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DRAFT Minutes of the meeting of the Planning & Highways Committee meeting held in the Anzac Room, Community House on Tuesday 7th May 2024 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr Campbell (Chair), Cllr Gordon-Garrett (Vice Chair), Cllr Alexander, Cllr Seabrook, Cllr Sharkey, Cllr Studd, Cllr Harman, Cllr Donovan (non-voting).

Officers: Zoe Polydorou (Meetings & Projects Officer)).

2 members of the public were in attendance.

1. PH1940 CHAIR ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair opened the meeting at 19:30, welcomed everyone and ran through the fire exit procedure.

2. PH1941 PUBLIC QUESTIONS.

There were 2 public questions.

Cllr Clarkson raised the issue of Southview Avenue over the concern with a neighbour parking on the verge, and questioned what could be done.

Cllr Sharkey updated committee on the status of the verge parking complaint by explaining that the Committees and Assistant Projects Officer would be queried on the status of the parking lines application; that the Town Clerk had confirmed a letter for handing out to residents would not be written; that Neighbourhood First had been contacted, but their response was this item was not in their remit; and that Cllr Collier had approached the appropriate person at East Sussex to try to get this item resolved.

Cllr Seabrook suggested a 'Prohibited to park on the verge' sign is also pursued.

19:38 – the attendee left the meeting, and the Chair thanked them for their attendance.

The 2nd question was whether there has been a follow up from the Q&A session with LDC Officers.

The Chair explained that information had been collated, and a response was being waited for.

3. PH1942 TO CONSIDER APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE & SUBSTITUTIONS

There were 2 apologies for absence from Cllr Gallagher, and Cllr Wood, whose substitute was Cllr Harman.

4. PH1943 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

There was 1 non-pecuniary declaration of interest from Cllr Campbell.

5. PH1944 TO ADOPT THE MINUTES FROM THE 9th APRIL 2024

It was proposed to adopt the minutes.

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

The Committee resolved to **adopt** the minutes of the 9th April 2024.

6. PH1945 TO NOTE AND REVIEW THE COMMITTEES BUDGETARY REPORT

The budgetary report was **noted**.

7. PH1949 MERIDIAN MONUMENT AND AREA UPDATE

The Meetings & Projects Officer introduced the report.

Members discussed that the area had poor wheelchair access, and that Cllrs who are also Lewes District Councilors be invited to the TFG to discuss the way forward with access; the importance of preserving the historic monument, of using professional contractors to maintain and clean it and the plinth; and the need for improved directional signage.

The Meetings & Projects Officer explained there will be a meeting with Chris Bibb tomorrow the 8th May at 11am. Cllr Seabrook suggested heritage funding is researched for the Monument project.

It was proposed that the TFG carry on with this work, particularly authorising work on the bin, information board and accessibility from Horsham Avenue, and to continue the investigation of the monument refurbishment, and also that Cllr Fabry be contacted to see if she is willing to join the TFG in terms of accessibility.

Proposer: Cllr Sharkey Seconded by: Cllr Seabrook

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

20:00 Cllr Donovan left the meeting.

8. PH1946 TO RECEIVE A VERBAL REPORT FROM CLLR GALLAGHER CHAIR OF THE STEERING GROUP FOR THE NDP

Cllr Gordon-Garrett updated the Committee from a report from Cllr Gallagher. It was explained that the additional two weeks schedule 16 Consultation ran from the 15th to 30th April and there have been no comments; that there are then 11 weeks to hold a referendum (paid for by LDC) with the standard question: "Do you want Lewes District Council to use the neighbourhood Plan for Peacehaven and Telscombe to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?". That the Plan is then taken to Full Council at LDC for adoption within 8 weeks, some polling stations will be open and the possibility of postal voting is to be queried, and the majority of those who vote must vote in favour to pass plan 51%.

The report was **noted**.

9. PH1947 WILDFLOWERS AND PUBLIC REALM ALONG SOUTH COAST ROAD TFG

The Chair introduced the report, and explained that the previously interested company had decided not to advertise on the planter as it was too expensive. The status of the Public Realm areas, including the toilets, planting plan, leaflets, and the tidy up of the area was summarised; it was explained that the Kaner Olette had been commissioned by the Steering Group, but had not been approved or discussed by PTC. It was explained that the TFG discussed a wildflower meadow at the inlet at Bramber Avenue at the A259, which is owned by ESCC, and that other similar areas as options should be investigated.

Cllr Seabrook suggested the need for a consultation on the flowers on the South Coast Road; that the Kaner Olette report was not adopted by council and agreed it must return to committee to decide the next steps; that end of roads have concrete underneath, so investigation would be needed with regards to any planting; that any decision with the end at Edith Avenue must be carefully considered, and with it being the planned end of the walking and cycling route of ESCC raised the importance of collaborative working; and raised that a resident is interested in there being a plaque to commemorate Edith Cavell, or potentially an information board.

The Chair explained it is essential for the Kaner Olette report to be reviewed and its projects phased for moving forward.

