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**Minutes of the EXTRAORDINARY meeting of the Council held in the Anzac Room, Community House on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2026 at 7.30pm**

**Present:** Cllr Debbie Donovan (Chair), Cllr Aimee Harman (Vice Chair), Cllr Mary Campbell, Cllr Sue Griffiths, Cllr Kiera Gordon-Garrett, Cllr Sherral Wood, Cllr Ian Alexander, Cllr Cathy Gallagher, Cllr Paul Davies, Cllr Max Rosser, Cllr Simon Studd, Cllr Philip Mills.

**Officers:** George Dyson (Town Clerk).

3 members of the public were in attendance.

**C1486 MAYOR/CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chair opened the meeting at 19:30, welcomed everyone, made a statement on Civility & Respect, briefly ran through the building fire procedures, asked that phones be put onto silent, advised that the meeting was being recorded, and informed everyone of how the public session works.

**C1487 PUBLIC SESSION. Members of the public may ask questions on any relevant Council matter.**

Cllr Laurence O'Connor (Lewes District Cabinet member for Planning) gave a short presentation on the background to Neighbourhood Planning and the Peacehaven & Telscombe Neighbourhood Plan in particular.

Cllr Wood asked that it be noted that Councillors have not been given training on the Neighbourhood Plan.

Cllr Campbell asked Cllr O'Connor about the Town Centre Masterplan (Policy 34/ pages 78-81 of the design code booklet), Cllr O'Connor confirmed that it were only the points listed in policy 34 that carried weight, and that the Masterplan in the design code had no validity and had been opposed by the public at consultation.

Councillors asked some questions relating to the plan, which Cllr O'Connor provided answers to. Council thanked Cllr O'Connor for his time this evening.

**C1488 TO APPROVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Sharkey, Fabry, Veck, and Cheta.

**C1489 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

There were no declarations of interest.

**C1490 TO ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF THE 16TH DECEMBER 2025**

**Proposed by:** Cllr Mills                      **Seconded by:** Cllr Alexander  
The minutes of 16<sup>th</sup> December 2025 were **agreed** and **adopted**.

**C1491 TO NOTE THE AMENDED PEACEHAVEN AND TELSCOMBE NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOLLOWING EXAMINATION**

The Chair introduced the item and the Town Clerk clarified the purpose of this item on the agenda.

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Cllr Griffiths made a statement that in her opinions the plan still has too many mistakes in, and requested that her name be recorded as being opposed to noting the plan as the plan didn't align with the Morrisons site and could lead to site over development.

Cllr Campbell paid tribute to the hard work of the Steering Group, but could not note the plan as Chalker's Rise development does not appear in the plan and is still referred to as the Pelham Rise development, the residents in Central Ward are not represented by this plan.

Cllr Gordon-Garrett spoke about her disappointment that the maps in the plan have not been updated.

Cllr Davies highlighted the work that has gone into the plan, and supported moving forward with the plan and that amendments can be made in the future following adoption.

Cllr Donovan added her thanks to Cllr Gallagher for her hard work as Chair of the Steering Group and to the Planning Consultant who had worked with the Steering Group on the plan.

The Council **noted** the amended Neighbourhood Development Plan following examination.

**C1492 TO CONSIDER A MOTION TO AGREE TO BEGIN WORK TO PREPARE AMENDMENTS TO THE PEACEHAVEN AND TELSCOMBE NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

Cllr Gordon-Garrett gave a statement on the motion in the papers, and summarised the purpose and background to this.

It was proposed to suspend Standing Orders to allow Cllr O'Connor and Nadeem Din (Lewes District Head of Planning Policy) to speak.

**Proposed by:** Cllr Gallagher                      **Seconded by:** Cllr Davies  
Council **resolved** to **agree** to suspend Standing Orders.

*Standing Orders were suspended.*

Mr Dim confirmed It is a joint plan, so any amendments would need to be jointly agreed with Telscombe Town Council, changes would need to be looked at to see whether they're material or not.

The Council discussed the process of what happens following the plan being made at referendum.

*Standing Orders were reinstated.*

It was proposed to set up a group to look at amendments to the plan following referendum.

**Proposed by:** Cllr Gordon-Garrett                      **Seconded by:** Cllr Rosser

Council **resolved** to **agree** to this proposal by majority vote, with 9 in favour and 3 abstentions.

**C1493 DATE OF NEXT MEETING - TUESDAY 17TH FEBRUARY 2026 AT 7.30PM.**

The next meeting was confirmed as Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2026 at 7:30pm.

*There being no further business the meeting was closed at 20:36*

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