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Date: 4th October 2023
Time: 19:00
Location: Council Chamber, Town Hall
Present: Councillors Makepeace, (Chair) Bird, Maples, Gardiner, Ross, Todd,
and West,
Officer Present: Karen Crowhurst – Interim Town Clerk

MINUTES

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To note any apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr's Baah, Clarke, Herbert, and Livesey.

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

There were no declarations of Members interests.

3. MINUTES

To receive the minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 12th of September as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

RESOLVED that: The minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 12th of September be received and accepted 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 members of the public in attendance.

5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

5.1 SDNP/23/03221/HOUS 2 Friars Mews, Pinwell Road, Lewes, East Sussex, BN7 2LW

Replacement of all double glazed wooden windows excluding rear ground floor, with white wood grain effect UPVC

Comments and observations - Objections

Members agreed the proposed is not in accordance with the like for like policy. The objection is based on the fact that the windows to the rear of the property are quite prominent in a Conservation Area. Members noted the Conservation Officers Comments.

5.2 SDNP/23/03399/TCA SDNP/23/03399/TCA
50 St Annes Crescent, Lewes, East Sussex, BN7 1SD

Comments and observations - Support

Members supported the tree works.

5.3 SDNP/23/03411/HOUS13 Mill Road, Lewes, East Sussex, BN7 2RT
Demolition of conservatory and construction of a single storey side extension

Comments and observations – Support

Members applauded the living roof and would like to see that a blind be installed in the roof light. Members also applauded the use of window boxes and planters proposed within the curtilage area.

5.4 SDNP/23/03552/HOUS 2 St Johns Terrace, Lewes, East Sussex, BN7 2DL
Demolition of shop front and installation of front bay window, open up Front lightwell and installation of balustrade

Comments and observations – Support

Members would like to see the use of traditional materials being used which will be compatible with the building. The preference being Lime Render and NTF Lime Crete rather than concrete.

5.5 SDNP/23/03158/LIS 9 Fisher Street, Lewes
2 top (front and back) windows replaced in timber, repairs to all other windows

Comments and observations – Support

5.6 SDNP/23/03608/FUL & SDNP/23/03609/LIS 18 Castle Ditch Lane, Lewes
Retrospective application for removal and replacement of existing garden building, replacement of fences to South and West boundaries

Comments and observations – Support

- 5.7 SDNP/23/03817/CND The Lewes New School, Talbot Terrace, Lewes**
Variation of Condition 3 (in-filling of doorway) related to SDNP/20/00676/LIS to include rewording of the Condition to now be 'The exposed elevation is to be undisturbed and simply weathered with tile hanging and decorative motif as per Mackellar Schwerdt Drawing - Remedial Works where Outbuilding Removed SK1'

Comments and observations – Support

- 5.8 SDNP/23/03660/HOUS 124 Western Road, Lewes**
Erection of single storey infill extension to rear, replacement sash windows to front elevations and other associated alterations.

Comments and observations – Support

Members support the use of cedar wood and the type of glazing proposed.
Members would like to draw attention to the Swift Supporters Statement:

The applicant should be encouraged to seek a free-of-charge assessment by Lewes Swift Supporters (lewesswifts@gmail.com) to see whether a swift nest box might be incorporated as part of the development.

- 5.9 SDNP/23/03840/HOUS 1 Firle Crescent, Lewes**
Rebuilding of front porch structure, alterations to rear ground floor door and window openings, garage conversion to home office with new pitched roof and associated landscaping

Comments and observations – Neutral

It was agreed to support the application on the proviso that the Conservation Officer is happy with what is proposed.

Members were pleased to see that the grade of glazing units match the existing.

- 5.10 SDNP/23/03861/HOUS 26 Barons Down Road, Lewes**
Conversion of garage into bathroom for use by a disabled occupant

Comments and observations – Support

- 5.11 SDNP/23/03930/LIS 28A Station Street, Lewes**
Replacement of 2 existing front-facing windows with new double-glazed equivalents

Comments and observations – Support

6. EAST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL INFORMAL PARKING REVIEW CONSULTATION – Appendix 1

To agree whether to take part in the parking review consultation and submit a response by the 13th of October 2023

Members agreed that it would be prudent to take part in the consultation. It was therefore agreed for the Committee have delegated authority alongside the Clerk to work on a response for the Clerk to submit by the deadline.

7. EAST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL ALTERNATIVE WEED MAINTENANCE TECHNIQUES TRIAL AND RURAL GRASS TRIAL RURAL CORRIDORS – Appendix 2

To consider responding to the following points:

- What your residents are saying to you
- What you have noticed yourselves in the trial areas, for better or worse
- If there is something that could be done better

Deadline for submission 6th of October 2023

Cllr Maples provided Members about the purpose of the trial and where it is taking place. It was agreed for Cllr Maples to draft a response on behalf of the Committee for submission.

8. LEWES DISTRICT COUNCIL POLICY AND PERFORMANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE SOUTHERN WATER PANEL

To consider comments to be submitted to the Panel. (Information previously circulated)

Members agreed to work on a more in-depth response which should include comments regarding:

- The discharge of sewage into bathing rivers
- The real time data base monitors not always working which will not enable a true reflection of findings or data gathered.
- Discharge of sewage into neighbouring towns sea
- Southern Water not understanding various issues and the need to meet with Town and Parish Councils
- No stakeholder group despite there being a promise that one would be formed.
- Enforcement being weak.
- Improvements made will lead to an increase in water bills.
- The lack of Safeguarding
- Inadequate Infrastructure
- SW not elaborating on planning applications as a consultee.
- The promise that sewage will only be discharged on wet weather days, which has now been breached.
- Crowd concerns for bathers
- The impact on wildlife
- It is not clear who the stakeholders are.
- Consultation has been a failed as it has not taken into account comments made.

9. PROTOCOL FOR DEVELOPERS TO BE ABLE TO PRESENT APPLICATIONS TO THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

To agree a protocol to allow Developers to have up to 10 minutes to speak at Planning Meetings outside of public session.

After some discussion it was agreed that Developers could attend planning meetings and make a presentation prior to the transaction of Council business. The presentations should only last for up to ten minutes with a short time for questions and answers to follow. It was agreed that members of the public can attend the presentations if wishing to do so.

Protocol agreed is that when members when the planning meetings when a developer is in attendance or attending meetings when invited that Members will not make any comments about the Council position of the proposal or offer any support or objections.

9. TO CLOSE THE MEETING

There being no further business, the meeting close at 20.31.