**DRAFT Minutes of the meeting of the Planning & Highways Committee meeting held in the Anzac Room, Community House on Tuesday 13th February 2024 at 7.30pm**

**Present:** Cllr Campbell (Chair), Cllr Gordon-Garrett (Vice Chair), Cllr Alexander, Cllr Gallagher, Cllr Seabrook, Cllr Sharkey, Cllr Studd, Cllr Wood.

**Officers**: George Dyson (Town Clerk), Zoe Polydorou (Meetings & Projects Officer).

1 member of the public was in attendance.

1. **PH1858 CHAIR ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chair opened the meeting at 19:31, welcomed everyone, briefly ran through the fire exit procedure, and announced they had found a notice in the carpark with the details of a proposed new mast development in Piddinghoe Close.

1. **PH1859 PUBLIC QUESTIONS.**

There were no public questions.

1. **PH1860 TO CONSIDER APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE & SUBSTITUTIONS**

There were no apologies for absence.

1. **PH1861 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

There were no declarations of interest.

1. **PH1862 TO ADOPT THE MINUTES FROM THE 23RD JANUARY 2024**

Proposed by: Cllr Sharkey Seconded by: Cllr Alexander

The Committee **resolved** to **adopt** the minutes of the 23rd January 2024.

1. **PH1863 TO NOTE AND REVIEW THE COMMITTEES BUDGETARY REPORT**

The budgetary report was **noted.**

1. **PH1864 TO AGREE TO RECOMMENDED EARMARKED RESERVES**

Cllr. Gallagher expressed agreement with this, especially in view of the Neighbourhood Plan.

It was proposed that the Committee agree the recommendations in the report.

Proposed by: Cllr Gallagher Seconded by: Cllr Alexander

The Committee **resolved** to **agree** to the recommended earmarked reserves.

1. **PH1865 TO RECEIVE A VERBAL UPDATE FROM CLLR GALLAGHER CHAIR OF THE STEERING GROUP FOR THE NDP**

Cllr Gallagher reported that the NDP is near completion, that LDC are in the process of appointing the agreed examiner. They have been told it will take 4 or 5 days to examine the plan, where any possible clashes of policies are being reviewed, and are hopefully moving the NDP to referendum shortly.

There were no further questions or comments.

1. **PH1866 TO DECIDE RURAL GRASS CUTTING SERVICE**

The Committee discussed the rural grass cutting, including the width of the area cut, the fact that the roads in question form part of the Major Road Network and are not really rural, and that visibility and safety along the road is a problem already.

It was proposed that the Committee agree to option 1, and that ESCC are asked to urgently consider redesignating the stretch of road as an urban verge for safety reasons.

Proposed by: Cllr Gallagher Seconded by: Cllr Wood

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

1. **PH1867 TO RECEIVE UPDATES FROM TASK & FINISH GROUPS (TFGs):**
2. **Wildflower grass verge survey**

Cllr Seabrook suggested a merger with the Public Realm TFG based upon too few available members.

The Wildflower Grass Verge Survey TFG and The Public Realm TFG are now merged.

**b. Planters and public realm along South Coast Road**

Cllr Gallagher reminded members of the Kaner Olette study, including tidying up of the public realm, and planter signage uniformity; explained that Cllr Studd has signage materials and costs for the Meetings and Projects Officer. Also that the group will continue to meet with Neighbourhood First for litter picks, and tidy ups, and that then will start looking at the Public Realm, aided by Cllr Studd’s connections with businesses along the road.

**c. To Note: Revised Action Plan for Public Safety Group**

Cllr Seabrook reported they are trying to engage with schools to deal with parking problems outside schools, there are solutions, but that school cooperation is needed.

With regards to speedwatch, Cllr Seabrook explained they have 6 or 7 trained people, and that the group is effective. They move locations frequently, which they will slow traffic down all around Peacehaven, and that the average speed is 18 miles per hour.

Cllr Seabrook added that there is a campaign for a crossing on the coast road on the plan too, and Cllr Campbell commented that the issue of pedestrian crossings is one of the top priorities on the business plan list.

Cllr. Seabrook suggested the three priority pedestrian crossing locations as near Hoddern Avenue, near Sainsbury’s and near to Greggs Bakery, and the top priority ones were briefly discussed.

The revised Action Plan was **noted**.

**d. Rights of way**

Cllr Gordon-Garrett reported there was no update.

1. **PH1868 TO DECIDE LEWES DISTRICT COUNCIL HIGH STREET AUDIT**

The Committee discussed that a similar study has already been conducted recently by Kaner Olette as part of the Neighbourhood Plan and through the access group.

The Town Clerk confirmed that Officers will reply to the LDC Officers with the Kaner Olette Report attached.

