



Seaford Town Council

Minutes of a meeting of Seaford Town Council's Planning & Highways Committee on Thursday, 4 September 2025

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

Present:

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

Isabelle Mouland, Community Engagement & Democratic Services Manager

P22/09/25 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor L Wallraven (Cllr S Markwell Substituting).

P23/09/25 Disclosure of Interests

There were no disclosures of interests.

P24/09/25 Public Participation

There was no public participation.

P25/09/25 Planning Applications

Planning Application received in week commencing Monday 21 July 2025

LW/25/0388 – 4 Bishopstone Road – Installation of driveway with drop curb.

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

LW/25/0451 – 37 Hurdis Road – Demolition of an existing garage and link utility room, replacement single storey side extension.

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

Planning Applications received in week commencing Monday 28 July 2025

No applications were received.

Planning Applications received in week commencing Monday 4 August 2025

LW/25/0476 – Parish Church of St Peter, Blatchington Hill – New external railings, gate and handrails to Boiler Room, Vestry and Church Hall.

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

LW/25/0480 – 9 East Dean Rise – Detached residential annexe.

It was **RESOLVED** to **SUPPORT** the application requesting that a condition is applied that ensures the annex will always be subservient to, and used only by family members of, the main dwelling.

The Committee also resolved to feedback concerns to the Planning Authority in regard to the frequent comments being made in support of annex applications from the National Annexe Planning Consultancy (NAPC). The Committee is concerned that the same supporting comment is being made on all annex applications regardless of individual application details and location, and that these could be being made via an automated software application (a 'bot').

Should any annex applications go to appeal, these general and non-application specific supporting comments might be counted towards support without the annex application's detail and location having been considered.

Planning Applications received in week commencing Monday 11 August 2025

LW/25/0491 – 10 Heathfield Road – Single storey rear extension.

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

Planning Applications received in week commencing Monday 18 August 2025

LW/25/0482 – 24 Southdown Road – Detached dwelling to rear (east) fronting Headland Avenue.

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

Tree Works Applications

TW/25/0075/TPO – 9 Wilkinson Way – T4 - Holm Oak - Reduce crown to previous pruning points due to oversized for residential gardens.

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

P26/09/25 Road Closure Application

The Committee considered report 64/25 on the application to Lewes District Council by Seaford Bonfire Society for temporary road closures for the Seaford Bonfire on Saturday 18 October 2025.

P26.1 It was **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** the contents of the report.

P26.2 It was **AGREED** to comment in support of the road closures requested in the application but to feedback concerns in regard to parking at top of Cricketfield Road as drivers turn right onto Steyne Road.

Due to the road closures in place at the time, this area becomes a pinch point in the town and with vehicles being allowed to park on both sides of the road, reducing the

road to a single vehicle width, it becomes impassable. There are concerns that this is dangerous in terms of pedestrians leaving the event in the dark and crossing roads, and to vehicles (including emergency services) being unable to flow due to there not being any suitable passing place.

The Committee would like to request action from partner authorities to mitigate risk such as a parking suspension or coning off one side of the road to ensure flow of traffic following the event when other road closures are in place and this area is needed to avoid those road closures.

The Committee thanked Seaford Bonfire Society for all the hard work they do for this event and noted that they rely on donations for the event to take place. It is hoped that any mitigation for parking in this area would be actioned/supported by a partner authority like support given for the bonfire event each year in Lewes.

The Committee would like to request that a Seaford Town Council officer is invited to attend the Safety Advisory Group meeting which has been requested by Sussex Police to discuss this further.

P27/09/25 Update Report

The Committee considered report 63/25 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 7.42pm.

Councillor L Boorman

Vice Chair of the Planning & Highways Committee