It was proposed to close the Wildflower and Public Realm TFG

Proposed by: Cllr Gordon Garrett Seconded by: Cllr Studd

All in favour.

It was proposed that the Meetings & Projects Officer produce investigate and report on wildflower meadows of all the inlets when priorities permit.

Proposed by: Cllr Sharkey Seconded by: Cllr Seabrook
All in favour

Cllr. Seabrook asked for the Kaner Olette report to be shared with all councillors.

The report was **noted**.

10. PH1948 UPDATE ON EV CHARGERS AND AIR QUALITY MONITORING BY THE DELL PLAYGROUND

The Meetings & Projects Officer explained the status of the air quality monitoring, and that a meeting is planned with an Officer from LDC w/c 20th May.

The report was **noted**.

11. PH1950 TO DECIDE ON ACTION RE BOLLARDS OUTSIDE SUBWAY

Cllr Seabrook updated Committee on the background of the item, and the options available: to obtain prices for 1 or 2 bollards and a cost for the work, and inform East Sussex if required; or do nothing.
Cllr Alexander explained only flexible bollards can be installed there.

It was proposed to obtain a quote for bollards outside the premise, and also for more outside the Co-op on the South Coast Road, along with obtaining the appropriate licensing, and for a report back to the next Committee.
Proposer: Cllr Gordon-Garrett Seconded by: Cllr Studd
All in favour.

12. PH1951 TO RECEIVE UPDATES FROM TASK & FINISH GROUPS (TFGs):

a. Planters, Wildflowers and Public realm along South Coast Road

The Chair explained this had already been discussed in this meeting.

b. Public Safety Working Party

Cllr Seabrook updated committee, explained the PCSOs did not attend the last meeting, and that schools are still not engaging.

20:30 - Vote to suspending orders: all in favour.

The member of public explained that the issue of cars at Meridian school is horrendous, and that schools have shown no interest in resolving the issue. The Chair explained that this needs to be re-visited. Cllr Sharkey expressed concern with issues around schools and cars, and agreed it needs to be prioritised as an issue.

20:33- standing orders were reinstated.

c. Rights of way

Cllr Gordon-Garrett said there was no update.

d. Grass – cutting contract

The Chair said there was no update.

e. Meridian Monument and Area TFG

The Chair explained this had already been discussed in the meeting.

13 TO COMMENT ON the following Planning applications as follows:-

PH1952 LW/24/0128 51 South Coast Road

It was proposed to support the application

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

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

20:35 – 1 attendee left the meeting.

PH1953 LW/24/0276 2 Steyning Avenue

It was proposed that no comment be made.

Proposed by: Cllr Sharkey Seconded by: Cllr Alexander

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

PH1954 LW/23/0115 31 Slindon Avenue

It was proposed to object the application on the basis that the plot is small and that more of the verge would be lost.

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

Six Councillors resolved to **agree** to the proposal.

One Councillor **abstained**.

PH955 LW/24/0313 124 The Promenade

Cllr Campbell declared an interest and withdrew from meeting for this item.

It was proposed to object on the grounds of not in keeping with the area, and over-developed.

Proposed by: Cllr Alexander Seconded by: Cllr Harman

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

PH1956 LW/24/0223/CD 81 - 83 South Coast Road

The application was **noted**

PH1957 LW/24/0209 27 Coney Furlong

It was proposed to support the application.

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

14. TO NOTE the following Planning decisions

PH1958 LW/24/0111 Scout Hut Arundel Road

The Committee **noted** the planning decision.

PH1959 LW/24/0105 Land Adjacent 4 to 4 Telscombe Road

The Committee **noted** the planning decision.

PH1960 LW/24/0040/CD Peacehaven And Telscombe Football Club Piddinghoe Avenue

The Committee **noted** the planning decision.

PH1961 LW/24/0021 32 Horsham Avenue

The Committee **noted** the planning decision.

PH1962 LW/23/0749 3A Capel Avenue

The Committee **noted** the planning decision.

PH1963 LW/23/0449 170 - 172 South Coast Road

The Committee **noted** the planning decision.

PH1964 LW/23/0427 5 Greenhill Way

The Committee **noted** the planning decision.

PH1965 LW/24/0183/CD 35 Horsham Avenue

The Committee **noted** the planning decision.

PH1966 LW/24/0087 7 Bramber Close

The Committee **noted** the planning decision.

15. PH1967 TO NOTE PLANNING & HIGHWAYS COMPLAINTS

The Chair summarised the complaints.

The complaints were **noted**.

16. PH1968 TO REVIEW & UPDATE THE P&H ACTION PLAN AND AGREE ANY ACTIONS REQUIRED.

The Chair introduced the action plan.

No further changes were made, and the action plan was **noted**.

17. PH1969 TO AGREE DATE FOR THE NEXT MEETING TUESDAY 4TH JUNE 2024

The next meeting was **confirmed** as Tuesday 4th June 2024.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 20:55.