



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 14th September 2017** commencing at **7.00 p.m.**

Present:

Councillors, R Honeyman (Vice-Chair in the Chair), D Argent, P Boorman, J Elton, L Freeman, N Freeman, T Goodman, A Latham and P Lower.

Geoff Johnson - Planning Officer

5 members of the public present

P 33/09/17 Apologies for Absence and Declaration of Substitute Members

Apologies were received from the Councillors T Goodman and L Wallraven.

P 34/09/17 Disclosure of Interests

None.

P 35/09/17 Public Participation

None.

P 36/09/17 Planning Applications

Planning Applications week ending 18th August 2017

Seaford

LW/17/0684

1B Blatchington Road

Planning Application- Section 73A retrospective application for the change of use of part of site from D1 (non-residential institutions) to A5 (hot food takeaway).

It was **RESOLVED** to **OBJECT** to the application on the grounds that there was insufficient information in the submission for the Committee to make an informed decision as to whether the use was appropriate for the area in relation, in particular, to the impact on residents living opposite the site.

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LW/17/0693

18 Haven Brow

Planning Application- Erection of first floor side extension.

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

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LW/17/0694

Land at the Holt

Reserved Matters Application- Approval of reserved matters relating to dwelling approved under outline consent LW/17/0064.

It was **RESOLVED** that, in view of its involvement in the application for outline consent, it would not be appropriate for the Council to comment on this application.

Planning Applications week ending 25th August 2017

Seaford **18 Hartfield Road**
LW/17/0705 Planning Application- Demolish existing side garage and rear garden room and replace with a single storey side/rear extension, hard/soft landscaping and new driveway, extend side at first floor by 650 mm to allow for third gable to be formed, change windows to anthracite grey.

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

Planning Applications week ending 1st September 2017

Seaford **47 Beacon Drive**
LW/17/0678 Planning Application- Demolish existing garage and replace with a single storey side extension, erection of 1.8 m close boarded fence to side boundary.

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

Seaford **23 Saltwood Road**
LW/17/0704 Planning Application- Erection of first floor storey rear extension.

It was **RESOLVED** that although the Committee had no general objection in principle to a first floor extension in this location, the standard of the plans was so poor, it was impossible for the Committee to make an informed decision as to whether this application could be positively supported.

P 37/09/17 Newlands School Application (LW/16/0800)

Pauline Gower was concerned at the major issues relating to the Newlands application which were not referred to in the debate at the Lewes District Council Planning Committee Meeting on 6th September. The quality of the School buildings which were due to be demolished and the futility of doing away with an expensive swimming pool and fully equipped sports hall were ignored by the Lewes D.C officers and members. The officers were wrong to deny that the facilities were still being used. Vital NHS and Education infrastructure issues were also ignored. We should continue to oppose the development while there is still time.

Tony Michaelson-Yeates updated the Committee on his campaign to have the former School Premises used as a new Community Hospital. He said this would be in line with the views of Mrs Chittenden, the former owner of the school. He was awaiting a reply to his letter to the Prime Minister regarding the possible compulsory purchase of the land.

Lorraine Barratt confirmed that the Sports Hall at Newlands were still being used. She referred to the under provision for education in the town and the fact that many students had to commute to Lewes. All educational facilities and land should be retained. Newlands should be developed for public education.

The Planning Officer reported on the debate at the meeting of Lewes District Council's Planning Applications Committee on Wednesday 6th September and the decision to grant outline consent on the revised application for the erection of 183 dwellings and associated developments on the former Newlands School, Eastbourne Road.

He explained that in view of the fact that Sport England had lodged a formal objection to the granting of outline consent based on the loss of sports facilities, the Secretary of State would



have to consider the application prior to consent being issued by Lewes District Council and decide whether the application should be 'called-in' for determination by him.

The Committee also considered the potential impact of Lewes District Council's decision on the provision of health services in the town and recent issues which had arisen over the assessment of the housing allocation for Seaford under the policies of the Joint Core Strategy of 2016.

It was **RESOLVED** that :-

1. A formal letter should be sent to the Secretary of State expressing the Town Council's full support for Sport England's objection and the serious concerns at the extent of the public sports facilities which would be lost if the development were to go ahead. The letter should also cover the Council's concerns at the potential impact of the development on the provision of local health services and the fact that the DCLG Policy Guidance 'Health and Well Being in Planning' (2014) was ignored in the officer's report and the debate on the application.

2. The officers seek a meeting with Lewes D.C to discuss the Council's concerns on the health infrastructure issue and the assessment of Seaford housing allocation in the Joint Core Strategy.

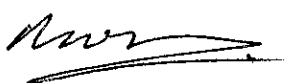
P 38/09/17 Update Report

Members considered report 62/17 informing the Committee of Lewes District Council Decisions on previous planning applications.

Members also heard a report back from Councillor Lower on a meeting of representatives of Town and Parish Councils in the Lewes District with Aidan Thatcher the newly appointed Head of Planning for the combined authorities of Lewes and Eastbourne. He had answered various concerns about the operation of the service in the Lewes District and confirmed that the administration of the two services would be combined as from January 2018 but with separate officer teams and Committees for Lewes and Eastbourne.

It was **RESOLVED** that the reports be **NOTED**.

The meeting closed at 8.03pm.

 19 October 2017

Councillor R Honeyman
Chairman