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Date: 05 December 2023
Time: 19:00
Location: Council Chamber, Town Hall
Present: Councillors Makepeace, (Chair) Gardiner, Todd , Ross and West
Officer Present: Julie Dean – Civic Officer

MINUTES

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To note any apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillor Bird, Livesey, Clarke, Maples and Baah

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive any Declarations of Interest, including Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI) on the agenda under Lewes Town Council's Code of Conduct issued in accordance with the Localism Act 2011 and The Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012, SI No.1464

Councillor Gardiner expressed an interest in item 6 a) on the Agenda

3. MINUTES

The minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 14th November were received as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

To receive questions regarding items on this agenda. Members of the public are invited to ask questions and raise issues which are relevant and are the concern of this committee. A period of 15 minutes is allocated for this purpose. If possible, notice of intention to address the Committee should be given to the Clerk by noon the day before the meeting.

There were no public questions

5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

To consider the response of Lewes Town Council to the following planning applications:

5.1 SDNP/23/04012/HOUS Ranworth, 21D South Way, Lewes

Erection of rear extension, garage conversion and associated internal alterations

Comments and observations: Neutral

It was requested that blackout blinds be installed on all rooflights. There was concern about the new balcony overlooking neighbours gardens

5.2 SDNP/23/03621/HOUS 16 St John Street, Lewes

Conversion of existing integral garage into a habital room/office

Comments and observations:

Decision has already been made – No comment

5.3 SDNP/23/04387/HOUS 9 Fisher Street, Lewes

S73A retrospective application for replacement of two timber windows to front and rear with timber windows, refurbishment of eight timber windows to front and rear and repainting of all windows in shade Invisible Green by Little Greene

Comments and observations:

Decision has already been made – No comment

5.4 SDNP/23/03774/HOUS & SDNP/23/03775/LIS 8-9 Chapel Hill, Lewes

Extension of existing garden wall to rear and retrospective permission for alteration of wall height adjacent to existing gate.

Comments and observations: Object

There was concern about the scale of the height of the wall and the materials which the wall is to be made from, it was thought a mix of flint and brick would be more suitable. There will be a pause whilst the party wall officer attends the site to give advice

5.5 SDNP/23/04110/HOUS 18 Morris Road, Lewes

Replacement of existing door and sill to front with wooden door to be painted in same colour, and replacement of concrete slab path to front with red and black tiles

Comments and observations: Neutral

The committee will be guided by the conservation officer

5.6 SDNP/23/04683/HOUS 16 Hawkenbury Way, Lewes

Rear dormer and addition of window to side

Comments and observations: Object

A dormer spanning the whole width of the roof is against FOL guidelines, however it is accepted that neighbouring properties have set a precedent

5.7 SDNP/23/04733/ADV & SDNP/23/04861/LIS 32 Friars Walk, Lewes

Installation of 2no A2 notice boards on either side of the gate to display meeting times, times for worship and community events.

Comments and observations: Support

5.8 SDNP/23/04764/HOUS 30 Montacute Road, Lewes

Demolition of existing integral garage, erection of two-storey side extension, alterations to cladding, erection of decking to rear, and alterations to fenestration to rear.

Comments and observations: Object

The committee disagreed that the storage space was big enough for a 4th bedroom therefore this should be considered a 3 bedroom house and the plans are in breach of SDNP 31 policy

6. CORRESPONDENCE

a) Lewes District Council letter advising of Community Right to Bid and Asset of Community Value Nomination for St Pancras RC Primary School, De Monfort Road, Lewes, BN7 1SR

The correspondence was noted, with a comment that the property should be offered to the community before going onto the open market

b) To agree any actions arising from the response received from Planning Officer Nicola Martin – South Downs National Park

There was a discussion which concluded that the response received from the case officer was bland and inadequate. It was queried why the legal information had been withheld and decided to request the Town Clerk to seek legal advice for a reply to the case officer before drafting a letter.

7. PLANNING REPORTS FOR NOTING

a) The Task and Finish group which was created to develop and agree an integrated movement strategy and plan for Lewes town has put together members of community groups and representatives from stakeholders to create a project board.

The report was noted

b) Cycle Lewes is providing £10,000 towards a feasibility study from Philip Jones Associates.

The report was noted

c) To receive a verbal report regarding the first meeting of Cycle Lewes Map, New 2024 Edition.

The report was noted

8. THE MEETING CLOSED AT 20.05