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DRAFT Minutes of the meeting of the Planning & Highways Committee meeting held in the Anzac Room, Community House on 6th May 2025 at 7:30pm.

Present: Cllr Gordon-Garrett (Chair), Cllr Campbell (Vice Chair), Cllr Gallagher, Cllr Davies, Cllr Rosser, Cllr Studd

Officers: Zoe Polydorou (Meetings & Projects Officer), Vicky Onis (Committees and Assistant Projects Officer)

1 member of the public was in attendance.

1. PH2284 CHAIR ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair opened the meeting at 19:30, welcomed everyone, read out the Civility and Respect statement, ran through the fire exit procedure, asked for phones to be switched off, announced that the meeting was being recorded, and outlined the procedure for the public questions item.

2. PH2285 PUBLIC QUESTIONS.

There were no public questions.

3. PH2286 TO CONSIDER APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE & SUBSTITUTIONS

An apology for absence from Cllr Sharkey was received.

4. PH2287 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FROM COMMITTEE MEMBERS

There were no declarations of interest.

5. PH2288 TO ADOPT THE MINUTES FROM THE 15th APRIL 2025

Proposed by: Cllr Rosser Seconded by: Cllr Campbell

The Committee **resolved** to **adopt** the minutes.

6. PH2289 TO NOTE AND REVIEW THE COMMITTEES BUDGETARY REPORT

Cllr Campbell commented that she believed there was EMR money available, but that it was only recorded in the budget report if it was spent.

The report was **noted**.

7. PH2290 TO RECEIVE A VERBAL UPDATE FROM CLLR GALLAGHER CHAIR OF THE STEERING GROUP FOR THE NDP

Cllr Gallagher updated committee, via Cllr O'Connor of LDC, that the head of planning policy had passed all the information to the examiner and LDC were also carrying out final checks with regards to any impact of the Planning and Infrastructure Bill; that there should be a further update later in May, and hopefully the referendum would be later this year.

The update was **noted**.

8. PH2291 TO NOTE PROCESS FOR REPORTING OVERGROWN VERGES

Cllr Gallagher commented that the associated mobile app to report issues was good.

The report was **noted**.

9. PH2292 TO RECEIVE UPDATES FROM TASK & FINISH GROUPS (TFGs):

a. Public Safety Group

The Chair expressed that an update would be provided at the next P&H meeting.

10. PH2293 TO NOTE PROGRESS REPORT ON BUSINESS PLAN ITEMS

There was discussion around the possible outcome from the Council Committees Restructure TFG, including the Public Realm and the Green Infrastructure Plan, since they spanned committees.

As a member of the Council Committees Restructure TFG, Cllr Campbell expressed that the TFG were considering a draft proposal to replace 'Highways' from the committee name with 'Infrastructure' and also moving the monument and benches to the LA&E committee.

The Chair thanked Cllr Campbell for the update.

The report was **noted**.

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

PH2295 LW/25/0202 98 South Coast Road

https://padocs.lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk/planning/planning-documents?ref_no=LW/25/0202

It was proposed to **object** to the application on the grounds of over development; over massing; in breach of PT7 (accessibility) and NPPF115 (In assessing sites that may be allocated for development in plans, or specific applications for development); insufficient parking spaces; and the lack of an over-shadowing report on the impact to the neighbours and the residents of Sunview Avenue.

Proposed by: Cllr Campbell Seconded: Cllr Gallagher
Committee resolved to **object** the application.

PH2296 TW/25/0036/TPO 1 Wendale Drive

https://padocs.lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk/planning/planning-documents?ref_no=TW/25/0036/TPO

It was proposed to **support** the application

Proposed by: Cllr Gallagher Seconded: Cllr Davies
Committee resolved to **support** the application.

PH2297 LW/25/0216 21 Malines Avenue

https://padocs.lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk/planning/planning-documents?ref_no=LW/25/0216

It was proposed to **support** the application

Proposed by: Cllr Rosser Seconded: Cllr Campbell
Committee resolved to **support** the application.

12. TO NOTE the following Planning decisions

PH2298 LW/25/0087 64 Hoddern Avenue

The planning decision was **noted**.

PH2299 LW/24/0517 Land between 45&61 Downs Walk

The planning decision was **noted**.

13. PH2300 TO NOTE PLANNING & HIGHWAYS COMPLAINTS

Cllr Campbell thanked the Committees and Assistant Projects Officer for their support with this item.

The Meetings & Projects Officer expressed there was no update on the grass cutting schedule item.

Cllr Davies updated committee that, due to LDC's benches and bins work last year along the clifftop, LDC had no available budget this year for any new benches, and that along with Cllr Collier had been working with residents in terms of clifftop grass cutting.

Cllr Gallagher raised the possibility of residents raising funds for benches, reminded committee of installation costs, and commented that LDC's grass cutting contracts were due to end in 2026 and the implementation of a hybrid scheme. Cllr Davies commented that grass cutting was tied in with devolution.

Cllr Gallagher suggested the 'lack benches' item be updated as an LDC item.

Cllr Davies confirmed he was still pursuing the bench halfway up the cliff.

Cllr Campbell suggested the addition of the item 'Car parked on the verge of Southview Avenue'.
The complaints were **noted**.

14. PH2301 TO REVIEW & UPDATE THE P&H ACTION PLAN AND AGREE ANY ACTIONS REQUIRED.

Cllr Campbell updated committee that the Rights of Way Action had been moved to sit under Full Council, and with confirmation from the Committees and Assistant Projects Officer of the successful completion of the drainage works, that the item 3 could be removed.

The action plan was **noted**.

15. PH2302 TO AGREE DATE FOR THE NEXT MEETING TUESDAY 27th MAY 2025 AT 6.15PM

The date was **agreed**.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 20:19