



Planning Applications Committee

Minutes of the meeting held in the Assembly Hall, Lewes Town Hall, High Street, Lewes, East Sussex, BN7 2QS on 6 October 2021 at 5:00pm

Present:

Councillor Sharon Davy (Chair);
Councillors Roy Clay (Substitute), Tom Jones, Christoph von Kurthy, Jim Lord (Substitute), Milly Manley, Laurence O'Connor, Nicola Papanicolaou and Richard Turner

Officers in attendance:

Andrew Hill (Senior Specialist Advisor, Planning)
Jennifer Norman (Committee Officer, Democratic Services)
Leigh Palmer (Head of Planning First)
Elaine Roberts (Committee Officer, Democratic Services)
Joanne Stone (Solicitor, Planning)

40 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 4 August 2021 were submitted and approved, and the Chair was authorised to sign them as a correct record.

41 Apologies for absence/Declaration of substitute members

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Graham Amy, Sylvia Lord, Imogen Makepeace and Steve Saunders. Councillor Jim Lord declared that he was acting as substitute for Councillor Sylvia Lord for the duration of the meeting and Councillor Roy Clay declared that he was acting as substitute for Councillor Makepeace for the duration of the meeting.

42 Declarations of interest

There were none.

43 Urgent items

There were no urgent items. A supplementary report, however, was circulated to the Committee prior to the start of the meeting, updating the main reports on the agenda with any late information (a copy of which was published on the Council's website).

44 Petitions

There were none.

45 Written questions from councillors

There were none.

46 LW/19/0656 - 6 Steyne Road, Seaford

Adam Chugg (Town Clerk) spoke on behalf of Seaford Town Council. A written representation against the proposal was read aloud by the Committee Officer on behalf of Maisie Slater (Neighbour). Victoria Palmer (Neighbour) and Roy Goozee (Neighbour) spoke against the proposal. A written representation for the proposal was read aloud by the Committee Officer on behalf of Gary Brookes (Agent).

The Senior Specialist Advisor (Planning) clarified that the Applicant was South Downs Homes Ltd, not Lewes District Council, as indicated on page 9 of the agenda.

Resolved:

That planning application LW/19/0656 for the re-development of site to create 13 apartments - Amended Plans (30/10/20 and 20/11/20) and a reduction from 14 units to 13 units, *be refused* on the basis of the following reason:

- 1) The proposed development, due to its size, massing, scale and design, would result in an overdevelopment of the site and would have a detrimental impact on the setting of the adjacent conservation area and upon the character and appearance of the surrounding street scene, contrary to Seaford Neighbourhood Plan Policies SEA2 and SEA3, SF01 of the Seaford Neighbourhood Plan Design Guidelines, and Policies DM25 and DM33 of the Lewes District Local Plan, and Para 130 (c) of the NPPF.

47 LW/20/0485 - Upper Lodge Farm, The Broyle, Ringmer, East Sussex, BN8 5AP

Alex Lawrence (Consultant, on behalf of Dominic Buckwell, Neighbour), Corina Fletcher (on behalf of business and residents of Upper Lodge) and Peter Daniels (Neighbour) spoke against the proposal. Dan Page (Planning Consultant) spoke for the proposal. Councillor Johnny Denis spoke in his capacity as the Lewes District Ward Councillor.

There was a short adjournment so that the Senior Specialist Advisor (Planning) and the Agent could have a brief discussion in relation to the application, specifically with regards to deferring the item to allow discussions between the Applicant and neighbours.

Resolved:

That planning application LW/20/0485 for an amended scheme - replacement of existing farmyard manure store with an upgraded facility, repair and upgrade of existing slurry lagoon and associated earth engineering works *be deferred*, so that a smaller scheme may be considered.

48 LW/21/0077 - Reeve Cottage, Station Road, North Chailey, East Sussex, BN8 4HG**Resolved:**

That planning application LW/20/0485 for a single storey side extension, loft conversion including hip to gable extensions as well as front and rear dormers, single storey front extension *be approved*, subject to the conditions set out in the report.

49 Date of next meeting

That it be noted that the next meeting of the Planning Applications Committee is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, 10 November 2021.

The meeting ended at 7.44pm.

Councillor Sharon Davy (Chair)