

TELSCOMBE TOWN COUNCIL



Minutes of a meeting of the **PLANNING & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE** held on **WEDNESDAY 4th APRIL 2018** in Civic Centre at 7.30 pm.

PRESENT:- Cllrs T Armour, J Harris *Chairman*, C Robinson, I Sharkey and J Wilkins *Mayor*

Also present: Stella Newman – Town Clerk (*minutes*)

2155. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

A neighbouring resident commented on application LW/18/0198 - 15 Cliff Gardens, Telscombe Cliffs. She stated her objections to the application which had also been sent by letter to Lewes District Council and copied to Telscombe Town Council.

Another member of the public had a query regarding footpath Telscombe 17 which was answered for him.

There were no other public questions or comments.

2156. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS

Apologies were received from Cllrs D Brindley due to annual leave and A Mendoza due to work commitments and these reasons were accepted by the Committee. Cllrs C Robinson and I Sharkey were agreed as substitute. Cllr A Loraine was also absent but had not sent apologies.

2157. MEMBERS DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllrs J Wilkins declared an interest in application number LW/18/0198 15 Cliff Gardens.

2158. TO DISCUSS AND APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON MONDAY 12th MARCH 2018

It was proposed by Cllr T Armour, seconded by Cllr J Harris and unanimously **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting on 12th March 2018 were a true record of the proceedings and were signed as correct by the Chairman, Cllr J Harris.

2159. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Telscombe
LW/18/0198
Case Officer:
Mr Christopher Wright

15 Cliff Gardens, Telscombe Cliffs, East Sussex, BN10 7BX

Proposed 2 bedroom dwelling

The Committee considered the application and it was proposed by Cllr T Armour, seconded by Cllr I Sharkey and unanimously recommended to **OBJECT** to the application on the following grounds:-

- i. Overdevelopment of the site – the dwelling takes up the whole proposed site
- ii. It is felt that if this is allowed to go ahead it will create a precedent for other similar properties in the locality

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- iii. The suggested access for a fire engine is via a track which is not considered wide enough for a fire engine
- iv. There are concerns over drainage as it does not make clear where it runs to – it appears to only go halfway down the pathway
- v. Possible soakaway on site therefore area could be contaminated – area should be surveyed and tested
- vi. There are concerns with the height of the roof pitch and the south facing windows reflecting sunlight

2160. NOTIFICATION OF PLANNING RESULTS

Telscombe
LW/17/0320
2 Telscombe Cliffs Way
BN10 7DT

Lewes DC GRANTS permission subject to conditions.
Telscombe's Planning & Highways Committee
SUPPORTED the application.

Telscombe
LW/18/0046
53 Ashurst Avenue Saltdean
BN2 8DR

Lewes DC GRANTS permission subject to conditions.
Telscombe's Planning & Highways Committee
SUPPORTED the application.

The Committee noted the planning results above.

2161. ESCC PUBLIC FOOTPATH TELSCOMBE 17 PATH CREATION ORDER 2018 CONFIRMATION

The Committee noted that the Order has been confirmed and the path will be operational from 13th April 2018.

2162. DEPARTMENT FOR TRANSPORT – PROPOSED STOPPING UP OF HIGHWAY AT 161 AMBLESIDE AVENUE, TELSCOMBE CLIFFS, BN10 7LH

It was noted that following the Committee's objections a response had been received from the Department of Transport advising that they only considered one of the committee's objections as valid being (c) lack of visibility as it is situated on a busy corner on a bus route. The Department of Transport had forwarded the objection to the applicant who had responded that they were not intending to build on the land but merely wished to extend their garden and erect a wooden fence around the perimeter that would be roughly 6 feet high. As a compromise they would also 'be willing to bring this in by a further meter on both sides'. The Committee considered this further information but felt that it still impeded visibility on this busy corner and that it would form a precedent for other similar areas. It was therefore proposed by Cllr J Wilkins, seconded by Cllr T Armour and unanimously **RECOMMENDED** to maintain OBJECTION to the proposal.

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2163. TO AGREE PAYMENT OF INVOICE TO O'NEIL HOMER FOR WORK ON THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Work on the Neighbourhood Plan is progressing and O'Neil Homer have submitted an invoice for £4,075 plus VAT for follow-up actions and preparation of consultation materials. Consultations started on Monday and will last for three weeks. It was proposed by Cllr T Armour, seconded by Cllr I Sharkey and unanimously **RECOMMENDED** that the invoice totalling £4,890 including VAT be paid.

2164. TO NOTE ACTION LIST

Top of Portobello steps/pathway close to cliff edge – Cllr Wilkins was concerned that moving the fence line in by 10 metres would not be enough and the Town Clerk will contact Tim Bartlett at LewesDC for his opinion.

Neighbourhood Planning – Cllr Robinson advised that the consultation events have started.

Tree Planting Scheme – Cllr Wilkins advised that the scheme is still progressing and hopes the new Mayor will continue to support the scheme.

Bridleway Footpath Gate / D Piece land ownership - Cllr Armour and Mick Evans will have a look at the area and see where fencing is required at the side of the cattle grid.

2165. URGENT MATTERS AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIRMAN FOR NOTING

Cllr Armour advised that the road sign had been knocked down at the junction of the C7 and Gorhams Lane – the Town Clerk will report it.

Cllr Robinson advised that a resident had highlighted a problem at Bannings Vale with cars doing u-turns and driving in the cycle lane and also there is a problem with bicycles speeding along the pavement and wondered if separating lines for pedestrians and bicycles could be put down. The Town Clerk will send the details to ESCC to be included on the next SLR agenda

Cllr Wilkins advised of parking problems on the corners of Cliff Gardens resulting in reduced visibility and Cllr Robinson advised of the same problem at Buckhurst Road. The Town Clerk advised she will also send this to ESCC for inclusion on the next SLR agenda.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.32 pm.

Signed.....
CHAIRMAN

NB Next meeting of the committee – Monday 23rd April 2018 at 7.30pm