



TELSCOMBE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the **Planning & Highways Committee** held in Room 1 at Telscombe Civic Centre on **Wednesday 11th June 2025** at 7.30 pm.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillors C Clarkson, C Gallagher *Chairman*, M Lawrie, L O'Connor, C Robinson, N Watts *Vice Chairman & Deputy Mayor* & T Williamson

Also Present: Stella Newman, Town Clerk & RFO
Angela Greenfield, Admin & Finance Assistant (*minutes*)
3 members of the public

7.30pm - The meeting was adjourned to take questions from the members of the public present.

3719. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The Secretary of the Telscombe Residents Association (TRA) raised the following points:-

1. TRA would like to make a request for a perch seat to be installed in the bus shelter on the A259 South Coast Road at the bottom of Broomfield Avenue going westbound to Brighton.
2. The BSIP funding is movable as East Sussex County Council (ESCC) are no longer carrying out the bus lane works at The Drove, Newhaven or Upper Road, Eastbourne. If ESCC made improvements to the junction of Telscombe Cliffs Way, it would make it easier for the buses and traffic eastbound. This would make a bus lane eastbound in Telscombe Cliffs less of a necessity. He also asked if we could we please bring agenda item 11 forward?

The Chair was in agreement to bring item 11 forward and it was proposed by Cllr O'Connor, seconded by Cllr Williamson and unanimously agreed.

The other members of the public wished to speak about traffic on Telscombe Cliffs Way as follows:-

1. Speeding of cars near the bottom of the road towards the junction with the A259 South Coast Road.
2. Loud modified cars racing along the road.
3. Inconsiderate parking along the road, blocking driveways especially near to the island making it impossible for buses to get round and causing major hold-ups all along the road.

The residents were advised that the TRA is aware of parking and road issues in the area and may be able to help. They were also advised that Cllrs Robinson and O'Connor are involved with inconsiderate parking near the school and Parking Enforcement Officers have been present to monitor the situation and issue fines and they will raise the issue of parking problems at the southern end of the road. The residents were advised that it is important that residents report with photos any inconsiderate parking in real-time to the parking shop and Telscombe Council will forward them contact details.

Regarding speeding, this is a police matter and there is an impending change of law to allow police to confiscate illegally modified vehicles. They were advised to report any anti-social activities to Operation Crackdown and it was suggested to put an article in our newsletter and on Facebook regarding speeding traffic and inconsiderate parking.

Two members of the public left and the meeting resumed at 7.50pm.



TELSCOMBE TOWN COUNCIL

3720. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS

Apologies were received from Cllr Sharkey as she was attending another meeting. This reason for absence was accepted by the Committee.

3721. TO RECEIVE MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN RELATION TO MATTERS ON THE AGENDA

None.

3722. TO APPROVE & SIGN MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 21ST MAY 2025

It was proposed by Cllr Robinson, seconded by Cllr Williamson and unanimously **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 21st May 2025 were a true record of the proceedings and were signed as correct by the Chair, Cllr Gallagher.

Agenda Item 11 – brought forward as agreed.

3723. TO CONSIDER REQUEST FROM TELSCOMBE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION FOR COUNCIL TO SUPPORT THEIR LETTER/POSITION REGARDING BUS SERVICE IMPROVEMENT PLAN FUNDING

After a long discussion it was proposed by Cllr O'Connor, seconded by Cllr Clarkson and unanimously **RECOMMENDED** to support the letter sent by the Telscombe Residents Association to East Sussex County Council (ESCC) and that the Town Clerk write to ESCC highlighting our disappointment that we have, yet again, missed out on infrastructure funding.

The remaining member of the public left the meeting.

3724. TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING PLANNING APPLICATION

LW/25/0301 – 123 Bannings Vale, East Saltdean, BN2 8DH

Case Officer: Ella Rigluth. Single storey rear extension

Following consideration of the application it was proposed by Cllr Clarkson, seconded by Cllr Watts and unanimously **RECOMMENDED** to **SUPPORT** the application.

3725. TO NOTE THE FOLLOWING PLANNING APPLICATION DECISIONS

The following planning decisions were noted:-

LW/25/0125 - 43 Ashurst Avenue, Saltdean, East Sussex BN2 8DR

Case Officer: James Emery. Existing certificate of lawfulness for rear raised decking

LewesDC **GRANTED** permission

Telscombe's Planning & Highways Committee made **NO COMMENT** on the application due to a declaration of interest and consideration of the item therefore being inquorate.



