



Seaford Town Council

MINUTES of the meeting of the **Planning & Highways Committee** held at the **Council Chambers, 37 Church Street, Seaford** on **Thursday 18th September 2014** at **7.00pm**.

Present:

Councillor Linda Wallraven (Chairman)
Councillors G Cork, P Franklin, T Goodman, B Groves and S McStravick.
Lucy Clark, Support Services Manager – Seaford Town Council
Georgia Raeburn, PA to the Town Clerk – Seaford Town Council (Minutes)

One member of the public.

P47/09/14 Apologies for Absence and Declaration of Substitute Members

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors B Allen, M Brown and A Latham.

P48/09/14 Disclosure of Interests

Councillor L Wallraven declared a non-pecuniary interest in planning application LW/14/0642 as house number 17 is an immediate neighbour and close friend.

Councillor G Cork declared a non-pecuniary interest in planning application LW/14/0640 as this is a close friend.

Councillor P Franklin declared a non-pecuniary interest in planning application LW/14/0640 as this is a school friend and tree works order TW/14/0078 as this is a close friend.

P49/09/14 Public Participation


There was no public participation.

P50/09/14 Planning Applications

Planning Applications week ending 23rd August 2014

Seaford
LW/14/0596

10 Bramber Road Seaford
Planning Application - Single storey side extension and first floor extension to the rear Mrs L Dobson.

No need to comment on as was discussed at the previous meeting on 28th August and LDC have already approved. 

Seaford **22 Chyngton Road**
LW/14/0634 Planning Application - Proposed first floor extension for Mr S Wilson.

It was **RESOLVED** to make no objection.

7.07pm *Councillors Cork and Franklin leave the room.*

Seaford **Sutton Corner Garage Sheep Pen Lane**
LW/14/0640 Planning Application - Demolition of existing garage workshop,
erection of terrace of three houses and single storey dwelling
(resubmission of LW/14/0371) for Mr J Ridley.

It was **RESOLVED** to make an objection on the grounds of being overdeveloped, the possibility of ground contamination, going against the Council's policy for not changing commercial properties into residential and the significant concerns regarding road and highway safety.

7.10pm

Councillors Cork and Franklin re-enter the room.

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*It is **RESOLVED** that Councillor Franklin chair the meeting while Councillor Wallraven is absent from the meeting. Councillor Wallraven leaves the room.*

Seaford **16 Station Road Seaford**
LW/14/0642 Planning Application - Erection of conservatory at rear for Mr M Watts.

It was **RESOLVED** to make no objection.

7.12pm *Councillor Wallraven re-enters the room and resumes as Chair.*

Planning Applications week ending 30th August 2014

Seaford **98A Vale Road**
LW/14/0358 Retrospective Planning Application – Section 73A retrospective application for conversion of dwelling to create three flats for Mrs C Whelan.

It was **RESOLVED** to make an objection on the grounds of overlooking 83 Sherwood Road, the lack of kitchen and bathroom facilities (three flats sharing one set) and highway issues with access to and from Vale Road.

Seaford **32 Headland Avenue**
LW/14/0668 Planning Application - Demolish existing garage and replace with single storey extension forming new garage, shower room, utility room and kitchen for Mr & Mrs B Crockett.

It was **RESOLVED** to make no objection.



Seaford
LW/14/0669

29 Westdown Road
Planning Application - Installation of dormer window to front for Mr K Pout.

It was **RESOLVED** to make no objection.

Planning Applications week ending 6th September 2014

Seaford
LW/14/0657

12 Hawth Crescent
Planning Application - Erection of single storey rear extension and loft conversion for Mr R Crafer.

It was **RESOLVED** to make no objection.

Seaford
LW/14/0670

Park Gate 13 Park Road
Planning Application - Erection of two storey rear extension with separate ancillary studio in rear garden for Mr & Mrs Cox.

It was **RESOLVED** to make no objection subject to the grounds that proper consideration is paid to the tree that is to be removed and the correct process followed.

