



Committee: **Planning**
Date: **10 September 2024**
Time: **19:00**
Location: **Council Chamber, Lewes Town Hall**
Present: **Councillors Makepeace (Chair), Bird, Campbell, Gardiner, Vernon and West**
Officers Present: **Veronique Poutrel – Town Clerk**

Minutes

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Baah, Livesey and Ross.

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.

No declarations of interest were received.

3. Minutes

It was resolved that: The minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 20 August 2024 were agreed 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 Town Clerk by noon the day before the meeting.

There were no questions from members of the public.

5. Planning applications

It was resolved that: Responses from Lewes Town Council to the following planning applications were agreed:

a) SDNP/24/03165/HOUS – 22 Ferrers Road, Lewes

Whilst a biodiversity checklist is a requirement, it does not form part of this application and therefore no details on how surface water might be dealt with is available. The use of UPVC is noted and preference would have been given to timber which, if well maintained, lasts far longer.

Comments: Support

Councillor West arrived at 19:03.

b) SDNP/24/03187/HOUS – 7 Wile Cottages, South Street, Lewes

A lack of details means that the Committee is not able to provide comments other than concerns as to the use of Treecore, a toxic material.

Comments: Object

c) SDNP/24/03072/HOUS - 81B Western Road, Lewes

The Committee welcome improvements to the house, which will make its use more efficient.

Comments: Support

d) SDNP/24/03414/HOUS – 3 Hamsey Crescent, Lewes

Whilst the Committee welcome a thorough biodiversity checklist, not enough details are provided about materials.

Comments: Neutral

e) SDNP/24/03012/CND - 11 High Street, Lewes

As a Planning Committee, we are mindful to protect the fabric of our town. We have a duty to ensure adherence to regulations and harmony in the way our streets/town look. The applicant has blatantly ignored the comments made by the conservation officer, which would have been a good compromise. For this reason this Committee strongly reject this application and is astonished that this is still on-going after so many months.

Comments: Object

f) SDNP/24/03399/HOUS - 5 Valley Road, Lewes

The Committee notes the use of UPVC and would have favoured the use of aluminium or timber which has a longer life if maintained well. Compliance with SD8 Policy on Dark Night Skies through the use of blackout blinds would be welcome.

Comments: Support

Trees

Members of the Planning Committee noted the Tree Training on 22 October 2024 at 6pm.

It was resolved that: Responses from Lewes Town Council to the following tree planning applications were agreed:

a) SDNP/24/03479/TCA – 3 St Johns Terrace, Lewes

Maintaining trees is always beneficial, so is pruning.

Comments: Support

b) SDNP/24/03409/TCA - 30 Cluny Street, Lewes

Whilst Thuja can contribute to urban draining, they provide very little biodiversity. The Committee would be keen to see some replanting.

Comments: Support

c) SDNP/24/03426/TCA - 1 Winterbourne Hollow, Lewes

The tree survey does not provide details as to why the tree should be cut and on inspection, it seems to be a healthy young one.

Comments: Object

d) SDNP/24/03561/TCA - 43 The Avenue, Lewes

Inadequate information makes it difficult for the Committee to comment.

Comments: Object

6. National Planning Policy Framework

It was resolved that: Members had until 18 September to come back to Councillor West with tweaks. Final comments will be sent to the Town Clerk on 20 September, for submission by 24 September.

7. St Anne's/County Hall site

It was resolved that: Information would be shared via email sent by Councillor Bird and that Councillor Maples would be invited to a future meeting where an update will be available.

8. Neighbourhood Plan Review

It was noted that: The Task and Finish Group will meet on 11 September and report back at next meeting.

9. Bus Station

An update was received and details of the coach going to Midhurst on 12 September was shared.

It was resolved that: Retrospective funding of the bus would be presented at Full Council on 19 September.

It was resolved that: Delegated authority was given to Councillor Maples and Makepeace to represent LTC at SDNPA's Planning Committee. Councillor Makepeace will represent the view of the residents.

Proposed: Councillor Campbell

Seconded: Councillor Vernon

10. Old Malling Farm

It was resolved that: Delegated authority was given to Councillor Ross to represent LTC at SDNPA's Planning Committee.

Proposed: Councillor Bird

Seconded: Councillor Campbell

11. Planning updates for noting

There were no planning updates to note.

12. The meeting closed at 20:07.