



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 November 2018** commencing at **7.00 p.m.**

Present:

Councillors R Honeyman (Chairman), D Argent L Freeman N Freeman J Lord and P Lower
Geoff Johnson - Planning Officer
3 members of the public present

P 63/11/18 Apologies for Absence and Declaration of Substitute Members

The Committee was informed that the Chairman, Councillor L Wallraven had recently been admitted to hospital. Members sent her their best wishes for a speedy recovery

Apologies were also reported from Councillors J Elton and A Latham

P 64/11/18 Disclosure of Interests

None declared

P 65/11/18 Public Participation

A local resident expressed concerns about the proposed new 'Health Hub' at the site of the Downs Leisure Centre. Although he welcomed the new facilities he considered that the Town Council should have had more input into the initial planning of the scheme. It appeared to him that the location of the new Hub had been settled before the Town Council and the public had had an opportunity to comment. He asked whether the Town Council had any knowledge of the scheme prior to the recent Press-release

The Planning Officer explained that the new 'Hub' was a joint venture promoted by local NHS Clinical Commissioning Groups and Lewes District Council. The Town Council, as Consultee, had received a briefing on the scheme in June 2018 but, understandably, the information had remained confidential pending the recent formal announcement. The proposals would be the subject of a formal planning application in due course when the Town Council and local residents would have an opportunity to comment

Keith Blackburn Chairman of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group also commented on the proposals. He explained the need for commercial confidentiality in the initial planning of these schemes and that the involvement of several different parties and agencies meant that there were inevitable delays before details could be confirmed

Mr Blackburn also spoke on the Design Guide, part of the Seaford Neighbourhood Plan which the Town Council had recently approved for consultation. The Steering Group had discussed the Guide with local architects and the response so far had been positive. He hoped that the Committee would have an opportunity to consider the Guide and submit its own comments.

The Planning Officer confirmed that the Design Guide would be reported to the next meeting on Thursday 13th December

P 66/11/18 Planning Applications

Planning Applications Week ending 26th October 2018

Seaford
LW/18/0809

28 Saltwood Road
Planning Application- Demolition of existing garage and single and two storey rear extension

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

Planning Applications Week ending 2nd November 2018

Seaford
LW/18/0829

30 Chyngton Gardens
Planning Application – Summer house in rear garden

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

Seaford
LW/18/0797

31 Marine Drive Bishopstone
Planning Application – Single storey rear extension and roof works including rear dormer and roof lights

It was reported and **NOTED** that this application was for a Certificate of Lawfulness and therefore did not need to be considered by the Committee

Seaford
LW/18/0827

4 Hanover Close Bishopstone
Planning Application – Erection of detached annexe

It was noted that the proposed annexe appeared to be a self-contained residential unit but there was no explanation in the submitted documents as to its intended use and its relationship to the main dwelling. The Committee considered that without this essential information it was not possible to make any informed comments on the proposal

It was **RESOLVED** that these comments should be forwarded to the District Council

Seaford
LW/18/0800

68 Cuckmere Road
Planning Application- First floor rear extension, single storey side extension and conversion of garage to habitable room

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

Seaford
LW/18/0834

Buff Cottage 61 Firle Road
Planning Application – Demolition of existing single storey rear extension and erection of two storey extension and front porch

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

Seaford
LW/18/0843

1 Hawth Way
Planning Application – Proposed single storey rear extension to replace existing conservatory

It was reported and **NOTED** that as this application was for a Certificate of Lawfulness it did not require consideration by the Committee

Planning Applications Week ending 9th November 2018

Seaford
LW/18/0788

3 Isabel Close
Planning Application- Demolition of existing extension and conservatory, new single storey rear extension and formation of hardstanding to front garden and highway crossover

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

Seaford
LW/18/0781

5 Glebe Close
Planning Application- Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of single storey rear extension

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

Seaford
LW/18/0783

27 Farm Close
Planning Application- Single storey rear extension

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

Tree Works Applications

Seaford
TW/18 /0082/TPO

1 Willow Drive
T8- Holm Oak – Reduce crown by 50% due to fungal bodies at base

Seaford
TW/18/0085/TPO

2 Elm Close
T1 and T2 – Holm Oaks – Reduce and reshape crowns by 3 metres

Seaford
TW/18/0091/TPO

21 Hamsey Close
All Oaks to be trimmed and plum tree to be felled

It was **RESOLVED** that due to the lack of information on these applications on the District Council's website it was not possible for the Committee to make any meaningful response

It was further **RESOLVED** that the District Council should be informed that unless future tree works applications were accompanied by

more detailed information, including tagged photographs of the subject tree(s) it would be difficult for the Committee to respond

Seaford

TW/18/0089/TPO

Coach House Saxon Lane

T2- Sycamore- Reduce lateral branches overhanging washing drying area
T3- Sycamore- Thin crown by 15% to increase light to dwelling

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

P/67/11/18 Medipower Planning Application – Newhaven Harbour

The Committee considered report 131/18 on the application LW/815/CM submitted to East Sussex County Council for the installation and operation of an incinerator for the disposal of medical waste in a unit at Fisher Terminal East Quay Newhaven Harbour.

It was **RESOLVED** to **OBJECT** to the application on the following grounds:-

1. Given the height of the proposed stack the development will have an adverse effect on the amenity of the adjacent Tidemills /National Park area and on views across the Bay from Bishopstone and Seaford towards Newhaven Harbour
2. There is a clear danger that, given the prevailing winds, pollution from the unit will have an adverse effect on Bishopstone and Seaford
3. The development will lead to an increase in traffic along the already congested A259 through Seaford to and from Newhaven given that waste from the Eastbourne DGH will be processed at the site
4. The plans and information submitted with the application do not give full details of the proposals and in particular, how the use will be monitored

P/68/11/18 Update Report

Members considered report 132/18 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 8.00 pm.

Councillor R Honeyman
Chairman