



Seaford Town Council

Planning & Highways Committee

Minutes of the meeting of the **Planning & Highways Committee** held at the **Council Chamber, 37 Church Street, Seaford**, on **Thursday 18 July 2013**, at **7.00 pm**.

Present:

Councillor L Wallraven (Chairman)
Councillor R E Allen (Vice Chairman)
Councillors A Campbell, S Dunn, T Goodman, A Latham, R Scarfe & A White.
Mr B King and Mrs G Hamilton
7 members of the public.

P&H 13 Apologies for Absence and Declaration of Substitute Members

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors S McStravick and I White.

P&H 14 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 27 June 2013 were **AGREED** as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

P&H 15 Disclosure of Interests

Cllr S Dunn declared a discloseable pecuniary interest in planning application LW/13/0427, 7 Whiteley Close.

P&H 16 Planning Applications

Planning Applications week ending 28 June 2013

Seaford LW/13/0402	49 Stafford Road Seaford Planning Application - Erection of decking to rear garden and insertion of new windows and patio door to rear elevation for Mr M Jemison No objection
Seaford LW/13/0421	5 Greenwell Close Seaford Planning Application - Change of use of granny annexe to form part of domestic dwelling for Mr & Mrs S Upton No objection

Seaford
LW/13/0427

7 Whiteley Close Seaford
Planning Application - Section 73A Retrospective application for the removal of condition one, for retention of a hedge to the west boundary of the site, attached to planning approval LW/07/0169 for Mrs S Norris

Cllr S Dunn left the meeting

Objection, un-neighbourly, out of character for the area and in breach of condition 1. The hedge should be reinstated.

Cllr S Dunn returned to the meeting

Planning Applications week ending 5 July 2013

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V Bar Pelham Yard
Planning Application - Conversion of public house to a terrace of three residential units for London and City Estates Ltd

Mr Gower *Mr Gower spoke in reference to his wife's letter of objection. At the Planning & Highways meeting of 22 November 2012, the committee approved that the Town Clerk seek to list all of the pubs in Seaford under the Community Right to Bid, he asked whether the Town Clerk had registered this property.*

Projects & Facilities Manager The Town Clerk is currently out of the office so a written response will be given.

Mr Gower *Asked who is in charge of the Town Council while the Town Clerk and the Leader are on leave?*

Chairman The Leader was in fact now back from his holiday.

Mr Wong *Owns businesses in the High Street and has a warehouse in Pelham Yard. Would like to object to this application as he has had trouble in the past with residents that live at the back of his business complaining about vans and lorries unloading in that area when he has the right of way to have his vehicles there. He also stated this is in the centre of a commercial area, so more problems would be experienced if further residential development was permitted.*

Mr M Johnson *Notified the Committee that he is the owner of M Johnson Antiques. Numerous offers have been turned down by the vendors and Mr Johnson's estate agents had told him they had never had so much trouble trying to purchase a property. His intention would be to turn the V Bar into a restaurant, which will help*

regenerate this area of the town. There is a shortage of restaurants in Seaford and local residents often visit other towns for evening dining as a result.

Pauline Cheatham Notified the Committee that she is a local resident, Pelham Yard is part of the Conservation Area and is the core of the Old Tow, a decent restaurant is needed in Seaford and would bring more business to the Town, and would benefit all resident of Seaford, giving them more choice for restaurant dining.

Strong objection. Turning commercial to residential in primary shopping areas goes against Local Plan policies E.3 and E.4 for Town Centres, also at ground floor level with reference to Seaford Town Centre specifically the location is within the areas identified in 14.41; also 14.48 and 14.49 of the policy should be observed, which is part of the Lewes District Council Local Plan.

P&H 17 Road Closure Request – Marine Drive

Members considered report 46/13 in respect of a road closure request for Marine Drive, Bishopstone for Play Out Scheme and Bank Holiday Street Party.

Members strongly objected to the road closure request, it is the main thorough fare to the Bishopstone estate and there will be limited access for emergency vehicles and the elderly residents; and there is also no evidence of public / resident consultation.

Meeting closed at 19.32

Councillor L Wallraven
Chairman.