

MINUTES of PLANNING AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE held in the **ANZAC ROOM**, Community House, Meridian Centre, Peacehaven on **Tuesday 23rd October 2018 at 7.30pm**

Councillors on this Committee-

Cllr Jackie Harrison-Hicks (Chair of Council), Cllr Job Harris (Vice Chair of Council), Cllr Melvyn Simmons (Chair of Committee), Cllr Lynda Duhigg, Cllr Claude Cheta, Cllr Sue Griffiths, Cllr Alan Milliner, Cllr Daryll Brindley.

Attended-

Cllr Alan Milliner, Cllr Claude Cheta, Cllr Sue Griffiths, Cllr Andy Smith

Officers-

Claire Lacey (Town Manager), Heidi Cooper (Administration Officer)

GENERAL BUSINESS

PH 503 CHAIR ANNOUCEMENTS

Thank you for attending the Planning and Highways meeting this evening 23rd October 2018. The Chair of Committee Cllr Melvyn Simmons is away on leave and has requested a substitute Member to Chair this evenings meeting.

We are not expecting any emergencies this evening although should the alarm sound, please leave the building by the closest exit route.

The Health and Safety Instructions are on your sign in sheet.

The Agenda this evening is brief, although there are some additions we would like to add. Peacehaven Town Council would like to send their condolences to the family and friends of Gladys Benn.

Gladys sadly died last week at 103 years of age. She has met and been presented with birthday cards by previous Mayors since her 100th Birthday.

She will be missed.

(One minute silence?)

The Decision Notice for Lower Hoddern Farm, application LW/17/0226 has now been sent from the District Council.

With Members permission this will be added to the minutes.

Telscombe and Peacehaven Councils are working together to share costs of training for Members. On Wednesday 7th November at 6:30pm, Councillors are invited to attend Planning training at the Telscombe Council offices.

Please will those Members interested in attending contact the Town Manager after this meeting.

Some important dates for Members and Residents diaries -

The next planning meeting which will be on 13th November, will have an agenda item to discuss next years' Grass Cutting Service in the town.

Councillor Nigel Enever of East Sussex County Council will be attending, for any questions to be raised. Please will Members record the date in their diaries to attend.

The Mayors Quiz will be held here next Friday 2nd November at 7pm. Please bring your own snacks and drinks to join in the fun raising money for the Mayors Charity.

We are in the process of planning Christmas events at Peacehaven Council and need some additional support.

We will be decorating the Mall from 10am on Friday 23rd November and serving hot drinks, please come and foot the ladder or hang a bauble.

Christmas Jumper Day this year is on Friday 14th December. The Christmas Carol Concert is on the same day in the evening, starting at 6pm.

And The Christmas Market will be on the Saturday 15th December between 9am and 3pm.

Stalls are all fully booked, although we are in need of some Christmas Elves and Wise men to help Santa.

If you are able to spare any time at all to support these events, please contact the Marketing Officer or the Town Manager.

PH 504 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There will be 15 minute period when members of the public may ask questions on any relevant PLANNING AND HIGHWAYS MATTER. It would be preferable if the question is submitted in writing by 12 noon on the day of the meeting. Each speaker is restricted to 3 minutes.

SARAH CAULFIELD, EAST WARD

I have been asked by some of the residents of Cissbury Avenue and Downland Avenue, Peacehaven to put forward the following questions-

Regarding the proposal to run a full bus service along the route of Arundel Road, Cissbury Avenue, Downland Avenue and onto the South Coast Road

1. Having lived on Cissbury Avenue for over 14 years I cannot see how a full sized bus will access the turning off of Arundel Road into Cissbury Avenue due to the angle of the turning also that residents cars are parked along this road as there is not sufficient off road/driveway parking to accommodate cars. Downland Avenue has even more limited off road parking so this would be even harder to negotiate a bus along this route safely. The roads (Cissbury Avenue and Downland Avenue) are too narrow to accommodate a bus route.

2. There are green areas in the Downland Avenue and Ashington Gardens areas where children can freely play this would be too dangerous to continue if a bus was routed along this route. These areas were given to the residents when the houses were built over 50 years ago.

3. If this route is supposed to give access to the new housing development how does going via East Peacehaven benefit the residents?

4. There is a retirement home on the corner of Roundhay Avenue/Cissbury Avenue where visitors including medical care visit and park in the area where will these cars park if this bus service goes ahead as I am sure there will be more parking restrictions.

5. With the current traffic calming on the Arundel Road how will buses and other cars use this road as it is hard enough to do so at present.

6. The junction from Downland Avenue onto the South Coast Road is a very dangerous junction and in a car proves very hard to exit how will a full size bus turn left into Newhaven as it will have to go over the oncoming lane to be able to do so.

7. A resident of 1B Arundel Road would specifically like his thoughts noted too as he is disabled and has to park his car in Cissbury Avenue due to restrictions on Arundel Road, he is also concerned regarding pollution from this bus route and pollution to the Downland Court residents also how the bus would negotiate its way down the route without causing damage to other cars.

8. Homeowners are worried this bus route would devalue their property 9. The residents would not object to a small mini bus service to serve this area but not a full size bus either single or double decker bus.

