



Minutes of a meeting of Seaford Town Council's Planning & Highways Committee on Thursday, 7th November 2024

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

Present:

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

Isabelle Mouland, Assistant Town Clerk

There were 3 members of the public in attendance.

P48/11/24 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

P49/11/24 Disclosure of Interests

There were no disclosures of interests.

P50/11/24 Public Participation

There was no public participation.

P51/11/24 Planning Applications

It was **RESOLVED** to **BRING FORWARD** application SDNP/24/03098/FUL – Rookery Shaw, Bishopstone Road (minutes below).

(7.15pm - two members of the public joined the meeting)

Lewes District Council Planning Applications received in week commencing Monday 30th September 2024

LW/24/0629 – 44 Belgrave Road - Replacement of existing detached shed with a singlestorey side/front extension.

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

Lewes District Council Planning Applications received in week commencing Monday 7th October 2024

LW/24/0635 – 13 Rose Walk – Proposed two storey side extension.

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

(7.26pm - two members of the public exited the meeting)

(Short break – 7.26pm to 7.32pm)

Lewes District Council Planning Applications received in week commencing Monday 14th October 2024

LW/24/0633 – 15 - 17 High Street – Variation of Condition 3 (approved plans) in relation to approval LW/24/0273 - addition of 1no. conservation rooflight to the rear elevation.

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

LW/24/0535 – 37 Vale Road – Garage conversion to habitable space and small rear extension.

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

Lewes District Council Planning Applications received in week commencing Monday 21st October 2024

SDNP/24/03098/FUL – Rookery Shaw, Bishopstone Road, Bishopstone – Opening up of vehicular access, installation of hard standing and installation of shipping container.

Replanting/reconstituting of any disturbed ground or verges.

Speaker	Statement
Resident A	<p><i>Raised objections on the grounds of:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>• The entrance being located round a blind bend on a narrow road and concerns with vehicular access</i><i>• The container is in full view</i><i>• Verges were raised and there is no walkway or pavement making the narrow road more dangerous for pedestrians</i><i>• There are historical and ongoing flooding problems which will be made worse by the chalk and aggregate used to raise the ground level</i><i>• There are also underground springs</i><i>• Flooding is a huge issue as this road is the main road in and out of Bishopstone Village</i><i>• Concerns over when and where the ecological assessment was carried out</i><i>• The area is of benefit to wildlife and only this year a Kingfisher was pictured at the pond</i><i>• A large metal gate has since been installed</i>

It was **RESOLVED** to **OBJECT** to the application on the grounds that it is out of character and not in keeping with the area. It is on the edge of the Bishopstone Conservation Area and in view of a Grade I listed church. The area is liable to flooding due to its underground springs and the Committee also has concerns about the safety of the road.

The Committee would also like it to be noted that this application has been submitted retrospectively and there has been further work carried out since with the installation of a large industrial metal gate which is also out of keeping with the area.

The Committee would like to strongly urge the South Downs National Park Authority to enforce the removal/undoing of all works carried out without prior planning consent and for the area to be renatured.

LW/24/0645 – Unit 3, Blatchington Road Industrial Estate, Blatchington Road –

Erection of 2 additional workshops.

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

LW/24/0666 – 44 Broad Street - Installation of 1no illuminated fascia sign and 1no illuminated projecting sign to the front for Specsavers.

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

Tree Works Applications

SDNP/24/04315/TCA – The Old Vicarage, The Street, Bishopstone Village – T1 - Apple

- removal as tree is diseased/dead, T2 - Horse Chestnut - crown raising by 4 metre clearance from ground level.

It was **RESOLVED** to **SUPPORT** the application, with the suggestion that a replacement tree is planted in place of the one removed due to it being in a conservation area.

P52/11/24 Update Report

The committee considered report 102/24 on 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 7.40pm

Councillor L Wallraven

Chair of Planning & Highways Committee