

LINDFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Planning and Traffic Committee held on 5 May 2009 at the King Edward Hall, Lindfield.

The meeting commenced at 8.00 p.m.

Present: Mr C Snowling (Chairman) Mr. A. Gomme (Vice Chairman)
Mrs M Nicolle
Mr W Blunden
Mr. M. Leach

Also Present: 5 members of the public

In Attendance: Mrs. V Grainger

271. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

271.1 Apologies for Absence were received from Cllrs. Upton, Hersey and Willcox and the reasons accepted.

272. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

272.1 There were no declarations of interest from Members in respect of any items on the Agenda.

273. MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 14 APRIL 2009.

273.1 The Chairman called for approval of the Minutes of the meeting of the Planning and Traffic Committee held on 14 April 2009. It was AGREED to approve the Minutes and the Chairman SIGNED the Minutes as a true record of that meeting.

274. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

274.1 For each application, the observations of the members who had specifically studied the plans, and whose names are shown in the heading, were read out before any public comments and discussion by the Committee. It was AGREED, for the benefit of members of the public present at the meeting, to rearrange the order in which the planning applications were to be considered.

274.2 09/00804/COND – WATSONS BRASSERIE, 96 HIGH STREET
APPLICATION TO VARY CONDITIONS TWO AND THREE OF APPLICATION 07/03567/COU
VARIATION OF CONDITION 2: THE BUILDING SHALL BE CLEARED OF CUSTOMERS AND SHALL
NOT OPEN FOR TRADE OR BUSINESS BETWEEN THE FOLLOWING HOURS: MONDAY -
SATURDAY 08:00 – 23:00 AND SUNDAY 10:00 – 23:00. (CURRENT PERMITTED HOURS ARE 08:00
– 23:00 TUE TO SAT, 08:00 – 18:00 SUN, AND CLOSED ON MONDAYS). VARIATION OF
CONDITION 3: THE OUTSIDE SEATING AREA SHALL BE CLEARED OF CUSTOMERS BY 20: 00
HOURS EACH EVENING AND ALL TABLES AND CHAIRS CLEARED BY 21: 00 HOURS (CURRENT
PERMITTED HOURS ARE OUTDOOR AREA TO BE CLEARED OF CUSTOMERS BY 17:00 EACH
EVENING AND TABLES AND CHAIRS CLEARED BY 18:00 HRS). (Cllrs. Blunden and Upton)

AGREED RESPONSE: "No objection"

274.3 09/00851/FUL – 85 HIGH STREET
CHANGE OF COLOUR TO FRONT ELEVATION OF MAIN HOUSE. ALTERATION TO COURTYARD
INCLUDING ENLARGEMENT OF FLOWER BEDS AND PLANTING OF TWO CHERRY TREES. (Cllrs.
Willcox and Upton)

Mr J. Jesson (Lindfield Preservation Society) commented that notwithstanding other planning considerations there was a question of principle that applications should include precise details of colour

change. A swatch should have been provided in order to be able make a judgement. If a swatch was not made available it was not possible to be in position to be able to judge the merits of the application.

Mr N. Kerslake commented that the problem with colour changes was that unlike a change or extension to a property which required detailed drawings providing clarity, there was no such clarity in a proposed colour change, particularly if a colour swatch was not made available. The swatch provided also needed to be accurate and of a significant size to be able to make a judgement. Mr Kerslake had objections to the colour proposed as this was fairly strong colour and green would be out of keeping with other properties in the High Street.

AGREED RESPONSE: "We are unable to comment on the applications without accurate colour charts being available, as we consider that it is important that both the Committee and the members of the public present at the meeting, should know precisely what is being proposed."

- 274.4 09/00852/LBC – 85 HIGH STREET
CHANGE OF COLOUR TO FRONT ELEVATION OF MAIN HOUSE. ALTERATION TO COURTYARD INCLUDING ENLARGEMENT OF FLOWER BEDS AND PLANTING OF TWO CHERRY TREES. REMOVAL OF PALSTERBOARD CEILING AND PLASTERBOARD WALL LINING IN OUTBUILDING TO EXPOSE ORIGINAL BUTT- PURLIN ROOF STRUCTURE AND BRICK/STONE WALLS
(Cllrs. Willcox and Upton)

AGREED RESPONSE: "We are unable to comment on the applications without accurate colour charts being available, as we consider that it is important that both the Committee and the members of the public present at the meeting should know precisely what is being proposed."

