



## 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 **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2015** at **7.00 pm**.

#### **Present:**

Councillor L Wallraven (Chairman)  
Councillor R Honeyman (Vice Chairman)  
Councillors D Argent, D Burchett, M Lambert, A Latham, P Lower, A McLean and L Worcester  
Lucy Clark, Support Services Manager – Seaford Town Council  
Jasmine Pollard, Apprentice Admin Assistant– Seaford Town Council (Minutes)

8 members of the public.

#### **P67/12/15 Apologies for Absence and Declaration of Substitute Members**

No apologies for absence were received.

#### **P68/12/15 Disclosure of Interests**

Under the Seaford Town Council Code of Conduct and the Localism Act 2011, Councillor L Worcester declared an interest other than a pecuniary interest on agenda item LW/15/0870 as a member of the Seaford Conservative Club Committee. Councillor L Wallraven declared an interest other than pecuniary interest on agenda item LW/15/0804 as a personal friend of a resident of 4 Marine Drive.

#### **P69/12/15 Public Participation**

*Bob Gower*      *Extended best wishes to the Committee for a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.*

Chairman      Thanked Mr Gower for his kind wishes.

#### **P70/12/15 Planning Applications**

Planning Applications week ending 27<sup>th</sup> November 2015

**Seaford**      **2 Marine Drive Bishopstone**  
LW/15/0804      Planning Application - Replacement sun lounge to front, replacement lean-to/side porch, new dormer window to roof, rear single storey extension, new roof terrace over sun lounge, rear garden landscaped to include the erection of a home office and house to be rendered for Ms N James

It was **RESOLVED** to make **NO OBJECTION**.

**Seaford**      **47 Fitzgerald Avenue**  
LW/15/0838      Planning Application - Rear ground floor extension with internal alterations for C/O Delavals Design

It was **RESOLVED** to make **NO OBJECTION**.

**Seaford**

LW/15/0870

**Cresta Crouch Lane**

Planning Application - Existing bungalow to be demolished and replaced with 8 two-bedroom houses with 8 car park spaces for Si Homes

*Rod Smith*

*Urged the Committee to reject this application on the grounds that the proposed buildings having a dominating high skyline that is out of character with the road, oppressively overshadows its neighbours and invades privacy. Will cause traffic chaos, accidents and aggravate parking and access problems in Steyne Road and Crouch Lane. Fails to address the need for soakaway landscaping given the established drainage and flooding problems in Steyne Road. Ignores landslip, subsidence and safety issues with the dangers of the steep vertical slope on the eastern boundary. Departs from more than 56 years of planning history limiting development to bungalows. The residents would welcome a more appropriate and sympathetic re-submission tailored to the site and locality rather than just to building costs.*

*Sue Smith*

*Gave photographs and plans to the Committee to show the impact of the proposal on neighbouring properties, highlighting how the properties will overlook overs, evidence of badger activity and the likelihood of landslides.*

*Chantel  
Smitherman*

*Expressed concerns about the large increase in the height and area of the frontage, an increase in flood risks to drainage infrastructure already cannot cope with the annual rainfall; caused by a heightened level of rain runoff if the site is paved, suggested that permeable paving be considered for the site and a covenant be put in place to prevent further paving of green areas on the site. Informed the Committee that parking is already a problem in the area and that the proposed build will only make this worse. Suggested that a footpath also be considered in this proposal as pedestrian access is limited.*

*Bob Gower*

*Notified members of the Committee and public that they are also able to attend the Lewes District Council Planning and Highways Meeting to express their concerns regarding this application.*

It was **RESOLVED** to **OBJECT** on the grounds of overdevelopment, the elevated position causing overshadowing and loss of privacy to neighbouring properties; Sea Cottages and 67A Steyne Road, unreasonable density and inappropriate layout of properties on the site, lack of any archaeological assessment or survey for badger activity on the site, no evidence of piling; measures to prevent landslides, overbearing in height, being out of character with the street scene and increased traffic issues.

**Seaford**                    **Whistles Seaford Railway Station**  
LW/15/0872                Listed Building Consent Application - Internally renovate the currently vacant east wing building (former Whistles cafe) and repair and redecorate the externals to match the existing colours for Heritage Refreshments

It was **RESOLVED** to **OBJECT** to the application, supporting the comments in the Lewes District Council Design and Conservation Officer's report.

