

**Minutes of the Planning Committee
Meeting on Monday 16 May 2022**

Present:

- Chairman:** Cllr D Wright
- Councillors:** P Burrows, M Hartnell, M Macaskill A Singh
- Officers:** Planning Committee Clerk
- Public:** No members of the public were present

- 1. Election of Chairman for the Municipal Year 2022/2023**
The Committee unanimously **ELECTED** Cllr David Wright as Chairman of the Planning Committee for the forthcoming municipal year.
(moved Cllr Singh, seconded Cllr Burrows)
- 2. Election of Vice Chairman of the Municipal Year 2022/2023**
The Committee unanimously **ELECTED** Cllr Peter Burrows as Vice Chairman of the Planning Committee for the forthcoming municipal year.
(moved Cllr Wright, seconded Cllr Singh)
- 3. Apologies for absence**
Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr Beer & Cllr Russell.
- 4. Declarations of Interest**
Cllr Hartnell declared a personal interest as a Councillor with Devon County Council (DCC) and East Devon District Council (EDDC).
- 5. Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Monday 11th April 2022**
The Committee **RESOLVED** to agree the minutes of the meeting held on 11th April 2022.
(moved Cllr Burrows; seconded Cllr Wright)
- 6. District Council Members**
It was formally noted that the participation of those Councillors, who are also members of the East Devon District Council, in both the debate and the subsequent vote is on the basis that the views expressed are preliminary views taking account of the information presently made available to the Town Council. The District

Councillors reserve their final views on the application until they are in full possession of all the relevant arguments for and against.

7. Environment Policy

Members are reminded that in reaching decisions they should take into consideration the Town Council's Environment Policy that the Planning Committee will consider sustainability, environmental impact and biodiversity when commenting on planning applications in Seaton.

8. Public Question Time

No questions from members of the public.

Applications for consideration:

9. **22/0853/TCA** **Mr J Slade** **Brockwell, 43 Fore Street, Seaton EX12 2AD**
Tree 02, Monterey cypress - located in the garden of 43 Fore Street, Seaton, EX12 2AD (see attached plan for the location of the tree). The proposal is to fell the tree. The tree is structurally defective with an included main union at 2m. A reduction in the height and width of the crown will lead to the tree's death / decline. This species is not suitable for crown reduction at this age. The only reasonable option is to fell the tree.

The Committee **RESOLVED** to propose no objection to the application.
(moved Cllr Burrows; seconded Cllr Macaskill)

10. **21/3321/FUL** **Mr & Mrs Rogers** **58 Scalwell Lane, Seaton EX12 2LE**
Amended plans to show the amendments to the side rooflights and replacement of rear balcony with hip to gable extension and Juliet balcony.

Discussion took place around:

- The amended plans showed a more imposing and overbearing bungalow. This was considered to be overdevelopment of the bungalow.
- The proposals were not in keeping with the character of the area or streetscene.
- The design of the Juliet balcony was overbearing and would increase the potential for overlooking into neighbouring gardens.
- The previous reasons of objection had not been addressed with the amended plans.

The Committee **RESOLVED** to object to the application on the grounds of:

- Contrary to Policy D1- Design and Local Distinctiveness of the East Devon Local Plan 2013-2031 as it was overdevelopment of the bungalow and not in keeping with the area or streetscene. The amended plans had not addressed the original reasons for objection.
- The creation of a Juliet balcony and its design was overbearing and would increase the potential for overlooking into neighbouring gardens.
- The increase in the length of the roof would block more daylight and further increase the negative impact on neighbour's rights to enjoy natural daylight and their rights to privacy.

(moved Cllr Wright; seconded Cllr Macaskill)

11. 22/0895/VAR **J Dukes** **Flint House, Fremington Road,
Seaton, EX12 2HX**
Removal of Condition No.2
(Approved Plans) of application
21/2482/FUL.

The Committee **RESOLVED** to propose no objection to the application.
(moved Cllr Macaskill; seconded Cllr Burrows)

12. 22/0966/FUL **J Rowe** **Kingsland, Castle Hill, Seaton
EX12 2QW**
Landscaping front garden to form
parking area.

The Committee **RESOLVED** to propose no objection to the application.
(moved Cllr Wright; seconded Cllr Burrows)

13. 22/1020/TCA **Mrs Jean Cleare** **Ashley House, Fore Street,
Seaton EX12 2AD**
a) Lawson Cyprus: Fell because of
excessive shading (no replacement

planned) Tree to be cut down at ground level.

The Committee **RESOLVED** to propose no objection to the application.
(moved Cllr Hartnell; seconded Cllr Singh)

14. Planning Comments

Comments to be circulated in respect of application 21/3321/FUL.

15. Decisions

To note planning decisions made by East Devon District Council:

- a) **22/0352/OUT – 77 Seaton Down Road, Seaton** Construction of a single storey dwelling accessed from Marlpit Lane following demolition of an existing car port; and construction of a parking bay accessed from Seaton Down Road. (Outline application with all matters reserved.) - **REFUSED**.
- b) **22/0490/TRE – The Mount, 199 Beer Road, Seaton T1 - Lime.** Remove all epicormic growth on main stem up to a height of 5m, crown lift remaining to 6m above ground level. Maximum diameter of cuts 75mm T2 - Monterey Cypress. Remove major hazardous deadwood Reason for works: T1 is a repeat operation that was originally done in 2014, pruning is considered appropriate arboricultural management. T2 is exempt but thought it prudent to include in the application – **APPROVED** – with conditions.
- c) **22/0561/TRE – 18 Townsend Road, Seaton T1, Oak** : DBH 25 inches, located in rear garden left hand rear boundary corner, raise crown to 6m, reduce height and width of tree by up to 1.5m, maximum pruning cuts of up to 120mm. The tree was last reportedly pruned in 2003 and not to good arboricultural practice at that time, since then it has become very dense, due to the poor pruning and is blocking light getting to the property. The tree has become too large for the area that it is in, there are also concerns over the lower lateral branches end loads, along with wanting to reduce the sail effect, after branches were lost during the recent storms – **SPLIT DECISION**.
- d) **22/0468/FUL – 8 Meadow Road, Seaton** Erection of single storey rear extension. Construction of rear dormer extension. Removal of front porch enclosure and provision of replacement porch roof – **APPROVED** – with conditions.
- e) **22/0444/FUL – 3 Fortfield, Seaton** Enlargement of existing dormer window on front (south) roof elevation – **APPROVED** – with conditions.
- f) **21/2499/RES – Land North of Macwood Drive, Seaton** Details of layout, scale, landscaping and appearance of the building and the means of access thereto,



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pursuant to outline planning permission 18/1196/OUT (Outline application for two bedroom detached bungalow with off street parking space, and demolition of existing building) – **APPROVED** – with conditions.

- g) **21/3172/FUL – Thorncombe, Highcliffe Crescent, Seaton** Single storey extensions and detached double garage – **APPROVED** – standard time limit.

The meeting closed at 6.01pm.

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Dated 6-6-2022

