**DRAFT Minutes of the meeting of the Planning & Highways Committee held in the Anzac Room, Community House on Tuesday 4th July 2023 at 7.30pm**

**Present:** Cllr Mary Campbell (Chair),Cllr Kiera Gordon-Garrett (Vice Chair), Cllr David Seabrook (Chair of Council), Cllr Isobel Sharkey (Vice Chair of Council), Cllr Cathy Gallagher, Cllr Cathy Norcott-Jones, Cllr Sherral Wood, Cllr Ian Alexander.

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

2 members of the public were in attendance.

1. **PH1648 CHAIR ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chair opened the meeting at 19:30, welcomed everyone and went through the building fire procedure and informed the Committee that all resolutions from the previous Committee meeting have been actioned and thanked the Committees and Assistant Projects Officer for her work.

The Chair further informed the Committee that the Neighbourhood Plan as it appears in the Lewes District Council documents has only had cosmetic changes since sent there so can be treated as the plan that will be going to referendum. The Chair stated that there was one specific area that seemed to be very different from what was consulted on: the development areas, as removing their boundaries in the latest version of the plan appears to have opened up all of Peacehaven for development.

1. **PH1649 PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

A member of the public spoke about concerns surrounding application LW/23/0276.

The Chair informed the member of the public that the Lewes District Councillors would raise the matter with the District Council.

*1 member of the public left at this point*

1. **PH1650 TO CONSIDER APOLOGIES FOR ANY ABSENCES AND SUBSTITUTIONS**

No apologies have been received.

Cllr Cheta was absent.

1. **PH1651 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

There were no declarations of interest.

1. **PH1652 TO ADOPT THE MINUTES OF 13TH JUNE 2023**

Proposed by: Cllr Sharkey. Seconded by: Cllr Gordon-Garrett.

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

1. **PH1653 TO NOTE AND REVIEW THE COMMITTEES BUDGETARY REPORT**

Cllr Alexander asked about the transfer from EMR for noticeboards. The Deputy Clerk confirmed that this was as agreed at Committee.

Cllr Gallagher enquired about what budget code 4101 Repair/ Alteration of Premises is used for. The Deputy Clerk will speak with the Finance Officer to get an answer and circulate the information to Committee members.

The Committee **noted** the budgetary report.

1. **PH1654 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM CLLR GALLAGHER CHAIR OF THE STEERING GROUP FOR THE NDP**

Cllr Gallagher informed the Committee that the Chairs Announcement in item PH1648 was not entirely factual, and that as that Neighbourhood Plan was being developed, the Government changed the algorithm for calculating housing numbers, and that as a result Lewes District are having to redo their own local plan. Lewes District therefore asked that the Peacehaven and Telscombe Neighbourhood Plan not include allocated sites, and that Lewes District will administer this.

What has not happened is that it has become a free for all for developers.

The policies and design guides are all as the original plan, all changes have now been made and should go back to Lewes District this week.

Training for Councillors will be available soon, starting this weekend at the Summer Fair.

1. **PH1655 TO DISCUSS GRASS VERGE CUTTING**

Cllr Sharkey introduced and summarised the report.

There was a discussion on the item. It was the proposed that the Committee agree to share more information on noticeboards and Social media about grass cutting around Peacehaven.

Proposed by: Cllr Sharkey. Seconded by: Cllr Seabrook

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

1. **PH1656 TO INFORM THE PLANNING COMMITTEE – CRIME IN PEACEHAVEN**

Cllr Seabrook introduced the report.

Cllr Alexander highlighted a number of inaccuracies in the report.

The Chair informed the Committee that as part of the business plan, the Committee will receive regular updates on the crime figures.

The Committee **noted** the report.

*The Chair informed the Committee that items PH1657 and PH1658 would be discussed together.*

1. **PH1657 MOTION BY CLLR SEABROOK TO REQUEST THE ESCC ROAD SAFETY MANAGER REVIEW PARKING AROUND THE JUNCTION OF GLYNN ROAD WITH PELHAM RISE**
2. **PH1658 MOTION BY CLLR GORDON-GARRETT TO IMPROVE ACCESSIBILITY TO BUSES IN PELHAM RISE**

Cllr Gordon-Garrett read out the report in full. There was then a brief discussion on the matter.

It was proposed that Officers liaise with ESCC Officers about the recommendations in the report and report back to Committee.

Proposed by: Cllr Gordon-Garrett. Seconded by: Cllr Alexander.

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

*1 member of the public left at this point*

1. **PH1659 TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEES BUSINESS PLAN TFG**

The Chair summarised the report.

