

LINDFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the **Planning and Traffic Committee** held on **10 April 2012** at the King Edward Hall, Lindfield.

The meeting commenced at 8.00pm.

Present: Mr C Snowling (Chairman)
Mr A Gomme (Vice Chairman)
Mr W Blunden
Mrs J Chatfield
Mr S Hodgson
Mrs V Upton

Also Present: 7 members of the public

In Attendance: Mr P Hemsley

145. WELCOME AND EMERGENCY ANNOUNCEMENTS

145.1 The Chairman welcomed those present and announced the emergency procedure for the King Edward Hall.

146. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

146.1 Apologies were received from Councillors Amor and Hersey and the reasons accepted.

147. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

147.1 Cllr Snowling stated that he reserved the right to express a different opinion from that given at this meeting, when present at meetings of the MSDC's CAPC or at any other meeting which subsequently considered any matter discussed at the present meeting, having seen the Officers' reports and heard representations from members of the public and the views of fellow members.

148. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING AND TRAFFIC COMMITTEE HELD ON 20 MARCH 2012

148.1 The Chairman called for approval of the Minutes of the Planning and Traffic Committee meeting held on 20 March 2012. It was **AGREED** to **APPROVE** the Minutes and the Chairman **SIGNED** the Minutes as a true record of that meeting.

149. PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND OTHER MATTERS REFERRED TO THE PARISH COUNCIL BY MID SUSSEX DISTRICT COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION

149.1 For each application, the observations of the members who had specifically studied the plans were read out before any public comments and discussion by the Committee.

149.2 12/00853/TCA – CHEYNEYS, LEWES ROAD
SILVER BIRCH – REDUCE TREE HEIGHT TO ROOF LEVEL OF HOUSE.

The Deputy Clerk read out comments from the Tree Warden who had visited the site and who felt the proposal was too severe. Cllr Blunden said that they were aware of the Tree Warden's comments but believed it was in the best interests of neighbours to support the proposal. Other Members were content. Mr Ward, the owner of the tree, wholeheartedly endorsed the Cllrs' response.

AGREED RESPONSE: "No objection."

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- 149.3 12/00918/TCA – CHANTRY COTTAGE, 121 HIGH STREET
FELL ONE NORWEGIAN SPRUCE.

AGREED RESPONSE: “No objection.”

- 149.4 12/00933/FUL – OAKLEA HOUSE, 3 THE WILDERNESS
PROPOSED EXTENSION AND IMPROVEMENTS.

The applicant, Mr John Root, said that he would use matching materials and all four neighbours supported the proposals.

AGREED RESPONSE: “No objection as long as materials matching existing are used.”

- 149.5 12/00984/FUL – 94 HIGH STREET
PROPOSED SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION TO FORM KITCHEN WITH COMBINED
INTERNAL REFURBISHMENT.

AGREED RESPONSE: “No objection, subject to matching materials.”

- 149.6 12/00985/FUL – 94 HIGH STREET
PROPOSED REPLACEMENT OF 4 NO. TIMBER WINDOWS TO THE FRONT ELEVATION WITH LIKE
FOR LIKE NEW TIMBER WINDOWS WITH DOUBLE GLAZING, ALL TO MATCH EXISTING.

AGREED RESPONSE: “No objection.”

- 149.7 Four members of the public left, 3 remained.

- 149.8 12/00742/FUL – BT TELEPHONE EXCHANGE, ALMA ROAD
REMOVAL OF GLAZED PANELS. INSTALLATION OF PRESSED METAL ACOUSTIC LOUVRES
FINISHED SILVER RAL 9006.

Mr John Jesson, Lindfield Preservation Society (LPS), said that one of the louvred panels faced Alma Road and, although there was a lot of vegetation cover, he felt the silver finish was inappropriate and ought to be dark green or black.

Cllr Gomme said that there were already grills on the door and two others were in a dark brown finish. He said that he supported Mr Jesson’s view and suggested the applicant be asked to consider colour matching.