10. Privacy to houses on the route.11. All residents of the Downland estate/East Peacehaven have been served by the South Coast Road bus service for over 50 years and with obesity being at it's highest rate we should surely be encouraging people to walk to a bus stop not expect a bus to come to you - disabled people can access the County Rider or CTLA service. This is a small snapshot of some of the questions the residents would like answered and some other residents might attend the meeting independently.

ACTION* Officer to respond- Town Manager

MIKE GATTI, PEACEHAVEN FOCUS GROUP

Living as I do opposite a school. I witness parents dropping off and picking up their children most days. Parents regularly park as close to the entrance as possible, especially at picking up time. This means unfortunately that parents arriving by car are getting there earlier and earlier to secure a prime spot, sometimes 45 minutes or more before the children leave. In winter, this means that many drivers keep their engines running in order to keep warm, and in summer keep the air con on to keep cool. This so near a school entrance cannot be good for the environment, or the health of the children. Would it be possible to have signs installed, similar to the ones in the photo below from Lewes, adjacent to schools to encourage drivers to switch off their engines while they wait to pick up their children? I feel that this would benefit the children's health, and in a small way help the environment by reducing pollution; it may also help educate the children as to the need for curbing harmful emissions. As you may be aware the developers at Lower Hoddern Farm are to begin work to create the new entrance for the site on Pelham Rise on the 22nd October.

If I remember correctly residents were assured originally, that construction traffic would not use this entrance, but would use the one at Hoyle Road.

Can this be confirmed with the developers?

Regarding the sign installed on Pelham Rise advertising the new estate.

Is this within the site boundary or not? As it is difficult to be certain from the plans on-line. Can this be confirmed?

Does it have, or require permission to be erected? As I was under the impression that signs had to be approved by Council.

ACTION*

LUCY SYMONDS

Please could the Council advise as to what safety measures are being put in place for pedestrians including school children crossing the roads at Pelham Rise to access both the South end of the town and Meridian School now that the plans have been agreed for the new housing estate at Hoddern Farm, I am concerned that the additional construction traffic and the traffic from residents of the estate will increase dramatically. Many commuters, if heading into Brighton, will automatically turn right out of the estate and head around the back of Peacehaven to join the traffic on the A259. More local journeys accessing out of area schools and doctors due to limited spaces in the town will also mean more regular traffic. Already we experience speeding cars travelling both North and South on Pelham Rise, despite dangerous bends and limited visibility. You will note from pictures A,B and C that cars accessing local businesses already restrict a crossing point from the Coney Furlong estate making it difficult for pedestrians (including children) to see if safe to cross. D, E, F, G, I J, K, M, N and O, show the bends at which cars speed excessively plus demonstrating the obstacles to clear

visibility of pedestrians. These include parked cars and low bearing trees. Pictures P, Q and R provide a North and South view of the crossing from Coney Furlong. The bends are short in distance especially when a vehicle is travelling a speed.

Pictures H highlights the view where the entrance is going to be for traffic entering and exiting Hoddern Farm which then adjoins pictures S, T and U. You will see from the pictures the road where pedestrians have to risk crossing daily to reach either Meridian School or coming South to the Meridian Centre especially with the bend from Roderick Avenue onto Pelham Rise.

ACTION*

ALAN SARGENT, WEST WARD, CHAIR OF THE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

We refer to the minutes of meeting held on 2nd October 2018. PH 491 Chair Announcements (page 3 5th paragraph). This states you can request details from the Councils Information Office.

Unfortunately nobody has made the Receptionist aware of this service. We propose the Committee drafts a friendly information leaflet with the appropriate details that can be handed out either at Planning Meetings or by the Receptionist if requested. PH 492 Public Question Time (page 4) The Association has received no response to the questions tabled as per action. Agenda Item 6 (pages 7 to 11) LW/18/0649 This is error because this is not a Planning Application but confirmation of Permitted Development. Unapproved Minutes- Previous Minutes from this Committee dated 12th June and 10th July were not submitted to Full Council on the 16th October. They had been deferred from the previous Full Council held on the 20th September because of a number of errors but this did not occur. Councillors should be aware that such Minutes must be signed by the Chair and notified at Full Council is acting "Ultra Vires" above the law. Would the Chair kindly give an explanation to this Meeting for the failure which is at serious concern? Grass Verge Cutting and Maintenance budget responsibility for this actions falls under this Committee. What forward thinking by this Committee is taking place to overcome the Council having to pay for this service in 2019/2020 dumping the problem into next year's precept will not resolve the problem and create double taxation.

ACTION*

PH 505 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Lynda Duhigg sent her apologies due to being unwell

Cllr Daryll Brindley sent his apologies due to being on annual leave

Cllr Job Harris sent his apologies due to prior commitments

Cllr Jackie Harrison-Hicks sent her apologies due to prior commitments

Cllr Melvyn Simmons sent his apologies due to being on holiday

TO RECEIVE DECLARATION OF INTEREST FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Cllr Andy Smith has an interest in Lewes District Council.

PH 506 TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE 2ND OCTOBER 2018

ALL AGREED

