



Seaford Town Council

Minutes of a meeting of Seaford Town Council's Planning & Highways Committee on Thursday, 25th April 2024

Held at the Council Chambers, 37 Church Street, Seaford, BN25 1HG at 7.00pm.

Present:

Councillors L Wallraven (Chair), L Boorman (Vice-Chair), R Buchanan, R Clay, O Honeyman, R Honeyman and S Markwell.

Geoff Johnson, Planning Officer

There was one member of the public in attendance.

P108/04/23 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

P109/04/23 Disclosure of Interests

Councillor Olivia Honeyman and Councillor Richard Honeyman declared an interest in application LW/24/0237 (2 Barn Rise) as they lived within sight of the property. They would not speak or vote on that application.

Councillor Linda Wallraven declared that as a Parishioner of St Andrews Church Bishopstone, in accordance with advice received, she would speak on application SDNP/24/00345 but would not vote.

P110/04/23 Public Participation

There was no public participation.

P111/04/23 Planning Applications

Lewes District Council Planning Applications received in week commencing Monday 25th March 2024

LW/24/0152 – 10 Lullington Close – Erection of detached front garage.

It was **RESOLVED** to **OBJECT** to the application on the grounds that the proposed garage, due to its size and location, would form a new and intrusive feature in the Close which would have a seriously adverse impact on its current open and attractive character.

Consent for the garage would also make it difficult to resist similar applications from other

properties in the Close. The proposal would therefore be contrary to policies DM 25 and DM 28 of the Lewes Local Plan.

LW/24/0220 – Land on the South side of Sutton Drove (at junction with East Albany Road) -Erection of 9 flats with associated landscaping and parking.

Members reviewed report 207/23 providing the Committee with background information to support its consideration of this application.

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

Lewes District Council Planning Applications received in week commencing Monday 1st

April 2024

LW/24/0242 – 45 Sutton Road – Erection of 2-bed detached bungalow at rear utilizing pedestrian and vehicular access from Gildredge Road.

It was **RESOLVED** to **SUPPORT** the application. It was noted that there were various possible green innovations referred to in the application, for example PV Solar Panels and rainwater harvesting on the roof and the installation of heat pumps. The Committee requested that these features should be implemented in the scheme.

Lewes District Council Planning Applications received in week commencing Monday 8th

April 2024

LW/24/0244 – Wraymead Cottage, Hartfield Road – Replacement of existing conservatory with single-storey rear extension and removal of existing porch/door at side elevation.

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

LW/24/0250 – 76 Stafford Road – Dropped kerb and crossover with permeable hardstanding to create front driveway.

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

LW/24/0262 – 4 Walmer Road - Single storey front extension with fenestration alterations.

It was **RESOLVED** to **OBJECT** to the application. It was considered that although the Planning Officer had advised that a smaller front extension than that proposed in 2021 could be acceptable, the length of the projection of the current proposed extension in the front of the building line set by no.2 and the adjoining property would constitute overdevelopment and would have an unacceptable impact on the character of the property and on the street scene, contrary to policies DM 25 and DM 28 of the Lewes Local Plan. It would also be contrary to the clear guidelines for front extensions set out in Para GB05 of the Design Guidelines appended to the Seaford Neighbourhood Plan.

LW/24/0237 - 2 Barn Rise - Erection of 1.8m high timber fence at side and front boundary. It was **RESOLVED** to **OBJECT** to the application. It was noted that the shrubs and bushes marking the current boundary were similar to the boundary treatment of the property on the opposite corner. It was considered that this complemented the attractive open character of the local street scene. The proposed fence and removal of the bushes and shrubs would be intrusive and would have an unacceptable impact on that open character contrary to policies DM 25 AND DM 28 of the Local Plan.

South Downs National Park Application

SDNP/24/00345/FUL - St Andrew's Church Bishopstone, Bishopstone Road, Bishopstone – Demolition of part below ground-floor boiler room and erection of extension to west side of north aisle of church.

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

Tree Works Applications

TW/24/0038/TPO - 11 Chalvington Close - T1 - Sycamore - Crown reduction of approx. 3m, and clearing of dead wood T2 - Sycamore - Crown reduction of approx. 3m, and clearing of dead wood T3 - Sycamore - Crown reduction of approx. 3m, and clearing of dead wood T4 - Sycamore - Crown reduction of approx. 3m, and clearing of dead wood T5 - Ash - Crown reduction of approx. 3m, and clearing of dead wood.

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

TW/24/0033/TPO – 12 Barn Close - T1 - Sycamore - Reduction of up to 4m to secondary growth and ivy rings T2 - Sycamore - Reduction of up to 4m to secondary growth and ivy rings T2 - Sycamore - Reduction of up to 4m to secondary growth and ivy rings T2 - Sycamore - Reduction of up to 4m to secondary growth and ivy rings T5 - Ash - Fell due to root damage.

It was **RESOLVED** to **SUPPORT** the application in principle but there was concern at the fact that the Ash Tree marked T5, was on land owned by a neighbouring resident and that it was not clear from the information supplied that the neighbour was involved in or aware of the application. This needed to be clarified. The Committee did however commend the applicant for the excellent presentation of the other details of the application.

P112/04/23 South Downs National Local Plan Review – Update report

Members considered report 208/203 on the latest information received from the South Downs National Park Authority on the progress its Local Plan Review.

It was **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** the contents of the report.

P113/04/23 Update Report

The Committee considered report 206/23 of the Planning Officer and the schedule of recent decisions made by Lewes District Council on applications previously considered by this Committee.

It was **RESOLVED** to **NOTE** the contents of the report.

The meeting closed at 8.31 pm.

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