TELSCOMBE TOWN COUNCIL

3725. To note the following planning application decisions (Contd)

LW/25/0127 - 39 Gorham Way, Telscombe Cliffs, East Sussex BN10 7BA

Case Officer: James Emery. Single storey infill extension to rear and loft conversion compromising 2no. front dormers, hip to gable conversion of existing roof over rear extension and rear dormer
LewesDC **GRANTED** permission

Telscombe's Planning & Highways Committee **OBJECTED** to the application

LW/25/0218 – 1 Cissbury Crescent, Saltdean, East Sussex BN2 8EN

Case Officer: James Emery. Part single and part two storey side/rear wraparound extension with replacement of existing garage

LewesDC **GRANTED** permission

Telscombe's Planning & Highways Committee made did not support or object to the application but raised concerns regarding overshadowing and the proximity of the extension to the boundary

LW/25/0221 – 26 Bannings Vale, Saltdean, East Sussex BN2 8DB

Case Officer: James Emery. Single storey extensions to side and rear

LewesDC **GRANTED** permission

Telscombe's Planning & Highways Committee **SUPPORTED** the application

3726. TO NOTE THE ACTIONS CARRIED OUT OR REQUIRED FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS AND AGREE ANY FURTHER MEASURES REQUIRED

Meeting Date	Issue Detail	Action Owner	Update	Due Date
6.11.24	Min 3592, p 4232 – Urgent Matters – damage to wildflower verge	BB	<p>Damage to the wildflower verge on A259/Fairlight Ave from building material has been reported to ESCC. They have written to the residents and if not removed, will be completed by their contractors.</p> <p><i>19.2.25 - Still not rectified and officers were asked to chase this up. 26.2.25 Chased up & ESCC advised they will visit the resident. 13.3.25 - ESCC were chased again. They advised resident not in when they visited & will follow up with another letter and visit. 9.4.25 - Resident has started to clear this area although building works are still being under-taken. 13.5.25 - The area is still a mess but works are still being carried out. Monitor situation and agreed to leave this on the action list. 21.5.25 – Works now complete. Town Clerk contacted ESCC as agreed at last meeting re reinstating destroyed grass verge. They have advised that their Steward visited the site & found that the grass does not require repairs at this time based on the council's investigatory levels.</i></p>	Complete



TELSCOMBE TOWN COUNCIL

3726. To note the actions carried out or required from previous meetings and agree any further measures required (Contd)

Meeting Date	Issue Detail	Action Owner	Update	Due Date
21.5.25	Min 3705, p 4358 – public question time	SN	TRA's query re BSIP funding & TTC's support – information TRA sent to ESCC has now been received.	See new agenda item
21.5.25	Min 3715, p 4362 – Consider whether to respond to ESCC's Lewes Parking Review 2 – Formal Consultation TRO/515	SN	Response submitted to ESCC in support. Requests for further amendments not being considered. If we want an extension of double yellow lines, a new request will have to be submitted.	Complete
21.5.25	Min 3716, p 4362 – Consider whether to comment on the draft East Sussex Freight & Rail Strategies Public Consultation	Working Group	Cllrs Gallagher, Williamson & O'Connor to be on working group (other Committee members invited to join, but no takers) to formulate & submit a response. Meeting to be arranged.	30 th June

Min 3716, p 4362 – Consider whether to comment on the draft East Sussex Freight & Rail Strategies Public Consultation:- It was noted that a meeting had been arranged for the next day, 12th June, for the working group to formulate a response.

The remainder of the action list was **noted**.

3727. TO NOTE THE INCOME & EXPENDITURE TO 30th APRIL 2025

The Committee **noted** the income & expenditure figures which included a comparison of budget and actual spend to date. Cllr Robinson asked when we would receive the money from East Sussex County Council (ESCC) for their contribution to the grass verge cutting. The Town Clerk advised that a purchase order had recently been received from ESCC and we had issued an invoice accordingly.

3728. BUSINESS PLAN UPDATE/REVIEW

Following discussion it was unanimously **RECOMMENDED** to make the following amendment to the business plan:-

- Regarding item 1, the Neighbourhood Plan:- Add information regarding submission of the Habitat Regulation Assessment Report to LewesDC and the current position, with a review date of July 2025.



TELSCOMBE TOWN COUNCIL

3729. TO CONSIDER WHETHER TO COMMENT ON THE EAST DEAN AND FRISTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

It was proposed by Cllr O'Connor, seconded by Cllr Robinson and unanimously **RECOMMENDED** not to comment on the East Dean and Friston Neighbourhood Plan.

3730. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE

Cllr O'Connor advised that the Habitat Regulation Assessment Report had been sent to statutory consultees and following the end of the consultation period, is now with the examiner for comment. We should hopefully receive an update in July.

3731. TO NOTE CIL MONIES RECEIVED FROM LEWES DISTRICT COUNCIL

The Committee noted the amount of £558 received from Lewes District Council in May regarding planning application number LW/19/0518, 363 South Coast Road, which will need to be spent by May 2030.

3732. URGENT MATTERS AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIRMAN FOR NOTING OR ADDING ON A FUTURE AGENDA

None.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.28 pm.

Signed, Chairman

Next meeting of the Committee – Wednesday 2nd July 2025