



Seaford Town Council

Planning and Highways Committee

Minutes of the meeting of the **Planning and Highways Committee** held at the **Council Chambers, 37 Church Street, Seaford** on **Thursday 22nd February 2018** commencing at **7.00 p.m.**

Present:

Councillors, L Wallraven (Chairman), D Argent, P Boorman, J Elton, L Freeman, N Freeman, R Honeyman, A Latham and P Lower

Councillor O Honeyman and Aidan Thatcher, Head of Planning, Lewes District Council also present for Talland Parade item.

Geoff Johnson - Planning Officer

10 members of the public present

P 85/02/17 Apologies for Absence and Declaration of Substitute Members

Apologies were received from the Councillor T Goodman.

P 86/02/17 Disclosure of Interests

Councillor L Wallraven declared a non-pecuniary interest as a member of the Lewes District Council's Planning Applications Committee and did not speak or vote on any item.

Councillors L Freeman and N Freeman declared a prejudicial interest in LW/17/0962 and left the room at 7.42pm prior to the application being considered, returning at 7.53pm for the item on 21 Rookery Way.

Councillor P Boorman declared an interest in Tree Application TW/18/0011/TPO and did not speak or vote on the matter.

P 87/02/17 Public Participation

None

Following this item it was **RESOLVED** to **SUSPEND STANDING ORDERS** to enable the Talland Parade issue, Item 5 on the Agenda, to be considered before the planning applications and for Aidan Thatcher Head of Planning at Lewes District Council to address the Committee.

P 88/02/17 Construction Site at Talland Parade

The Committee welcomed Aidan Thatcher, to the meeting.

He had been invited to attend to update the Committee on the action being taken by the District Council to resolve the long standing problem with the construction site and scaffolding at Talland Parade.

He explained that there had been dialogue with the new owners of the site. A project plan had been supplied and a construction team put in place. Work would recommence by the end of February. If the timetable was not adhered to the owners would be served with a notice under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to require the removal of the scaffolding. The owners had confirmed that the charity occupying an office at the site had been given notice to vacate

Mr Thatcher took questions from members of the public and of the Committee about the state of the site. Tenants were concerned about their security of tenure.

and residents were concerned at the safety of the scaffolding and the fact that the pavements around the site were blocked. He also explained that issues such as damage to neighbouring properties were private matters for residents to take up with the new owners

A question was raised on the possibility of a Compulsory Purchase Order for the site Mr Thatcher replied that the case did not fulfil the current criteria for Compulsory Purchase.

Members of the Committee raised questions on the enforceability of the project plan and timetable. Mr Thatcher replied that progress on site would be closely monitored by the District Council and any delay would be acted on.

The Committee and members of the public thanked Mr Thatcher for his attendance.

It was then **RESOLVED** that Standing Orders be reinstated

P 89 /02/17 Planning Applications

Planning Applications week ending 2nd February 2018

Seaford
LW/17/0962

125 Southdown Road
Planning Application - Demolition of existing house and erection of two detached houses

The applicant Mr Vartdal addressed the Committee. He explained that the current property was in a poor state of repair and would need a lot of work to bring it up to current requirements. It was situated on a large plot and he had been advised by a consultant that it could accommodate two houses. The proposed houses maintained the current roofline and scale and incorporated design features to match the modern design of the nearby Seaford Head Golf Clubhouse

It was **RESOLVED** to **OBJECT** to the application on the grounds that the proposed development of two dwellings would be overdevelopment of the plot, out of character and scale with the existing properties in Southdown Road and would have an adverse impact on views from the adjacent South Downs National Park


Seaford
LW/18/0049

21 Rookery Way Bishopstone
Planning Application - Construction of a ramp with the addition of a platform lift with a 3.0m rise

It was reported that this application had been **WITHDRAWN**

Seaford
LW/18/0054

57 Chichester Road
Planning Application - Demolition of existing side lean-to and erection of a two storey side/part rear extension and single storey rear extension, including associated hard/soft landscaping

It was **RESOLVED** to **SUPPORT** the application. It was considered to be a large extension but it was well-designed and the 

site was large enough to accommodate it without any adverse impact on neighbouring properties.

Planning Applications week ending 9th February 2018

Seaford
LW/18/0081

27 Downsview Road
Planning Application - Single storey rear and side extension with a flat roof

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

Seaford
LW/18/0084

1 Terminus Buildings Blatchington Road
Planning Application - Renovation and incorporation of 1 Terminus Buildings into the Claremont Dental Practice situated at 2-3 Terminus Buildings, change of use from A1 to D1.

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

Seaford
LW/18/0096

59 Farm Close
Planning Application - Demolish existing conservatory and garage, erection of a single storey rear/side extension with hip to gable loft conversion over extension to include associated hard/soft landscaping

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

Reconsultation

Seaford
LW/17/0997

4 Newick Close
Amended Application-Variation of parking and garden areas approved under Ref : LW/15/0931

It was **RESOLVED** that the **OBJECTIONS** raised to the previous set of amended plans still applied i.e that the parking and amenity spaces provided were too restricted and that this would lead to a cramped development and parking problems which would be detrimental to residential amenities in the area.

Tree Works Applications


Seaford
TW/18/0011/TPO

11 Seafield Close
Tree Works Application – Reduce Sycamore (T14) 2 ft past previous pruning points to reduce windfall due to large wound at base

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

Seaford
TW/18/0013/TPO

11 Barn Close
Tree Works Application – 7 metre structural pollarding of 4 x Ash and 1 x Hawthorn (G5 of Order) for Sean O'Conner

There were some concerns over the lack of information as to which works were to be carried out to the three trees covered but it was 

RESOLVED to **SUPPORT** the application in principle subject to the advice and approval of the Arboricultural Officer

Seaford
TW/18/0015/TPO

3 Sovereign Close
Tree Works Application – Proposed works to Poplar and Beech trees (full details on website) for Seaford Town Council

It was **RESOLVED** that the application be **NOTED**

Seaford
TW/18/0016/TPO

7 Chapel Close
Tree Works Application- Works to 4x Sycamores (T1 to 4 in G2 in Order)

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

P/90/02/17 Fishers Wharf, Newhaven Harbour (LW/799/CM)

Members considered report 125/17 updating the Committee on the progress of this application and the recent withdrawal of Phase 4 of the proposed scheme; the concrete block-making facility

It was **RESOLVED** that the report be **NOTED**

P 91/02/17 Road Closure Report

Members considered report 126/17 informing the Committee of proposed road closures on Good Friday 30th March for the Procession of Witness organised by Churches Together in Seaford

It was **RESOLVED** that no objection be raised

P/92/02/17 Update Report

Members considered report 127/17 updating the Committee on decisions taken by Lewes D.C since the last meeting

It was **RESOLVED** that the report be **NOTED**

The meeting closed at 8.15 pm.

L Wallraven 29/3/2018

Councillor L Wallraven
Chairman