AGREED RESPONSE: “No objection. However, we note that the proposals are to have louvres finished silver and we suggest that it would be better for the applicant to consider matching the colour to existing similar which are dark brown.”

- 149.9 12/00616/FUL – 12 BROOK LANE
PROPOSED SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION.

AGREED RESPONSE: “No objection.”

- 149.10 12/00740/FUL – WHITE GATES, BLACK HILL
PROPOSED EXTENSION TO FRONT, INTERNAL IMPROVEMENTS AND REPLACEMENT
WINDOWS; DEMOLITION OF REDUNDANT 'LOG-CABIN' TO REAR OF GARAGE. **THE SCHEME
ALSO INCLUDES INSERTING NEW ROOFLIGHTS (DESCRIPTION AMENDED ON 20.03.12).**

AGREED RESPONSE: “No objection, subject to matching materials.”

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149.11 12/00757/FUL – SETTHORNS, ROUNDWOOD LANE
SINGLE STOREY EXTENSION AND REMODELLING TO PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL DWELLING.

The Deputy Clerk reminded the Committee of a similar, recent application at the adjacent property for which the response had included a comment about the location of the dwelling lying outside the built up area boundary.

AGREED RESPONSE: “No objection as long as materials matching existing are used. We believe it appropriate to reiterate the point, made in our response of 2 March 2012 re 12/00253/FUL which relates to the immediately adjacent property Wealden House, that Setthorns lies outside the built-up area boundary which would mean that it would be subject to development restraints under Policy C1. The Parish Council has learned that this part of the private road has had a number of houses built on it in past years and consequently feels that the C1 Policies are an anomaly here and should not be applicable to this application.”

149.12 12/00921/TREE – 9 DUKES ROAD
REDUCE CANOPY OF OAK ON EASTERN SIDE BY 4 METRES (WITHIN W1).

The Deputy Clerk read out the comments of the Tree Warden which were for less work to take place than proposed. Cllr Blunden said that they had visited the applicant at 41 Barncroft Drive and, whilst aware of the Tree Warden’s comments, nevertheless felt it was appropriate to support the detail of the application. Members concurred with the Cllr.

AGREED RESPONSE: “No objection.”

149.13 12/00994/FUL - 48A APPLIEDORE GARDENS
CONSTRUCTION OF A DRIVEWAY/HARDSTANDING ON A SECTION OF THE FRONT GARDEN
AND VEHICULAR CROSSING.

Mr Jesson, LPS, said that it would be a pity to lose yet another area of garden and have it covered with hardstanding. Cllr Gomme agreed with Mr Jesson; however, he said that any other solution would be a major expense for Highways and there was precedent. Cllr Chatfield concurred.

AGREED RESPONSE: “No objection.”

150. TO RECEIVE REPORTS ON ANY SIGNIFICANT PLANNING DECISIONS MADE BY MSDC AND THE PLANNING INSPECTORATE AND TO AGREE ANY FURTHER ACTION WHICH MAY NEED TO BE TAKEN BEFORE THE NEXT MEETING

150.1 The Deputy Clerk reported that Mr David Saunders had retired fully as the DC Tree and Landscape Officer and would be replaced by Mr Don Newling from 10 April 2012. Mrs Sarah Sheath had said that it was unlikely that Mr Newling would raise tree work reports as Mr Saunders had done.

151. TO CONSIDER ACTIVITY ON THE LIMES DEVELOPMENT, ANY DOCUMENTS RELATING THERETO AND AGREE ANY ACTION WHICH MAY NEED TO BE TAKEN BEFORE THE NEXT MEETING

151.1 The Deputy Clerk said that, re restoration of the Pond in the reserve area, Mr Rupert Browning from the DC had advised that he expected Barratts would undertake the work in August or September 2012.

152. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

152.1 There was no other business.

The meeting concluded at 8.21pm.