



Minutes of a meeting of Seaford Town Council's Planning & Highways Committee on Thursday, 20th February 2025

Held at The View, Seaford Head Golf Course, Southdown Road, Seaford, BN25 4JS at 7.00pm.

Present:

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

Isabelle Moulard, Assistant Town Clerk

There were 13 members of the public in attendance.

A minute's silence was held for former town councillor Sarah McStravick

P75/02/24 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillor J Lord.

P76/02/24 Disclosure of Interests

There were no disclosures of interests.

P77/02/24 Public Participation

Speaker	Statement
<i>Resident A</i>	<i>Item 4 & 5 Suggested wording to be included in the Town Council's responses to the consultations in regard to Visitor Economy, tourism and travel trend changes.</i>
Town Council Response	Thanked the resident for their contribution.
<i>Resident B</i>	<i>Items 4 & 5 Suggested wording to be included/amended in the Town Council's responses to the consultations in regard to policy SDS2, sustainable construction, minimising lighting pollution, St John's School site allocation, infrastructure and the South Downs Plan site allocation in Firle Road being in the National Park.</i>
Town Council Response	Thanked the resident for their contribution.

<i>Resident C</i>	<p>Items 4 & 5</p> <p><i>Thanked the Assistant Town Clerk and Town Council for the impressive piece of work completed to formulate the response to the consultation, adding that it captured all discussions with members of the public.</i></p> <p><i>Commented on the St John's School site allocation, Seaford being a 'District Centre' and suggested linking the consultation responses for the site allocations in Firle Road as concerns overlap and effect the same area.</i></p> <p><i>Expressed confusion as to why some of the Seaford site allocations have been revisited by LDC and SDNPA in the first place when Seaford NP rejected them already. Suggested the Town Council checks and mentions about planning hierarchy in response.</i></p>
Town Council Response	Thanked the resident for their contribution.
<i>Resident E</i>	<p>Item 4</p> <p><i>Suggested wording to be included/amended in the Town Council's response to the consultation in regard to policies NE1, H1 and to add population and figures to infrastructure items in the Town Council's supporting arguments.</i></p>
Town Council Response	Thanked the resident for their contribution.
<i>Resident F</i>	<p>Item 4</p> <p><i>Raised concerns about the accessibility for members of the public to submit response, asking if the Town Council would share its response and guidance.</i></p> <p>Item 5</p> <p><i>Expressed concern as officers at SDNPA public meeting said that they would not be objecting to any housing as they need to meet targets.</i></p>
Town Council Response	Thanked the resident for their contribution and advised that the Town Council would be sharing its response and guidance on its website and social media from Friday 21 st February 2025.

P78/02/24 Lewes District Local Plan Consultation – Final Draft Response

The committee considered report 171/24 presenting the committee with the final draft of the Town Council's response to the Lewes District Local Plan consultation.

P78.1 It was **RESOLVED** to record a **NOTE** of thanks to members of the public who have contributed invaluable evidence, comments and concerns which have aided the Town Council in its response to the consultation on behalf of the town.

P78.2 It was **RESOLVED** to **AGREE** to finalise Seaford Town Council's response to the Lewes Local Plan consultation questionnaire, including the suggestions made by members of the public at this meeting.

P78.3 It was **RESOLVED** to **AGREE** to finalise Seaford Town Council's response to site allocations in Seaford, including the suggestions made by members of the public at this meeting.

P78.4 It was **RESOLVED** to **AGREE** to finalise Seaford Town Council's supporting arguments in response to the Lewes Local Plan consultation, including the suggestions made by members of the public at this meeting.

P79/02/24 South Downs National Park Authority Local Plan Consultation – Introduction

The committee considered report 169/24 introducing the South Downs National Park Authority Local Plan consultation.

P79.1 It was **AGREED** to instruct Assistant Town Clerk to draft the Town Council's response to the South Downs National Park Authority Local Plan consultation.

P79.2 It was **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** that the Committee will finalise the Town Council's response at the next Planning & Highways Committee meeting on Thursday 13th March 2025.

(7.46pm – 13 members of the public exited the meeting)

(Short break – 7.46pm to 7.52pm)

P80/02/24 Planning Applications

Planning Applications received in week commencing Monday 27th January 2025

No applications were received

Planning Applications received in week commencing Monday 3rd February 2025

No applications were received

Tree Works Applications

TW/25/0004/TPO – 33 Barn Close – T3 - Holm Oak - Crown reduction to top by 1.0m and sides by 2.0m all round.

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

TW/25/0007/TPO – 4 Manor Road North – T2 - Sycamore - Pollard to previous points.

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

TW/25/0002/TPO – 11 Barn Close – T1 - Ash - Reduce by approx 3m to previous cuts, T2 - Ash - Reduce by approx 3m to previous cuts, T3 - Ash - Reduce to previous cut, T4 - Ash - Reduce to previous cut.

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

TW/25/0010/TPO - 5 Headland Avenue - T3 - Sycamore - Removal of bifurcated trunk, T5 - Sycamore - Removal of bifurcated trunk.

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

P81/02/24 Road Closure Application – Friends of Bishopstone Station

The committee considered report 170/24 presenting details of a proposed road closure application for Friends of Bishopstone Station for the Committee to consider and comment.

P81.1 It was **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** the contents of the report.

P81.2 It was **AGREED** to forward the following comments to Lewes District Council on the application;

- For the organisers to ensure access for emergency vehicles
- For the organisers to allow space for passengers using the station

P82/02/24 Update Report

The committee considered report 168/24 on the Lewes District Council and South Downs National Park Authority decisions received since the last meeting on applications previously considered by the Committee

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

The meeting closed at 8pm

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