



Seaford Town Council

Minutes of a meeting of Seaford Town Council's Planning & Highways Committee on Thursday, 10 July 2025

Held in the 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 no members of the public in attendance.

P12/07/25 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

P13/07/25 Disclosure of Interests

Councillor J Lord declared a non-pecuniary interest in application LW/25/0312 due to having previous conversations with the developer and agreed to not take part in discussions nor vote on this application.

The Committee noted that Councillors L Boorman, O Honeyman, R Honeyman, J Lord and L Wallraven had a non-pecuniary interest in application LW/25/0179 due to the owners of the property being known by these councillors, however, that no councillor had been involved in, nor had any discussions with the applicant prior to the application submission or this Committee meeting.

P14/07/25 Public Participation

There was no public participation.

P15/07/25 Planning Applications

Planning Applications received in week commencing Monday 26 May 2025

LW/25/0312 – St Leonard's Church Hall, Church Lane – Demolition of church hall and erection of 2no. dwelling houses.

It was **RESOLVED** to **SUPPORT** the application, adding the Committee's concerns regarding refuse bin storage space, noting the comments submitted by a neighbouring resident and Lewes District Council.

Planning Applications received in week commencing Monday 2 June 2025

No applications were received.

Planning Applications received in week commencing Monday 9 June 2025

LW/25/0179 – 20 Sutton Park Road – Demolish existing ground floor rear lean-to and erection of part two storey part single storey rear extension, relocate existing steps for first floor maisonette and new advertising sign on the side of the building.

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

Planning Applications received in week commencing Monday 16 June 2025

SDNP/25/01966/FUL – Land to North of Eastbourne Road – The creation and use of a temporary construction compound including access onto the A259, car park, storage yard, welfare and office facilities to the support the Exceat Bridge Replacement (SDNP/21/02342/FUL) development for East Sussex County Council.

It was **RESOLVED** to **SUPPORT** the application adding that:

It was noted in the consultation response from the South Downs National Park Authority's (SDNPA) Landscape Officer in the previous application that they had concerns about the longer-term damage to the area where the compound will be situated and suggested that some compensatory works could be conditioned.

They stated: "I suggest the scheme is conditioned to deliver offsite benefits as compensation. This could be achieved through improved management of the highway estate such as the verges and grassed banks along the road between Seaford and Exceat".

For several years now the Town Council has been making regular efforts (without success) to persuade either East Sussex County Council or SDNPA to make improvements to this much-used path along the highway verge from the top of the hill, the built boundary of Seaford and the National Park boundary, to the bridge.

The path is narrowed by overgrown hedgerows and eroded in places lower down the hill making it dangerous but as it is still the most direct route for walkers and includes, from the top of the hill, the 'opening-out' of the marvellous view of the meanders of the Cuckmere and Cuckmere Haven, it is still extremely popular. It would therefore be entirely appropriate for the SDNPA to adopt its Landscape Officer's suggestion and condition improvements to this path.

Planning Applications received in week commencing Monday 23 June 2025

LW/25/0275 – 4 The Close – Erection of a porch

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

Tree Works Applications

TW/25/0057/TPO – Greenholm, Chyngton Lane – T12 Holm Oak at front entrance:

reduce side limbs by up to 4 metres, basal decay evident, to keep tree at reasonable size for location.

It was **RESOLVED** to **SUPPORT** the application, adding a suggestion that the reduction is not carried out until late winter/early spring otherwise this would distress the tree. Works to clear dead limbs should be carried out sooner.

P16/07/25 Update Report

The Committee considered report 51/25 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 7.28pm.

Councillor L Wallraven

Chair of the Planning & Highways Committee