



Committee: Planning
Date: 15 October 2024
Time: 19:00
Location: Council Chamber, Lewes Town Hall
Present: Councillors Livesey (Vice Chair), Bird, Campbell, Gardiner, Vernon,
Ross and West
Officers Present: Julie Dean – Civic Officer

Minutes

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Makepeace

2. Declarations of Interest

Councillor Vernon declared an interest in item SDNP/24/03983/TCA as he is acquainted with the applicant.

3. Minutes

It was resolved that: The minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 10 September 2024 be 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/24/02749/FUL** - 1A Grange Road, Lewes

Comments: Support

b) **SDNP/24/03462/HOUS & SDNP/24/03893/LIS** - 18 Castle Ditch Lane, Lewes

Comments: Support

It is recommended that black out blinds are fitted to rooflights in line with the SDNP policy.

c) **SDNP/24/03739/LIS** - 5 North Street, Lewes

Comments: Object

The committee would like the case officer to look at the marketing of the property again as they feel this has not been done to the best advantage. The shop could have been offered separately rather than £999,000 lot including the accommodation. They would like to see the front shop window retained as plain glass which is in keeping with the street scene.

d) **SDNP/24/03531/CND** - 1 Hamsey Crescent,

Comments: Neutral

The committee had concerns that the comments from the Town Council about the size of the dormer had not been considered. The revised materials are an improvement on the original design.

e) **SDNP/24/03796/HOUS** - 27 St Annes Crescent, Lewes

Comments: Support

f) **SDNP/24/03878/FUL** - Barber Court, St Pancras Road, Lewes

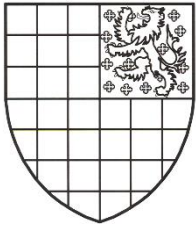
Comments: Neutral

The committee were pleased to see investment in council properties. They questioned whether aluminium windows had been considered or timber windows which have a longer life span. They hoped that concrete would be cleaned whilst the scaffold was in position. They would like to see Swift boxes installed and perhaps solar panels and heat source pumps considered whilst the work is being undertaken.

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/24/03745/TCA** - Castle Precincts Cottage, Castle Precincts, Lewes

Comments: Support

b) **SDNP/24/03965/TCA** - 111 Michael Bell Ltd , High Street, Lewes

Comments: Neutral

The committee would like to see better use of the deadwood, if possible, to be left onsite to promote biodiversity or be repurposed.

c) **SDNP/24/03987/TCA** - The Croft, Church Lane, Lewes

Comments: Neutral

The committee would like to see better use of the deadwood, if possible, to be left onsite to promote biodiversity or be repurposed.

d) **SDNP/24/03983/TCA** - 19 Winterbourne Mews, Lewes

Comments: Neutral

The committee would like to see better use of the deadwood, if possible, to be left onsite to promote biodiversity or be repurposed. There were concerns about cutting the Beech back so drastically. More information on the application is needed.

e) **SDNP/24/04024/TCA** - 13 The Avenue, Lewes

Comments: Neutral

More information is needed that the trees are being appropriately pruned by a qualified arboriculturist.

f) **SDNP/24/04139/TCA** - Friends Meeting House, 32 Friars Walk, Lewes

Comments: Support

g) **SDNP/24/04037/TPO** - Baxters Field, Paddock Lane, Lewes

Comments: Support

The committee would like to see better use of the deadwood and the felled tree, if possible, to be left onsite to promote biodiversity or be repurposed.

h) SDNP/24/04063/TCA - 24 South Street, Lewes

Comments: Object

There was no reason given for the felling of the Maples or any report from an arboriculturist.

i) SDNP/24/04067/TCA - 17 Prince Edwards Road, Lewes

Comments: Object

There wasn't any professional arboriculturist advice provided.

6. Bus Station

Councillor Ross gave an update on progress made concerning the bus station.

- A barrister (working Pro Bono) would review the evidence and give a report by 26 October to see if there were grounds for a Judicial review
- Should it be necessary to get more detailed information, there is approved budget to employ a planning specialist
- Letters have been sent to the government explaining the situation

Thanks were given to Councillor Ross and the team who have worked hard on this project.

7. Lewes Regional Route 90 consultation

It was resolved that: Councillors Ross and Bird would collate a response and email it to the Town Clerk for submission.

8. Planning updates for noting

- a) There is to be an exhibition by the developers Cayuga of the Eastgate Wharf, it will be held at the Eastgate Baptist Church on 13 November from 3- 8pm.
- b) It was reported that staff from County Hall will be moving to offices in Malling, a task and finish group was set up to form a response to the consultation. The Chair will be Councillor Campbell and Councillors Bird, West, Livesey and Ross will form the group. Councillor Campbell will contact other interested parties.
- c) It was reported that Gail's Bakery had received an enforcement notice to reinstate the original doors on the building.
- d) It was reported that Lewes District Council have put in planning permission to redevelop garage sites in Landport and at the Lynchetts and replace with affordable housing. Residents have issues with loss of parking.

9. The meeting closed at 20.04