- 274.5 09/00905/FUL- 33 BLACKTHORNS
PROPOSED TILED PITCH ROOF OVER EXISTING SINGLE STOREY EXTENSION TOGETHER WITH 1ST FLOOR REAR DORMER EXTENSION.(Cllrs. Willcox and Upton))

AGREED RESPONSE: "No objections".

- 274.6 09/00971/TREE – 5 HICKMANS CLOSE
OAK (T1) – REDUCE LOWEST BRANCH ON SOUTH-EAST SIDE BY UP TO 3m. (Cllrs.Willcox and Upton).

AGREED RESPONSE: "No objections"

- 274.7 09/00904/FUL– 7 COMPTON ROAD
CONSERVATORY TO REAR ELEVATION. (Cllrs. Snowling and Gomme).

AGREED RESPONSE: "No objections".

- 274.8 09/01117/FUL – FROYLS, 125 HIGH STREET
CHANGE EXTERNAL WALL COLOUR FROM BRILLIANT WHITE TO CREAM. (BEAMS TO STAY BLACK AS THEY ARE AT PRESENT).CHANGE OF COLOUR OF FRONT DOOR FROM WHITE TO PALE GREEN AS DETAILED ON DULUX COLOUR CHART. (Cllrs. Snowling and Gomme)

Mr J. Jesson (Lindfield Preservation Society) expressed similar comments to those made for the previous application for 85 High Street. Although weather shield cream was well known, the colour of the door was less clear without the appropriate colour swatch.

Mr N Kerslake commented that there were a variety of creams and the colour needed to be seen to make a proper judgement. Although he had sympathy with the applicant, the application could not be actively supported without a colour swatch being available.

AGREED RESPONSE: "We are unable to comment on the applications without accurate colour charts being available, as we consider that it is important that both the Committee and the members of the public present at the meeting should know precisely what is being proposed."

274.9 09/01118/LBC – FROYLS, 125 HIGH STREET
CHANGE EXTERNAL WALL COLOUR FROM BRILLIANT WHITE TO CREAM. (BEAMS TO STAY BLACK AS THEY ARE AT PRESENT).CHANGE OF COLOUR OF FRONT DOOR FROM WHITE TO PALE GREEN AS DETAILED ON DULUX COLOUR CHART. (Cllrs. Snowling and Gomme)

AGREED RESPONSE: "We are unable to comment on the applications without accurate colour charts being available, as we consider that it is important that both the Committee and the members of the public present at the meeting, should know precisely what is being proposed."

274.10 09/01146/TCA – 1 CHURCH VIEW COTTAGES, FRANCIS ROAD
FELL ONE CYPRESS (Cllrs. Snowling and Gomme)

AGREED RESPONSE: "No objection".

274.11 09/01154/TREE – PEAR TREE HOUSE, 30 HIGH STREET
REDUCE CANOPY OF YEW (T1) BY IM. (Cllrs. Snowling and Gomme)

AGREED RESPONSE: "Two of the Committee have been into the room that is being affected by this tree. We understand the adverse effect of the continuing growth of the Yew. We believe that the occupiers of Pear Tree Cottage are entitled to have natural light through this window overlooking the High Street and Pond. We therefore do not oppose the application".

275. REPORT ON SIGNIFICANT PLANNING DECISIONS MADE BY MSDC AND THE PLANNING INSPECTORATE

275.1 The tabled list showing the decisions had been circulated and it was noted that the application 09/00398/FUL The Lindfield Club, King Edward Hall had been approved by MSDC. The reasons for approval were that it was not considered that the proposed alterations would result in harm to the streetscene as the lower part of the railings were screened from public view. A condition had been applied that the new railings and gate shall be painted black to match existing.

276. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

276.1 Councillor Snowling advised that this would be his last meeting as Chairman before the Annual Council Meeting when the Chairs of the various Committees would be agreed for the forthcoming year. He thanked the members the Committee for the work they had undertaken during the year and for the support they had given him. The Committee expressed its gratitude to Cllr. Snowling for his diligence as Chairman. It was also the last meeting to be attended by the Deputy Clerk who was leaving to take up a post with Adur and Worthing Councils. The Committee expressed their appreciation of the support provided by the Deputy Clerk during the past year and wished her well in her new appointment.

The meeting concluded at 8.30 p.m.