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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 June 2024 at 5:00pm

Present:

Councillor Lucy Agace (Chair);

Councillors Paul Keene (Deputy Chair), Paul Davies (Substitute), Becky Francomb, Christoph von Kurthy, James Meek, Isobel Sharkey and Daniel Stewart-Roberts (Substitute)

Officers in attendance:

Neil Collins (Head of Development Management), Marc Dorfman (Senior Planning Specialist), Jennifer Norman (Committee Officer, Democratic Services), Nick Peeters (Committee Officer, Democratic Services), Elaine Roberts (Committee Officer, Democratic Services) and Joanne Stone (Principal Planning Solicitor)

1 Election of Deputy Chair

That Councillor Paul Keene be elected Deputy Chair of the Planning Applications Committee for the remainder of the 2024/2025 municipal year.

2 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on the 17 April 2024 were submitted and approved and the Chair was authorised to sign them as a correct record.

3 Apologies for absence/Declaration of substitute members

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Ian Alexander, Graham Amy, Roy Clay and Stella Spiteri. It was declared that Councillor Paul Davies would be acting as Substitute for Councillor Alexander and Councillor Daniel Stewart-Roberts would be acting as Substitute for Councillor Spiteri for the duration of the meeting.

4 Declarations of interest

There were none.

5 Urgent items

There were none.

6 Petitions

There were none.

7 Written questions from councillors

There were none.

8 Officer update

A supplementary report was circulated to the Committee the day before the meeting, updating the main reports on the agenda with any late information (a copy of which was published on the Council's website).

9 LW/24/0282 - Multi Storey Car Park, Dacre Road, Newhaven, BN9 9QX**Resolved:**

That planning application LW/24/0282 for 10 single head lampposts, 4 twin head lampposts and 4 bulkhead fittings to be added to top storey of open aired car park with the addition of 2 new car parking sign on north-west elevation and greenery walls along the north-east and north-west elevations be approved, subject to the conditions set out in the report and supplementary report.

10 LW/23/0360 - Southdown, Gote Lane, Ringmer

Councillor John Kay spoke on behalf of Ringmer Parish Council. Janet Russell (Immediate Neighbour), Juliet Lyon (Neighbour) and Katy Naylor (Read a speech on behalf of Immediate Neighbours, Mr and Mrs Jack) spoke against the proposal. Clive Stillman (Agent), Gavin Stillman (Agent) and Mrs Sandy Bone (Local Resident/Friend of Applicant) spoke for the proposal. Councillor Johnny Denis spoke in his capacity as the Lewes District Ward Councillor.

Resolved:

That planning application LW/23/0360 for demolition of existing dwelling, erection of 1 No. detached dwelling and 2 No. semi-detached dwellings (Outline application with landscaping details reserved) be approved, subject to:

1. The conditions set out in the report and supplementary report;
2. An additional condition regarding the removal of permitted development rights; and
3. The additional wording 'that the landscaping buffer, once implemented, is to be maintained and not removed' be added to Condition 10.9.

Reason: In the interest of visual amenity and biodiversity in accordance with LLP1 policies CP10 and CP11 and para. 135 and 180 of the NPPF.

11 LW/23/0699 - 18a Firle Road, Seaford

The Committee Officer read a speech submitted by Isabelle Mouland (Town Clerk) on behalf of Seaford Town Council. Brendon Franks (Near Neighbour) spoke against the proposal. Daniel Wood (Homeowner) and Darren Moore (Architect) spoke for the proposal.

Resolved:

That planning application LW/23/0699 for rebuilding of the front garden wall, relocation of vehicular and pedestrian access points including associated landscaping, be refused for the following reason:

The proposal, by reason of repositioning the vehicle opening, will reduce the length of the flint wall and reduce the screening of 18A backland development to the detriment of the conservation area, contrary to LLP1 Core Policy 11 (Built and Historic Environment and High Quality Design), LLP2 DM25 (Design) and LLP2 DM 33 (Heritage Assets).

12 LW/23/0372 - Land adjacent to Tye Chalet, Tye Close, Saltdean

Councillor Christine Robinson spoke in her capacity as the Lewes District Ward Councillor.

Resolved:

That planning application LW/23/0372 for erection of 3 storey dwelling, be deferred, so that Officers may negotiate with the Applicant in respect of the following:

1. Design needs to be more in sympathy with the transition from the SDNP to Saltdean, and in particular the bulkiness and the current height of the proposal. Consider removing the top floor. Linear form acceptable. Building to be in light materials.
2. Concern about inefficient use of land. Large plot for one large home, when what is needed is more small homes. However, Committee noted narrow access road and more smaller homes would make access and parking difficult.
3. Linking with the South Downs National Park. Committee wanted access to and from SDNP to be maintained as a critical element of the scheme, with strong planning policy supporting this aim.

13 Date of next meeting

It was noted that the next meeting of the Planning Applications Committee was scheduled to be held on Tuesday, 23 July 2024, in the Council Chamber, County Hall, St Anne's Crescent, Lewes, East Sussex, BN7 1UE, commencing at 5:00pm.

The meeting ended at 8:00pm.

Councillor Lucy Agace (Chair)