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Committee: Planning
Date: 12 November 2024
Time: 19:00
Location: Council Chamber, Lewes Town Hall
Present: Councillors Makepeace (Chair), Bird, Gardiner, Campbell, West,
Livesey and Ross
Invited guest: Councillor Maples
Officers Present: Veronique Poutrel – Town Clerk
Julie Dean – Civic Officer

Minutes

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors Baah and Vernon.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Minutes

It was resolved that: The minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 22 October 2024 be agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

4. Public question time

There were no questions from members of the public.

5. Planning applications

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

a) **SDNP/24/03812/HOUS** - Priory Lodge, Southover High Street, Lewes

Comments: Object

The proposed garage door slats are vertical not horizontal and therefore not in keeping with the conservation area.

b) SDNP/24/04094/FUL - 179 High Street, Lewes

Comments: Support

The committee are happy to support the application but are still concerned about the removal of the sun pipes which will considerably reduce natural light in the room below.

c) SDNP/24/04219/FUL - 16-22 Stansfield Road, Lewes

Comments: Support

The committee welcomed refurbishment of Council property but regret the use of UVPC windows.

d) SDNP/24/04228/HOUS - 47 Spences Lane, Lewes

Comments: Support

The committee would like to see a sustainable material used for the porch and timber windows are preferred.

e) SDNP/24/04261/LIS - 7 New Road, Lewes

Comments: Object

The rooflight on the front of the property is not in keeping with the street scene or the conservation area. The rear dormer must not be level with the roofline, it was questionable if there will be enough headroom in this area.

f) SDNP/24/04307/HOUS - 64 Highdown Road, Lewes

Comments: Neutral

The committee were surprised to find that there is no access from the main house to the extension.

g) SDNP/24/04335/CND - Castle Cottage, Castle Ditch Lane, Lewes

Comments: Support

The committee are pleased to support new single use properties in the town centre. There is concern that the cycle storage area is not adequate. They would suggest that Car Club membership be included in any purchase package. They would like to see Swift boxes installed.

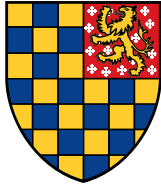
h) SDNP/24/04394/LIS - 134 High Street, Lewes

Very carefully planned.

Comments: Support

Trees

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a) **SDNP/24/04268/TPO** - 10 Downside, Lewes

Comments: Support

b) **SDNP/24/04370/TCA** - Automatic Telephone Exchange, North Street, Lewes

Comments: Object

There are no photos, description or reason given for felling the trees, which are of high amenity value.

c) **SDNP/24/04456/TCA** - 45 Southover High Street, Lewes

Comments: Object

The committee felt that there was a distinct lack of information in this application, plan/photos etc.

6. St Anne's site

Standing orders were suspended so that Councillor Maples could give a report

Councillor Maples gave a verbal report on the County Hall and St Annes site. She explained that East Sussex County Council have a report from ICC which gives several options for the site. Details were discussed at a [meeting](#) (Item 35) of the Lead Member for Resources and Climate Change. There will be some discussion about the options in the future but whatever decision is made it will be a phased approach. The consultation begins on 20 January until 17 March

7. Neighbourhood Plan

Two meetings have been held in which Terms of Reference have been decided and a timeline has been discussed. A list is being drawn up of community groups to be added to a list of consultees. Members of the committee were invited to add to the list.

8. Bus Station

The Town Clerk informed the committee that advice had been received from the barrister but there were a few points being followed up on and if necessary a planning specialist will be consulted.

9. Planning updates for noting

Councillors were informed about the Eastgate Wharf exhibition is at Eastgate Baptist church on 13 November from 3pm until 8pm. The developer Cayuga will be making a ten-minute presentation before the next planning meeting on 3 December at 6.30pm, after which there will be a short opportunity to clarify points (not to discuss).

10. The meeting closed at 20.26