**DRAFT Minutes of the meeting of the Planning & Highways Committee held in the Anzac Room, Community House on Tuesday 31st January 2023 at 7.30pm**

**Present:** Cllr Alan Milliner (Chair),Cllr Isobel Sharkey (Vice Chair), Cllr David Seabrook (Vice Chair of Council), Cllr Cathy Gallagher, Cllr Sue Griffiths, Cllr White, Cllr Paul.

**Officers**: George Dyson (Deputy Town Clerk & Civic Officer), Vicky Onis (Committees and Assistant Projects Officer).

2 members of the public were in attendance.

1. **PH1535 CHAIRMAN’S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chair opened the meeting at 19:36, welcomed everyone and went through the building fire procedure.

1. **PH1536 PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

Mike Gatti informed the Committee that the planning application for the Attenuation Pond has been approved by Lewes District Council. Cllr Collier has taken this up with them and that perhaps the public safety working party should also get involved.

1. **PH1537 TO CONSIDER APOLOGIES FOR ANY ABSENCES AND SUBSTITUTIONS**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Symonds.

Cllr Harris was also absent.

1. **PH1538 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

There were no declarations of interest.

1. **PH1539 TO ADOPT THE MINUTES OF 10TH JANUARY 2023**

Proposed by: Cllr Gallagher. Seconded by: Cllr Sharkey.

The minutes of the above meeting were **resolved and adopted**.

1. **PH1540 TO NOTE AND REVIEW THE COMMITTEES BUDGETARY REPORT**

The Committee **noted** the budgetary report.

1. **PH1541 TO REVIEW AND UPDATE THE BUSINESS/ COMMUNITY PLAN**

The Committee **noted** the plan with no updates necessary.

1. **PH1542 TO DISCUSS ROAD CLOSURE FOR CORONATION CELEBRATION**

It was proposed that the Committee support the application for the road closure.

Proposed by: Cllr Seabrook Seconded by: Cllr Sharkey

The Committee **resolved** to **agree** to this proposal.

1. **PH1543 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM CLLR GALLAGHER CHAIR OF THE STEERING GROUP FOR THE NDP**

Cllr Gallagher informed the Committee that the NDP is still with LDC as they do their consultation which goes onto until March 2023.

The presentation by Kaner Olette that preceded this meeting came from a grant available through the Neighbourhood Plan which was stimulating, and an interesting look to the future.

1. **TO COMMENT ON THE PLANNING APPLICATIONS AS FOLLOWS:-**

**PH1544 –** LW/23/0018 Meridian Centre

The Committee **noted** this application as it will be discussed on 16th February at an Extraordinary meeting of Full Council.

*The Chair suspended standing orders to allow Mr Horner to make a comment.*

Mr Horner informed the Committee that he has received a copy of a consultation feedback document from the MP’s office which appears to show that Morrisons are aware of many of the issues and questions around the development, but offer no answers, and were PTC Councillors aware of this document.

Mr Horner was asked to please send a copy of the document to the Deputy Clerk, who will ensure it is circulated to all Councillors.

*Standing orders reinstated.*

*1 member of the public left at this point.*

**PH1545** – LW/23/0003 75 The Promenade

It was proposed that the Committee support this planning application, but comment about a lack of design and build materials information in the application.

Proposed by: Cllr Gallagher. Seconded by: Cllr Sharkey.

The Committee **resolved** unanimously to this proposal.

*1 member of the public left at this point (20:08)*

**PH1546 –** LW/23/0005 44 Roderick Avenue

It was proposed that the Committee support this planning application

Proposed by: Cllr Seabrook. Seconded by: Cllr Sharkey.

The Committee **resolved** to this proposal by a majority, with 1 abstention.

**PH1547 –** LW/22/0855 127 The Promenade

It was proposed that the Committee object to this planning application on the ground of overdevelopment of the site.

Proposed by: Cllr Paul Seconded by: Cllr Sharkey.

The Committee **resolved** to this proposal by majority, with 1 against.

*1 member of the public left at this point.*

**PH1548 –** LW/23/0008 24 Steyning Avenue

It was proposed that the Committee support this planning application, but note that the application does not relate to LDC Local Plan Policy DM25, that there is no net biodiversity gain, does not show how drainage will be dealt with, and where bins could be located at the front.

It was also noted that there is no definition between the public realm and the property, as per the emerging Neighbourhood Development Plan policy PT1.

Proposed by: Cllr Sharkey. Seconded by: Cllr White.

The Committee **resolved** unanimously to this proposal, subject to the above comments.

**PH1549 –** LW/23/0024 40 Phyllis Avenue

It was proposed that the Committee support this planning application.

Proposed by: Cllr Gallagher. Seconded by: Cllr Paul.

The Committee **resolved** unanimously to this proposal.

1. **TO NOTE THE FOLLOWING PLANNING APPLICATIONS:-**

**PH1550** – TW/23/0005/TPO 29B Telscombe Road

The Committee **noted** this planning application.

1. **PH1551 – TO REVIEW AND UPDATE THE P&H ACTION PLAN AND AGREE ANY ACTIONS REQUIRED**

Cllr Griffiths reported that in relation to item 1 on the action plan (Concrete path), a Public Rights of Way TFG meeting will be taking place tomorrow.

It was proposed that the Town Clerk write to Barratts requesting that a Risk Assessment be carried out for the Attenuation Pond (suggesting that RoSPA could do this) as the pond is close to residential properties, a school, play park, skate park, with lots of small children around. The pond becomes very deep, and we do not want to see another tragedy such as the recent one in Solihul.

Proposed by: Cllr Seabrook Seconded by: Cllr Griffiths

The Committee **resolved** unanimously to this proposal.

Cllr Seabrook informed the Committee that regarding the speed activated sign, Steve O’Connell will be coming in March to talk about speed watch which will help get the required evidence for a speed activated sign.

1. **PH1552 DATE OF NEXT MEETING 21ST FEBRUARY 2023 AT 7.30PM.**

The next meeting of this Committee was confirmed for 21st February 2023.

*There being no further business the meeting ended at 20:42.*