – Parish and Town Council Survey

The committee considered report 207/24 presenting details of a survey being conducted by East Sussex County Council ahead of its review of the Rights of Way Improvement Plan for the Committee to consider its response to the survey.

P94.1 It was **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** the contents of the report.

P94.2 It was **AGREED** that the Community Engagement and Democratic Services Officer submits the committee's response, as finalised in the meeting, to the Rights of Way Access Plan – Parish and Town Council Survey.

P95/04/24 Update Report

The Committee considered report 197/24 on the Lewes District Council decisions received since the last meeting on applications previously considered by the Committee.

It was **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** the contents of the report and the decisions set out in the schedule.

The meeting closed at 8.16pm

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