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

The Council **resolved** to **agree** to not contribute £5000 to the Lewes District Council High Street Audit

**12. PH1869 LEWES LOCAL PLAN CONSULTATION: EVIDENCE BASE FOR PTC RESPONSE**

The Committee discussed the report, which it was felt should remain on file as the District Council progress the work on the Local Plan.

The Town Clerk confirmed the council had authorised the committee for their response, rather than being obliged to do so; that the council’s resolution will go forward to the consultation as the council’s response; that Officers can refer to the report to help answer any questions from LDC planning officers, and that the report can be released on request.

1. **PH1870 TO NOTE ESCC LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN 4 2024-2050**

Cllr Campbell reported there was almost nothing for Peacehaven in the plan, and no Peacehaven actions will be made in this round, but that two things mentioned were the increase in buses, and bus number 14. It was explained that that councillors will be sending in individual comments.

The cycle loop was brought up, and Cllr Seabrook explained that highways have funding for a feasibility study for the loop.

The ESCC local transport Plan 4 2024-205 was **noted**.

1. **PH1871 TO DISCUSS EV CHARGER PROPOSAL**

Cllr Campbell suggested this proposal to be resubmitted to the Leisure, Amenities, and Environment Committee (LA&E), as it could be used in the Centenary car park, and raised whether the P&H committee should place pressure on LDC with regards to EVs in LDC carparks.

Meetings and Projects Officer to add EV onto P&H Action Plan.

1. **TO COMMENT on the following Planning applications as follows:-**

**PH1872** LW/24/0021 32 Horsham Avenue Peacehaven

It was proposed to support this application.

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

The Committee **resolved** to **support** this application.

**PH1873** LW/23/0790 Flat 1 2 Dorothy Avenue Peacehaven

It was proposed to propose to support this application.

Proposed by: Cllr Sharkey Seconded by: Cllr Alexander

The Committee **resolved** to **support** this application.

**PH1874** LW/24/0082144 The Promenade Peacehaven **Case Officer** James Emery

Peacehaven Town Council **propose** that Lewes planners check that this is permitted development, particularly in view of substantial increase in roof height.

Proposed by: Cllr Seabrook Seconded by: Cllr Wood

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

**PH1875** LW/23/028485 South Coast Road Peacehaven

The Committee **noted** this application.

**PH1876** LW/24/0060/CD40 Phyllis Avenue Peacehaven

The Committee **noted** this application.

**PH1877** LW/23/0522Peacehaven And Telscombe Football Club, Piddinghoe Avenue, Peacehaven,

Cllr Alexander explained there was a wait for the archaeological plan, and understood that some LA&E Committee business depends on this moving forward.

Cllr Campbell suggested this information be passed to the Parks Officer.

The Committee **noted** this application.

**PH1878** LW/24/0028/CD73 Ashington Gardens Peacehaven

The Committee **noted** this application.

**PH1879** LW/24/0029/CD66A Telscombe Road Peacehaven

Cllr Campbell suggested that residents concerned with LW/24/0028 and 0029 be contacted about the management plan. The Town Clerk agreed to carry this out.

The Committee **noted** this application.

**PH1880** LW/24/001680-82 South Coast Road Peacehaven

The Committee **noted** this application.

**16 TO NOTE the following Planning decisions**

**PH1881** LW/23/070412 Valley Road Peacehaven

**PH1882** TW/23/0109/TPO2 Wendale Crescent Peacehaven

**PH1883 TW/23/0108/TPO** 2 Louvain Gardens Peacehaven

**PH1884 LW/23/0667/CD** Land East And West Of Downs Walk Peacehaven

**PH1885 LW/23/0632** 127 The Promenade Peacehaven

**PH1886 LW/23/0633** 6 Crocks Dean Peacehaven

**PH1887 LW/23/0609** 122A Phyllis Avenue Peacehaven

**PH1888 LW/23/0582/CD** Land Between Greenacres And Highsted Park Telscombe Road Peacehaven

**PH1889 TW/23/0083/TPO** 3 Wendale Drive Peacehaven

**PH1890 TW/23/0070/TPO** 12 Tor Road Peacehaven

The Planning decisions were **noted**.

**17. PH1891 TO NOTE PLANNING & HIGHWAYS – THERE ARE NO COMPLAINTS FOR THIS COMMITTEE**

The Committee **noted** this.

1. **PH1892 TO REVIEW & UPDATE THE P&H ACTION PLAN AND AGREE ANY ACTIONS REQUIRED.**

Cllr Seabrook explained that item 2, speed activated sign, would cost a lot, and evidence would need to be collected from speed watch before this goes ahead.

Cllr Campbell explained she had not been to check the boxes at Pelham Rise Bus stops, but this may be going ahead as there had so far been no objections.

**19. PH1893 TO AGREE DATE FOR THE NEXT MEETING TUESDAY 5TH MARCH 2024**

The next meeting was **confirmed** as Tuesday 5TH March 2024 at 7.30pm.

*There being no further business the meeting ended at 20:29.*