**Seaford**                    **10 The Holt**  
LW/15/0888                Planning Application - Enlargement of the existing front entrance porch, together with the demolition of an existing conservatory and the erection of a single storey extension to the rear for Mr S ONeill

It was **RESOLVED** to make **NO OBJECTION**

**Seaford**                    **36 Church Street**  
LW/15/0891                Advertisement Consent Application - Illuminated shop sign over the glass front and side wall signs for Badger Inks ltd

It was **RESOLVED** to make **NO OBJECTION**.

*The meeting was adjourned at 7:32pm to allow members of the public to exit the meeting and reconvened at 7:35pm.*

Planning Applications week ending 4<sup>th</sup> December 2015

**Seaford**                    **1 East Albany Road**  
LW/15/0787                Planning Application - Erection of a two storey extension and a conservatory at rear for Ms L Webster

It was **RESOLVED** to make **NO OBJECTION**.

**Seaford**                    **41 Headland Avenue**  
LW/15/0917                Planning Application - Single storey rear extension for Mr C Mercer

It was **RESOLVED** to make **NO OBJECTION**.

**Seaford**                    **21 Churchill Road**  
LW/15/0919                Planning Application - Single storey side extension with an associate front balcony for Mr H Creamer

It was **RESOLVED** to make **NO OBJECTION**.

Planning Applications week ending 11<sup>th</sup> December

**Seaford**                    **16 Kammond Avenue**  
LW/15/0840                Planning Application - Removal of outbuilding to allow single storey rear pitched and two storey side pitched extensions for Mr & Mrs M Saunders

It was **RESOLVED** to make **NO OBJECTION**.

**Seaford** **Land Rear Of 99 Stafford Road**  
LW/15/0859 Planning Application - Erection of 2 x three bedroom semi-detached houses together with parking and footpath for Phil Chapman Builders Ltd

It was **RESOLVED** to make **NO OBJECTION** noting however that the committee have concerns relating to the integrity of the retaining wall and the provisions for water drainage needed.

**Seaford** **Croft Court Croft Lane**  
LW/15/0864 Planning Application - Replacement of all windows, doors and patio doors with uPVC units for First Port

It was **RESOLVED** to make **NO OBJECTION**.

**Seaford** **11 Clinton Place**  
LW/15/0880 Planning Application - To replace front bay window in first floor flat for Ollivers Restaurant

It was **RESOLVED** to make **NO OBJECTION**.

**Seaford** **25 Downsview Road**  
LW/15/0922 Planning Application - Single storey extension to the rear with raised decking for M Fish & V Eley

It was **RESOLVED** to make **NO OBJECTION**.

#### Tree Works Applications

**Seaford** **Chyngton House North Hamsey Lane Seaford East Sussex BN25 4DW**  
TW/15/0102/ T12 of the Order (T1 on the map) - Holm Oak - Reduce & re-shape crown on S & E side by approx 15% to leave a crown extension of 6.5m to the south and 6.5m to the east; reduce in height by approx 3m to leave a finished height of approx 13m.

T11 of the Order (T2 on the map)- Holm Oak - Reduce & reshape crown on the E side by approx 15% to leave a crown extension length of 6.7m; reduce in height by approx 3m to leave a finished height of approx 13m.

T10 of the Order (T3 on the map) - Holm Oak - Reduce crown on W side by 3.5m to leave a finished crown extension length of 6.4m; Reduce crown on E side by 1.75m to leave a finished crown extension length of 3.8m; reduce in height by approx 3m to leave a finished height of 13m.

T9 of the Order (T4 on the map) - Elm - Reduce and reshape crown by approx 35% to give a finished height of 10m.

Reasons for the works to T10 - T12 are to ensure that the trees remain within their existing/proposed parameters thus restricting their ability to occupy any space greater than already occupied. The concerns of the residents have recently been highlighted by the recent loss of a limb from T11 which, from the information given to me by the residents, was due to excessive end loading and failure during high winds. The Holm Oaks cast a dense heavy shade over the amenity area and the proposals seek to mitigate this effect. A similar specification of works has been applied to the other Holm Oaks on the site and they have responded well, maintaining their amenity value to the surrounding landscape and garden environs.

In respect of the Elm the work specified is in response to a small arial infection of DED. The hope is that the proposed reduction will be enough

to remove any DED infection and enable to tree to survive; however, the result of this will not be known until the emergence of leaf next year. All the proposed works will comply with the relevant British Standard (BS3998)

It was **RESOLVED** to make **NO OBJECTION**.

**P71/12/15 Update Report**

Members **NOTED** the contents of report 127/15.

The meeting closed at 7:46pm

Councillor L Wallraven  
Chairman

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