Seaford
LW/14/0679

46 Sutton Avenue
Planning Application - Erection of a two storey side extension for Mr A Hunt.

It was **RESOLVED** to make no objection.

Seaford
LW/14/0687

19 Southdown Road
Planning Application - Erection of a white PVC framed conservatory to the rear of the property for Mr I Ainsworth.

It was **RESOLVED** to make no objection.

Seaford
LW/14/0691

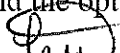
10A Grosvenor Road
Planning Application - Installation of a dormer window to rear for Mr J Tompsett.

It was **RESOLVED** to make no objection.

Tree Works Applications

Seaford
TW/14/0078/
TCA

Sussex Cottage, Upper Belgrave Road
3 x Unknown – Remove
Work to Trees (Conservation Area)

It was **RESOLVED** to make an objection on the grounds of being a conservation area and the option available to bridge the roots instead of removing the trees. 

P51/09/14 East Sussex County Council Bus Service Consultation

Members considered report 114/14 regarding the East Sussex County Council Bus Service Consultation.

P51.1 It was **RESOLVED** to **SUBMIT** a response to the consultation as follows:

Q1:

Seaford Town Council strongly objects to the proposed changes in particular those concerning the 126 and Seaford Dial-A-Ride services. Once again the elderly, sick and disabled are being put at risk, with links between Seaford and Alfriston being threatened and also the primary route to Eastbourne District General Hospital. This will mean that certain people are unable to attend hospital appointments on specific days or times, especially those unable to travel themselves or mobile enough to use two buses.

We recognise that under the Community Care and NHS Act 1990 there is a duty on local authorities to assess the requirements of vulnerable people and not necessarily make provisions but the vulnerable members of our community will suffer as a direct result of the proposed changes.

Q2:

Seaford Town Council strongly objects to points number 4 (supported off-peak daytime services that currently operate less than hourly would be generally reduced to a service that operates 2 days a week – on most services around two hourly) and number 6 (funding for most supported dial a ride transport would be reduced to provide a minimum 2 days a week service).

Seaford Town Council feels that the community will suffer, in particular those that would struggle to get to health appointments as a direct result of the proposed changes.

Q3:

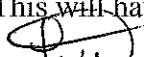
I would be happy to support this increase – Strongly Disagree

I understand why this increase is necessary – Neither Agree nor Disagree

I think this is a reasonable proposal – Strongly Disagree

Q4:

126 Service – The proposed changes will directly affect the connection for people from Seaford to Alfriston and other small villages, and also to and from Eastbourne DGH for three days of the working week. This will have a significant effect on the older people and vulnerable, and those wishing to visit them. There is also the impact on the community of Alfriston and the decreased opportunity to get to Seaford for the shops, pharmacies etc providing the economic support that cannot be provided in a small villages like Alfriston.

Dial-A-Ride Service – This is a busy service and is always well used on its current three days of operation. This will have a severe impact on the community if reduced to only two days a week. 

P51.2 It was **RESOLVED** to **RECOMMEND** to the Council that they consider lobbying to try and seek a change in the way in which charity and community buses that are operated by volunteers are restricted under the Hackney Carriage licence legislation.

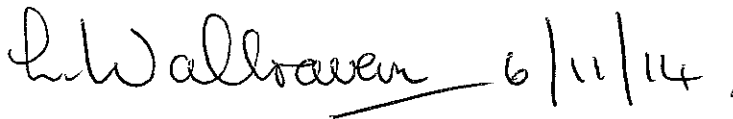
The cuts to bus services are happening District-wide so the Council must be proactive in looking at ways to cope with these cuts if they cannot be prevented. By allowing charity and community buses to advertise, take bus passes and do door-to-door pickups, this would help ease or eradicate the negative impact the proposed cuts will have on the elderly and vulnerable people in our communities.

P52/09/14 Update Report

Members **NOTED** report 115/14 informing the committee of Lewes District Council's decisions.

Thanks was given to Luck Clark, Support Services Manager, for providing the report.

The meeting closed at 7.54pm.

 6/11/14

Councillor Linda Wallraven
Chairman

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