



Planning Applications Committee

Minutes of the meeting held in the Council Chamber, County Hall, St Anne's Crescent, Lewes, East Sussex, BN7 1UE, on 12 January 2022 at 5:00pm

Present:

Councillor Sharon Davy (Chair)
Councillors Steve Saunders (Vice-Chair), Graham Amy, Tom Jones, Sylvia Lord, Imogen Makepeace, 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)
Nick Peeters (Committee Officer, Democratic Services)
Joanne Stone (Solicitor, Planning)
Christopher Wright (Specialist Advisor, Planning)

64 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 8 December 2021 were submitted and approved, and the Chair was authorised to sign them as a correct record.

65 Apologies for absence/Declaration of substitute members

An apology for absence had been received from Councillor Christoph von Kurthy.

66 Declarations of interest

There were none.

67 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).

68 Petitions

There were none.

69 Written questions from councillors

There were none.

70 LW/21/0705 - 3 Homefield Road, Seaford, BN25 3DG

Prior to the presentation of the application, the Senior Special Advisor clarified inaccuracies with regard to information contained in paragraphs 3.1.3 and 7.3.3. of the report which referenced permitted development rights; reference to two additional conditions in respect of the application, which should have read as one additional condition in the supplementary report; and reference to Condition 4, which should have read as an amended condition in the supplementary report, not as a new condition as detailed.

Geoff Johnson (Planning Officer) spoke on behalf of Seaford Town Council. Emma Lynch (Immediate Neighbour), Sue Baker (Neighbour) and Dr Carolyn Lambert (ESCC) spoke against the proposal. Joe Palmer (Applicant) and Alex Pell-Stevens (Lead Consultant) spoke for the proposal. The Committee Officer read a statement on behalf of Councillor Sam Adeniji in his capacity as the Lewes District Neighbouring Ward Councillor. Councillor Jim Lord spoke in his capacity as the Lewes District Ward Councillor.

Resolved:

That planning application LW/21/0705 for lower ground floor, ground floor and first floor extension and associated internal alterations be approved, subject to the conditions set out in the report and supplementary report as amended verbally during the meeting.

71 LW/21/0615 - 23 Fairways Road, Seaford, East Sussex, BN25 4EL

Geoff Johnson (Planning Officer) spoke on behalf of Seaford Town Council. The Committee Officer read statements against the proposal on behalf of Gill Hawkins (Neighbour), Amanda Riley (Immediate Neighbour) and Councillor Sam Adeniji (ESCC). David Collins (Agent) spoke for the proposal.

Resolved:

That planning application LW/21/0615 for erection of a garage and two-storey side extension annex be approved, subject to the conditions set out in the report and supplementary report, as amended to include the use of permeable driveway materials.

72 SDNP/21/01724/CND - 44A Morris Road, Lewes, East Sussex, BN7 2AT

The Committee Officer read a statement on behalf of Councillor Merlin Milner in his capacity as the representative for Lewes Town Council.

Resolved:

That planning application SDNP/21/01724/CND for variation of condition 15 of planning application SDNP/16/01310FUL to remove requirement for public thoroughfare to be retained, *be refused* for the following reason:

The proposals by virtue of the extinguishment of the permissive accessway would fail to integrate this development with its immediate environs and would impede local permeability and connectivity, and thereby fail in assisting to create a cohesive and integrated community. The proposal would therefore be contrary to policies SD20 of the Local Plan and policy AM1 of the Lewes Neighbourhood Plan.

73 Date of next meeting

That it be noted that the next meeting of the Planning Applications Committee was scheduled to be held on Wednesday, 16 February 2022, in the Council Chamber, County Hall, St Anne's Crescent, Lewes, East Sussex, BN7 1UE, commencing at 5:00pm.

The meeting ended at 7:32pm.

Councillor Sharon Davy (Chair)