



PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes of a Meeting of the Planning & Development Committee
held in the Meeching Hall, Fort Road, Newhaven,
on **Tuesday 9th April 2019 at 7.15pm.**

PRESENT: Councillors Steve Saunders (Chair)
Tony Bradbury (Vice Chair)
Graham Amy
Angela Simmons
Keith Corbett
Pat Clarke

ALSO ATTENDING: Jacky Main, Clerk to the Council
Susie Mullins, Head of Strategic Development
Councillor June Dyer
5 members of the public

P410/19 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were none. All committee members were present.

P411/19 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Tony Bradbury declared a personal interest in application LW/19/0205 as he lives close by. It was agreed that he had no pecuniary interest

P412/19 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 19th March 2019 were considered.

RESOLVED:

That these Minutes as drafted be signed by the Chair as a true record of the proceedings.

P413/19 **PETITIONS/PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

It was agreed to allow members of the public to speak at the time applications were discussed.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Committee considered the following planning applications:-

LW/19/0204 Flat 2, 20 Claremont Road

Installation of patio doors to replace existing doors and windows on the front elevation of an existing first floor self contained flat.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED:

The committee raised no objections to this application.

LW/19/0212 15 First Avenue

Two storey rear extension and updating of existing property.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED:

The committee raised no objections to this application.

LW/18/0205 Land at Valley Road

9 new 3 bedroom dwelling with off road parking and landscaping. New access from Valley Road.

The Chair read a letter of objection from a local resident. Councillor Keith Corbett arrived at this point in the meeting. The local resident said that he felt that improving the road would not solve the issue of gridlock in this area at dropping off time and picking up time at school.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED:

The committee objected to this development on the following grounds.

- Increase of congestion on the highway, especially when children arrive and leave the school. It was not felt that the improvements proposed to the road surface would be sufficient to mitigate against the increase in traffic and danger to pedestrians accessing the school.
- Drainage issues.
- Damage to the local ecology and protected species. It was felt that the species survey was inadequate and there was no information about what had happened to protected species in contravention of the International Berne Convention.
- Lack of visitor parking, due to the narrowness of the access road. There were concerns that parking would take place in the turning area.
- Increased pressure on Valley Road, the committee suggested passing places should be provided further down Valley Road.
- Difficulties of access for service vehicles.

The committee asked for this application to be decided by the Lewes District Council Committee.

P415/19 PLANNING DECISIONS

The committee noted a report on recent planning decisions by Lewes District Council.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.00pm

Date: **Chairman**