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Planning Applications Committee

Minutes of the meeting held remotely (via Microsoft Teams) on 31 March 2021 at 4.00pm:

Present:

Councillor Sharon Davy (Chair)
Councillors Steve Saunders (Vice-Chair), Graham Amy, Lynda Duhigg, Tom Jones, Jim Lord (Substitute), Sylvia Lord, Sean MacLeod (Substitute), Imogen Makepeace, Milly Manley (Minute No 111 to 119) and Laurence O'Connor

Officers in attendance:

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

111 Introductions

The Chair introduced members of the Committee via a roll call, and those officers present during the remote meeting.

112 Apologies for absence/Declaration of substitute members

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors Christoph von Kurthy and Nicola Papanicolaou. Councillor Sean MacLeod declared that he was acting as substitute for Councillor von Kurthy for the duration of the remote meeting. Councillor Jim Lord declared that he was acting as substitute for Councillor Papanicolaou for the duration of the remote meeting.

113 Declarations of interest

There were none.

114 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 10 March 2021 were submitted and approved, and the Chair was authorised to sign them as a correct record.

115 Petitions

There were none.

116 Written questions from councillors

There were none.

117 LW/20/0795 - Land rear of Westbourne, Lewes Road, Ringmer, East Sussex, BN8 5ES

Written representation against the proposal were read aloud by the Head of Planning on behalf of Christopher Bowers (Neighbour), Martin Weld (Near Neighbour) and Jennifer Barret (Near Neighbour). Written representations for the proposal were read aloud by the Committee Officer on behalf of Sam Sykes (Agent) and Paul Templeton (Applicant). A written representation was read aloud by the Committee Officer on behalf of Councillor Johnny Denis in his capacity as the Lewes District Ward Councillor.

Resolved:

That planning application LW/20/0795 for the erection of six semi-detached single storey residential dwellings be approved, subject to the conditions set out in the report, an additional condition restricting working hours and amending condition 12 to include specific biodiversity enhancements.

(Note: Prior to the consideration of Agenda item 9, the Committee adjourned for a five-minute break so that the Council's Solicitor could advise the Senior Specialist Advisor (Planning) on a late representation received in respect of planning application LW/20/0565, and provided the advice to the Committee in public during the discussion of the next item.)

118 LW/20/0565 - 3 Chyngton Way, Seaford, BN25 4JA

A written representation received from Geoff Johnson on behalf of Seaford Town Council was read aloud by the Committee Officer. Written representations against the proposal were read aloud by the Head of Planning on behalf of Jackie and Bill Frost (Neighbours), Alan and Annie Green (Near Neighbours) and Reverend Paul McMichael (Near Neighbour). A statement written by Councillor Sam Adeniji on behalf of Councillor Julian Peterson in his capacity as the Lewes District Ward Councillor was read aloud by the Committee Officer.

Resolved:

That planning application LW/20/0565 for demolition of existing property and erection of 2 x 4-bedroom detached houses be approved, subject to the conditions set out in the report, supplementary report and the following additional conditions:

- 1) That the hours of work be restricted;
- 2) That there is no front boundary fencing; and
- 3) That a bat survey take place.

119 LW/20/0895 - 37 Capel Avenue, Peacehaven, East Sussex, BN10 8HB

A written representation received from Councillor Isobel Sharkey (Chair of the Peacehaven Town Council Planning Committee) was read aloud by the Committee Officer on behalf of Peacehaven Town Council. A written representation against the proposal was read aloud by the Head of Planning on behalf of Dean Fitzpatrick (Immediate Neighbour). A written representation for the proposal was read aloud by the Committee Officer on behalf of Chris Baker (Agent).

Resolved:

That planning application LW/20/0895 for demolition of existing bungalow, erection of 2 no. 3x bedroom semi-detached houses be deferred, in order to obtain evidence from the immediate neighbour in relation to medical issues and the potential impact of the proposed development on the welfare and wellbeing of one of the occupants of the neighbouring dwelling, and that the immediate neighbour be given until 30 April 2021 to provide the information requested by the Committee.

(Note: Councillor Manley gave her apologies and left the meeting at the end of this agenda item.)

120 LW/20/0770 - 2 Lucinda Way, Seaford, BN25 3JD**Resolved:**

That planning application LW/20/0700 for loft conversion to include raising the ridge height, installation of 3 dormers in the west facing elevation, 2 roof lights to the east facing elevation and a south facing Juliet balcony be approved, subject to the conditions set out in the report.

121 Exclusion of the public and press**Resolved:**

That, in accordance with Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended), the public and press be excluded from the meeting during the discussion of item 13 on the agenda as there was likely to be disclosures of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

122 Dangerous structure

The Committee considered the Officer's report which detailed a proposed course of action to be taken by the Council in relation to a dangerous structure within Lewes District.

Resolved:

- 1) That the Director of Planning and Regeneration be authorised to take the necessary and legal steps to obtain a Court Order with a view that the Council take direct action in relation to the demolition of the property; and
- 2) That the monies from the Council's central reserves be used to cover the demolition costs.

123 Date of next meeting**Resolved:**

That it be noted that the next meeting of the Planning Applications Committee is scheduled to commence at 4.00pm on Wednesday, 21 April 2021, in a virtual capacity, via Microsoft Teams, and in accordance with section 78 of the Coronavirus Act 2020 and section 13 of the related regulations.

The meeting ended at 7.40pm.

Councillor Sharon Davy (Chair)