

**Minutes of the Planning Committee
Meeting on Monday 11 December 2023**

Present:

Chairman: P Burrows

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

Other Councillors: E Bowman

Officers: Town Clerk

Public: One member of the public was present.

121. Apologies for absence

There were no apologies for absence received.

122. Declarations of Interest

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

123. Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Monday 20th November 2023

The Committee **RESOLVED** to agree the minutes of the meeting held on 20th November 2023.
(moved Cllr Singh; seconded Cllr Burrows)

124. 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.

125. 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.

126. Public Question Time

Mr Jack Rowland spoke regarding an application that had been validated for the demolition of all buildings located at the former Seaton Heights Hotel. The presumption was that demolition could proceed without requiring planning permission unless there were objections on the grounds of the method of demolition and the proposed restoration of the site. Due to the time restraints for sending in a response for this application and that objections could only be raised if Seaton Town Council objected to the application on the grounds of the method of demolition and the proposed restoration of the site the Planning Committee agreed to send in comments stating that the Town Council did not object to the application. This complies with the Councils Scheme of Delegations which states that the Town Clerk, after consultation with members of the Planning Committee, is delegated to submit comments for planning applications to East Devon District Council on any applications received, where the deadline for a response is before said application may be considered by a meeting of the Planning Committee.

Mr Rowland raised the following points:

- There are still quite a few problems with this site that have been raised by the District Planning Officer at East Devon District Council.
- When on the district Council Mr Rowlands spent a considerable amount of time dealing with issues on this site, doing site visits etc. and was always pointing out his concerns regarding the potential for the starting of fires as there are several wooden chalets nearby and a petrol filling station. Sadly, this is what occurred in October which has led to an application being submitted to demolish the buildings on the site.
- If the application had been on the agenda Mr Rowland would have supported it as it was long overdue.
- This has been going on for a long time and Mr Rowland tried his best to get a resolution to this whilst he was on the district council.
- The latest East Devon District Councils response to the previous application is an Ecology Report dated 9 October 2023 objecting to the loss of bat habitats. Part of the demolition order will be to include a provision of habitats for bats.

Applications for consideration:

127. 23/2454/FUL Mr Colin Spearing

**21 Upper Churston Rise, Seaton
EX12 2HD**

Formation of external decking
including retaining walls and
widening of steps [partially
(retrospective)].

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

128. 23/2507/TRE Mr Michael Pritchard

**Foxley, 23 Marlpit Lane, Seaton
EX12 2HH**

T1: Chestnut - crown lift to remove the two lower limbs, the large lateral limb and limb above. T2: Chestnut - crown lift and target prune smaller branches back to an appropriate growth point to remove the lower limb/s encroaching into Foxley. T3: Cedar - radial crown lift to 3m height from ground level. T4: Yew - crown lift to 2m above ground level and overall crown reduction of up to 2m.

The Committee **RESOLVED** to propose no objection to the application and would support the recommendations of the East Devon District Council's Arboricultural Officer.
(moved Cllr Burrows; seconded Cllr Singh)

129. 23/2472/TEL Cornerstone

**Land At Underfleet Car Park
West, The Underfleet, Seaton**

Proposed installation of a 20m monopole comprising 6 no antennas and 2 no dishes together with 3 no ground based cabinets and ancillary development thereto.

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

130. 23/2561/FUL East Devon District Council

**Toilets West Walk, Castle Hill,
Seaton EX12 2QW**

Proposal to demolish existing public toilets and replace with a new public toilet building.

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



**131. 23/2575/FUL Mr Daniel Ledger and
Ms Abigail Down**

**29 Poplar Tree Drive, Seaton
EX12 2TW**

Raising of roof and conversion of
roof space to habitable space,
including front and rear dormers
and balcony.

The Committee **RESOLVED** to not comment on the application as one of the applicants is
a Member of Seaton Town Council.

132. Planning Comments

There were no comments for circulation.

133. Decisions

To note planning decisions made by East Devon District Council:

- a) **23/2104/FUL – Just Hair, 42 Queen Street, Seaton** Change of use of the existing
hairdressers (Class E(c)(ii) - Shop) to form 1 no. residential unit (Class C3 dwelling-
house/residential) whilst keeping part of the existing shop and associated external
works – **APPROVED** with conditions
- b) **23/1561/FUL – 2 York Road, Seaton** Proposed dormer window – **APPROVED** with
conditions..
- c) **23/2237/FUL – 7 Greenway, Seaton** Construction of garden room – **REFUSED**.

The meeting closed at 6.00pm.

Signed _____

Dated _____

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