

**Minutes of the Planning Committee
Meeting on Monday 31 July 2023**

Present:

Chairman: P Burrows

Councillors: K Beer, D Haggerty, J Russell & A Singh

Officers: Town Clerk

Public: One member of the public was present

33. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr Brooks.

34. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Haggerty declared a personal interest as a Councillor with East Devon District Council (EDDC).

35. Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Monday 17th July 2023

The Committee **RESOLVED** to agree the minutes of the meeting held on 17th July 2023.

(moved Cllr Beer; seconded Cllr Singh)

36. 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.

37. 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.

38. Public Question Time

One member of the public spoke on planning application 23/1456/FUL – Land North Of Driftwood Close, Seaton and raised the following points:



- The property they live in borders the application site. There was an application submitted in March for two dwellings to be constructed on the application site which would have been three metres from the border of their property. This would have been very imposing on their property. The applicant withdrew the application.
- The only difference between the current application and the one withdrawn is that the previous application was for two detached two storey dwellings and the current one is for one single storey dwelling. Adjacent to what is now Driftwood Close was the bottom of two gardens. Over the years various attempts have been made to sell this land for development. The area has now grown into a nice ecological space with lovely trees and wildlife who visit this site. The site has now been stripped ready for development. Due to the delay in developing this area wildflowers have started growing again on the site with visiting birds and butterflies. The application site screens the occupiers of neighbouring properties in Fore Street from Driftwood Close.
- Even though this application is only for one dwelling only as opposed to two as the one dwelling is a bungalow it would take up more space on the site and with the loss of various trees it would mean the proposed bungalow is right on top of nearby properties. This development would have a significant impact on the residential amenities and privacy of the residents of these properties.

Applications for consideration:

39. 23/1456/FUL

Mr Slade

Land North Of Driftwood Close, Seaton

Construction of a new detached single storey dwelling with garage and the relocation of two existing garages, including access and landscaping.

Discussion took place around:

- The design of the bungalow is very utilitarian and unattractive and does not look like a building that would become someone's home. It looks more like holiday accommodation. The design of the bungalow will not blend in with the special qualities of the area in which it is proposed to be built and the quality of the proposed dwelling is very poor.
- The bungalow will take up most of the site with the garage and parking spaces being sited adjacent to the patio area. It is characterless in appearance and the length and design of the bungalow makes it look more like a Nissen Hut. Members considered the proposal was overdevelopment of the site.
- Concerns over access to and from the development onto The Underfleet.

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

- The design and quality of the proposed dwelling is poor and will not blend in with the special qualities of the area in which it is proposed to be built.
- There will be an increase in traffic coming in and out of Driftwood Close onto The Underfleet which has seen a substantial increase in traffic over the past few years.
- Overdevelopment of the plot as the dwelling will take up most of the site area and will appear cramped and overbearing on the plot.

(moved Cllr Beer; seconded Cllr Haggerty)

40. 23/1467/FUL

**Gillian Smyth &
Wynsley Riley**

**4 Fremington Road, Seaton
EX12 2PQ**

Erection of a single storey front extension and alterations to the front and rear.

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

41. 23/1355/FUL

Mr D Wayne

191 Beer Road, Seaton EX12 2QB

Demolition of an existing house and a proposed replacement dwelling with 4 bedrooms.

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

42. 23/1442/VAR

Mr Erwin Davis

**Fosse Way Court, Seaton
EX12 2LP**

Variation of condition 4 (working hours) of application 14/0187/MFUL (Refurbishment and extension of existing apartment blocks (inc additional levels) and construction of new link apartment block to provide an additional 30 no residential apartments and additional parking provision); construction or demolition works shall be carried out, or deliveries received outside of the following hours: 7:30 am to 5:30 pm Monday to Friday and 8 am to 1 pm on

Saturdays and not on Sundays and
public holidays.

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

43. 23/1561/FUL Wendy Gilks 2 York Road, Seaton EX12 2SA
Proposed dormer window.

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

44. Planning Comments

Comments to be circulated in respect of application 23/1456/FUL.

45. Decisions

To note planning decisions made by East Devon District Council:

- a) **23/0845/FUL – Halstead, Sea Hill, Seaton** Change of use from the existing nursing home to a dwelling – **APPROVED** standard time limit.
- b) **23/1140/FUL – Wildwoods, 9 Seaton Down Close, Seaton** Single-storey extension and re-alignment of the roof – **APPROVED** standard time limit.
- c) **23/1214/TRE – Check House, 61 Beer Road, Seaton** G1: Group of Oak - trim back branches to create a 1.5 - 2m clearance along roof and around chimney breast of 63 Beer Road. Western crown reduction of 1 - 1.5m and crown lift to 2.5m, above and along driveway of no. 63 – **APPROVED** with conditions.
- d) **23/1521/CPL – Ervine Cottage, Seaton Down Close, Seaton** Lawful development certificate for extension to existing dormer – **APPROVED CPL Approve Part 1** – no consultations were requested for this application.

The meeting closed at 6.05pm.

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Dated _____