It was proposed that the Committee agree to recommendation 1 of the report.

Proposed by: Cllr Gordon-Garrett. Seconded by: Cllr Wood

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

It was proposed that wildflower verges be added to the business plan.

Proposed by: Cllr Norcott-Jones. Seconded by: Cllr Sharkey.

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

It was proposed that receiving regular reports on road accidents be added to the business plan.

Proposed by: Cllr Campbell. Seconded by: Cllr Wood.

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

It was proposed that the Committee agree to recommendation 2 of the report.

Proposed by: Cllr Norcott-Jones. Seconded by: Cllr Sharkey.

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

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

**PH1660 –** LW/23/0347 7 Cliff Avenue

There was a brief discussion on the planning application. It was proposed that the Committee support this application.

Proposed by: Cllr Gallagher Seconded by: Cllr Norcott-Jones.

The Committee **resolved** to **agree** to this proposal by majority, with 2 abstentions.

**PH1661** – LW/23/0329 61 Downs Walk

Cllr Gordon-Garrett introduced the item and gave several reasons why the Committee should object to the application.

Cllr Gallagher added some further reasons as to why the Committee should object.

It was proposed that the Committee Object to the application on grounds that it does not meet DM 2 – DM12 of the Lewes District Plan part 2, that the PEA is not in the documents and no tree survey done, that the documents submitted are not sufficiently truthful, that there is no net biodiversity gain as per Lewes District Local Plan Part 1 Policy 8.4, that it would set a precedent for further development, that the site is contaminated due to an old landfill site, that the sustainability checklist has not been met, and that it goes against policies PT1 and design code 3.09 of the emerging Neighbourhood Development Plan.

Proposed by: Cllr Gordon-Garrett Seconded by: Cllr Wood

The Committee **resolved** to **object** to this planning application.

**PH1662 –** LW/23/0358 6 Rustic Road

It was proposed the Committee support this planning application, subject to the condition that no further development take place on site.

Proposed by: Cllr Sharkey Seconded by: Cllr Gallagher.

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

**PH1663** – LW/23/0328 39 Arundel Road

It was proposed that the Committee support this planning application.

Proposed by: Cllr Gallagher Seconded by: Cllr Seabrook.

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

**PH1664** – LW/23/0275 52B Gladys Avenue

It was proposed that the Committee support this planning application.

Proposed by: Cllr Seabrook Seconded by: Cllr Wood.

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

**PH1665** – LW/23/0334 1 Johns Close

It was proposed to object to this application on the grounds that the development goes against Lewes District Council Local Plan Part 2 Policy DM25 and policy PT1 of the emerging Neighbourhood Development Plan, it is overdevelopment of the site, on a dangerous corner, and does not demonstrate a net biodiversity gain.

Proposed by: Cllr Wood Seconded by: Cllr Gordon-Garrett.

The Committee **resolved** to **object** to this planning application.

**PH1666** – LW/23/0368 11 The Dewpond

After a brief discussion it was proposed that the Committee support this planning application.

Proposed by: Cllr Gallagher Seconded by: Cllr Gordon-Garrett.

The Committee **resolved** to **agree** to this proposal by majority, with one abstention.

**PH1667** – LW/23/0324 108 Dorothy Avenue North

It was proposed that the Committee support this planning application.

Proposed by: Cllr Campbell Seconded by: Cllr Norcott-Jones.

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

**PH1668** – LW/23/0364 66 Abbey Close

The Committee **noted** this permitted development notification.

**PH1669** – LW/23/0355 86 Malines Avenue

It was proposed that the Committee support this planning application.

Proposed by: Cllr Seabrook Seconded by: Cllr Norcott-Jones.

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

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

**PH1670** – LW/23/0370/CD Land Between Greenacres and Highsted Park Telscombe Road

The Committee **noted** the planning application.

1. **PH1671 NOTE PLANNING & HIGHWAYS COMPLAINTS SINCE THE LAST MEETING**

The Chair gave a brief update with regard to complaint 61, that a planning enforcement officer is investigating the matter.

Cllr Seabrook gave some background information to complaint 71.

The Committee **noted** the complaints.

1. **PH1671 TO REVIEW AND UPDATE THE P&H ACTION PLAN AND AGREE ANY ACTIONS REQUIRED**

Action from agenda item PH1658 to be added to the action plan.

The Committee **noted** the action plan.

1. **PH1647 DATE OF NEXT MEETING 25TH JULY 2023 AT 7.30PM.**

The next meeting of this Committee was confirmed for 25th July 2023.

*There being no further business the meeting ended at 21:22.*