



## **Minutes of a meeting of Seaford Town Council's Planning & Highways Committee on Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> September 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, R Clay, J Lord, O Honeyman and R Honeyman

Isabelle Moulard, Assistant Town Clerk

Geoff Johnson, Planning Consultant

There were 2 members of the public in attendance.

### **P35/09/24 Apologies for Absence**

There were no apologies for absence.

### **P36/09/24 Disclosure of Interests**

There were no disclosures of interests.

### **P37/09/24 Public Participation**

Speaker	Statement
<i>Resident A</i>	<i>Discussed Agenda item 4 raising concerns about proposals for the removal of affordable housing requirements; the Town Council's support of Q8; and concerns with Q17.</i>
Town Council Response	Thanked the residents for their contribution and amended its response to include suggestions that viability test should be adjusted in areas where land value is high to require developers to provide appropriate affordable housing.

### **P38/09/24 Proposed Reforms to the National Planning Policy Framework & other changes to the Planning System – Seaford Town Council's response to the consultation**

The committee considered report 82/24 presenting a draft response to the National Planning Policy Framework consultation.

It was **RESOLVED** to **AGREE** Seaford Town Council's response to the Government's consultation on the proposed reforms to the National Planning Policy Framework and other changes to the planning system, as presented and to include the following amendments: Amendment to Q59 - encouragement of the use of specific design guidelines for towns and villages in neighbourhood plans and as stand-alone policy documents.

Amendment to Q78 - the need for further support for upgrading housing stock to reduce carbon footprint.

Amendment to Q79 - provision of tools for accurate carbon accounting

Amendment to Q106 -

- a. the need to meet widespread public concern that local infrastructure and, in particular, health service provision, is not keeping pace with the existing and planned growth in new housing and;
- b. the need for the financial viability test for the provision of affordable housing to be modified to strike a fairer balance between the acute need and the provision of a fair return for developers.

(7.48pm 2 members of the public and the Planning Consultant exited the meeting)

## **P39/09/24 Planning Applications**

Lewes District Council Planning Applications received in week commencing Monday 19<sup>th</sup> August 2024

**LW/24/0504 - 66 Cuckmere Road** - Single storey first floor rear extension over existing flat roof ground floor extension and alterations to fenestration.

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

**LW/24/0544 - 4 Church Street** - Addition of shower space to ground floor bathroom, addition of kitchen door, en-suite W.C. on first floor and making good joists/plasterboard in the basement.

**LW/24/0548 - Rodmell House, Rodmell Road** - New outbuilding.

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

**LW/24/0552 - 4 Sutton Park Road** - Retrospective change of use from class A3 to Sui Generis (Description change).

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

**LW/24/0559 - 14 Meads Road** - Single storey rear extension and alterations to existing rear fenestration.

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

Lewes District Council Planning Applications received in week commencing Monday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2024

**LW/24/0431 - Arlington House, 4 Firle Road** - For the replacement of 2No. chimneys (AMENDED SCHEME).

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

**LW/24/0484 - 57 Blue Haze Avenue** - Replacement of existing conservatory with a single storey extension at the rear.

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

Lewes District Council Planning Applications received in week commencing Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024

**LW/24/0506 & LW/24/0526 - 17 Pelham Place, Pelham Road** – Application one: Change of use from bank (basement floor) to basement floor flat for Mr D Parkinson; Application two: Convert basement and ground floor into x2 maisonettes with external stair access and fenestration alterations.

It was **RESOLVED** to **SUPPORT** the application **LW/24/0506** and It was **RESOLVED** to **SUPPORT** application **LW/24/0526**, subject to building control regulations approval.

**LW/24/0507 - 14 Pitt Drive** - Rear conservatory enlargement.

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

**LW/24/0527 - 77 Sutton Road** - Two storey side extension, single storey front and rear extension with fenestration alterations.

It was **RESOLVED** to **SUPPORT** the application and add a comment to suggest that Swift boxes are installed at the time of the roof works.

**LW/24/0580 - 46 Kingston Way** - Loft conversion with installation of Velux roof windows to the rear roof slope.

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

Tree Works Applications

**TW/24/0068/TPO - 32 Barn Close - T1 - Holm Oak** - Crown reduction by 2m and pruning of branches by 3m.

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

## **P40/09/24 Road Closure Application – Seaford Bonfire – Saturday 12th October**

The committee considered report 83/24 on the Road Closure Order issued to Seaford Bonfire Society for bonfire celebrations on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2024

It was **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** the contents of the report and for the Assistant Town Clerk to contact Lewes District Council to query why the Town Council was not consulted on the application and ask for clarity on the timings of the closures.

## **P41/09/24 Update Report**

The Committee considered report 79/24 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 8.26pm

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